

2022 Candidates for Teaneck Council Questionnaire

To provide voters with additional information, we are asking candidates to complete this questionnaire. Upon receipt of a completed response, we will invite candidates for a zoom meeting on September 28th at 7:30pm. Therefore, please provide brief response to the following questions by September 25th. Thanks.

Name: Chondra Young

Address: 229 Irvington Rd

Years in Teaneck: 32

Party Affiliation (Democrat, Republican, Independent, Green, Unaffiliated, etc.) Democrat

1. How does Zero-Tax increase work now and what would you propose if elected?

Currently zero tax increase means, keep taxes at a zero increase while increasing the debt to cover operating expenses such as retirements which should have been coming out of a reserve fund. I propose that the Council should stop increasing the debt and plan for anticipated cost in the budget.

2. What is your vision for development in Teaneck? Please address the following in your response: role of land use boards, Master Plan, areas in need of re-development, open space and recreation plan.

Review/Re-examine/Revise the Master Plan with the town planner along with input and discussion with the residents to formulate an updated version. The town should stop declaring areas in need of redevelopment until this is complete. Township should use the Master Plan as a guide on how the Teaneck residents want to see development. The township should be focused on ensuring that MOST funds are used for open space and enhancing recreational spaces.

3. What services would you provide or increase to help Teaneck seniors age in place (example: Transportation, affordable senior housing, Rodda Center improvements)?

Seniors need greater support and guidance from the township. We need to enable our large senior population to age in place by assisting with applications for housing and all other qualifying services. Repairs and Services at the Rodda Center need to be a priority. Township should elevate the current transportation system in place for seniors at assisted living facilities as well as seniors in the home, in order to provide the best possible service to enable our services to be mobile.

4. How would you meet the demand for more affordable housing for Teaneck residents?

Conforming with the updated Master Plan, I would work with developers to ensure that all Fair Share Housing obligations are met.

5. How would you increase transparency in government and how will you handle any conflicts of interest (real or the appearance of)?

Open Statutory/Advisory Boards to the public will help to increase transparency. I am committed to full disclosure so it is important to identify any conflicts of interest prior to any action, discussion or vote.

6. What is your plan for diversity, equity, and inclusion in Teaneck?

Reexamine Statutory/Advisory Boards to ensure that we have representation from women and people of color.

7. Should cannabis retail establishments be allowed outside of Alfred Ave in Teaneck? If yes, where?

The Cannabis issue needs more discussion and input from the residents to appropriately make a decision on the location. All surveys and documents from the subcommittee should be reviewed with the residents.

8. As our population increases so does the need for adequate parking and traffic concerns. How do you plan to address these needs for our residents and merchants?

As the population increases, we need to thoroughly examine our infrastructure. We need to work in accordance with the updated Master Plan to stay ahead of potential problems. We need to provide a clear assessment of what the town can and cannot handle. We need to include the residents in all allowable discussions on development. We need to first consider and address the quality of life (parking and traffic) for our residents.