

2024 SURVEY FOR COLONIAL HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD

Candidate: Tricia L. Palmer

1. Please tell us a bit about your background and involvement in the community.

My name is Tricia Palmer. I have been married to Mark Palmer for 22 years. We share 5 kids of whom 3 graduated from CHHS. We have both lived in or around this community most of lives. My husband was born and raised CH. We started our own business B&T Towing in 2013. Since we started our business we have focused to being a part of our community. I coached soccer for CHSA for over 10 years and served on its board of directors as the director of Coaches and as Vice President. I also have been a member of the Colonial Heights Kiwanis club for 10 years. I have served as president and head of fundraisers. I organize all of our major events and have done so for the past 5 yrs. I also serve as a board member in the sova Chamber of Commerce and organize their reverse raffle and this year's best of the best event. I recently have become an affiliate member of the SVAR. In 2023 I purchased a commercial property on the boulevard and completely rehab the building. Taking it from being an eye sore to a building I am proud to have in my city. My family and I are completely invested in our little city.

2. Do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent? If Republican, are you in accord with <u>The Republican Creed</u>?

I do consider myself as Republican who whole heartedly believes in the Creed.

3. Please tell us why you are running for City Council.

We have a great city with amazing small town feel. I love that but our city is struggling in some areas. I feel that my buisness mind and my love for the city can produce so new Ideas to help keep our small town feel but also help generated more revenue for the city to help our citzens excel.

4. What are two or three things that the City of Colonial Heights is doing well?

We have amazing Police and Fire! Our Schools! We have some of the best Teachers and support staff out there.

5. What are two or three things that the City of Colonial Heights need to improve on?

Infastructure

6. How will you seek to be responsive to city residents if elected to City Council?

Of course email and also by phone

7. In your opinion, what is the number one issue facing the City over the next four years?

This is tough because unformatly I see more that one that is a dire situation. Real estate in the commerical and residental departments. Our amount of rentals in this city is getting higher and higher.

8. What role, if any, should the City have in ensuring the long term success of the Tri-City Chili Peppers as a team in Colonial Heights?

Upgrades to Shephard stadium. By growing on that we can help them grow.

9. Is there anything else you would like to share that was not already asked?