



Candidate Questionnaire

An Initiative of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce

Stabeno, Colton, David

Colton

Name (last, first, middle)

Preferred name

County Commissioner Precinct 3

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Which office are you seeking?

of years in the community

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Preferred means of communication: Email Phone Mail Text

Why, in your opinion, are you qualified for this office?

I have a complete understanding of how our current Commissioners Court operates, and having sat through 4 years of budgeting meetings, I know what it takes to adopt a budget that is best for the people of Bastrop County. In my current administrative role with Bastrop County, I have experience working within a budget, and the proper use of tax payer dollars. I have a working relationship with all members of the Commissioners Court, as well as other elected officials. Having worked on cattle ranches throughout my life, I have a mechanical understanding and experience in operating heavy equipment, helping me relate to the road and bridge crew. Lastly, my education, having received a Bachelors of Science degree from Texas A&M.

Please highlight your experiences and accomplishments that you feel have equipped you to serve in an elected capacity:

I have received numerous letters of support to our County Judge commending me on my public service. My current role with Bastrop County has given me great experience in public service, and this experience will be invaluable if I was to transition it to County Commissioner. I have been with Bastrop County through four signed disaster declarations, providing me with experience in recovery of natural disasters. This experience ranges from applying for federal assistance, to mobilizing volunteers, and much more.

Explain your involvement with community organizations over the last 24 months:

- I am currently serving on the Bastrop Sportsmans Committee, a committee that plans and hosts the Bastrop Sportsmans Banquet. This Banquet raised over \$175,000 for our Bastrop County Schools.
- Selected to the BEST Leadership Council, a council formed by the Chambers of Commerce to help develop emerging leaders in our community.
- Selected to a 4 year term on the LCRA Mid-Basin Regional Council, as a representative of Bastrop. This council serves as an important link between LCRA and the communities they serve.
- Active in the Bastrop County Republican party for over 14 months.

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Please rank what you feel are the top 3 campaign issues, explaining your position and why

1. I would like to see the Bastrop County Commissioners Court discuss and explore different options as to how our county roads are currently being maintained. I feel that there are more professional methods of road and bridge construction and maintenance than our current system. A unified road system gives Bastrop County that professionalism, by way of a county road engineer, who would be responsible for developing a road plan as a whole, rather than by each precinct. A majority of our surrounding counties have already begun implementing a unified road system, and with a growing population, I feel this is the direction Bastrop County needs to look.
2. Encouraging economic development to help alleviate the tax burden of a growing population on our residents. As people continue to look towards Bastrop County as an escape from Austin, Bastrop County needs to do all it can to convince businesses to settle in Bastrop Co. Whether this entails greater tax incentives, or more promotion of Bastrop County, it is imperative that our County meets our residential growth with economic development.
3. Providing additional funding to our emergency services personnel and other county staff. The Bastrop County Sheriff's office is currently experiencing an extremely high turnover rate. Granted Bastrop County does not have the current funding to compete with Travis County, I feel the Commissioners Court needs to do more to help with employee retention. Having sat through budgeting meetings, I know this can be a difficult task. However, this issue needs to be at the top of the priority list to help Bastrop County run more efficiently and effectively.

Additional comments:

Lastly, I have heard time and time again from residents complaining about the lack of accessibility of their County Commissioner. Being an elected position, I feel that it is imperative that the County Commissioner is not only accessible to the residents of his/her precinct, but also completely transparent in their actions. I promise the folks of precinct 3 that if elected, I will be that Commissioner.

What are your suggestions to increase voter turnout in Bastrop/Bastrop County??

Educating our youth on the importance of voting! I think as a community we can work together to better help our youth understand the voting process, and what a blessing it is to have the freedom to vote our elected official into their position.



Electronic Signature

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Date

Candidate Questionnaire Deadline is December 21st, 2015!

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