Community Impact Questionnaire

Kyle City Council, District 3

Name: Mario Reyes

Occupation & relevant experience:

Retired Federal Contracting Officer; Finance Degree, Dallas Baptist University; Local Family Small Business Owner.

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Question 1: Why are you running for this position?

Kyle is growing fast, and I want families and seniors to be able to afford to stay here. As a federal Contracting Officer, I spent 16 years reviewing costs, negotiating contracts, and holding contractors accountable. I'll bring that same commitment to protecting taxpayer dollars and making responsible decisions for Kyle.

Question 2: What would your top priorities be if elected?

First, deliver the road improvements voters approved in 2022, with stronger contract oversight and public progress reports. Second, pursue a city property tax freeze for seniors and disabled homeowners and increase their exemptions. Third, strengthen city reserves and establish a Strategic Capital Reserve Fund to reduce future borrowing.

Question 3: How will you address the balance of city budgeting with rapid growth and development?

Growth should help pay for growth. Developers should contribute their fair share toward the infrastructure their projects require. I'll push for realistic budgets, careful contract reviews, and greater transparency in spending. We must protect city reserves, control debt, and make sure existing residents aren't carrying an unfair financial burden.

Question 4: What do you see as the greatest challenge for Kyle in the next 5 years?

Keeping Kyle affordable while meeting the demands of rapid growth. We have more than $800 million in planned infrastructure projects, including roads, water, and wastewater improvements. The challenge is delivering what residents need while controlling costs, managing debt responsibly, and protecting families from unnecessary increases in taxes and utility bills.