

**St. Joseph Local Candidate Questionnaire**

**1. Do you support competition in Buchanan County’s healthcare?**

**Madison Davis:**

I support competition in all aspects of business, be it, healthcare or the grocery store.

**Pat Jones:**

Big Yes!!!

**2. How do you feel the mask mandate went in St. Joseph?**

**Madison Davis:**

I would say that at times the mask mandates from government were odd and without logic. I feel that ultimately a business has the right to require such a thing before customers enter if they choose.

**Pat Jones:**

Very poorly

**3. Do you support policies that would permit males and females to share the same public restrooms, locker rooms, and showers, based on their self-identified gender instead of their natural born gender?**

**Madison Davis:**

I do not support city wide policies that would require the above. I believe this should be a decision that if a business chooses to do so, it would need to be posted as such, not something that is required by government

**Pat Jones:**

Absolutely Not!!

**4. Do you support requiring photo ID to vote?**

**Madison Davis:**

Identification of voters is paramount to having secure elections. If we can not be certain of whom is voting, elections can not be 100% secure.

**Pat Jones:**

Big Yes!

5. **If faced with a budget deficit, would you support or oppose cutting spending rather than increasing taxes?**

**Madison Davis:**

I have always erred to keep spending within projected revenues of sales tax annually.

**Pat Jones:**

Cutting

6. **If the council were given \$1M to use to fund projects in St. Joseph, what would you fund?**

**Madison Davis:**

80,000 - fund an additional full time property maintenance inspector to serve as additional assistance in reporting code violations that affect negatively on other residents.

100,000 - funding for additional staff and equipment to perform abatement work for code violations where property owners refuse to complete the work.

120,000 - funding to create a grant program for low income property owners who need work completed on their homes, projects limited to not more than \$1,000.

140,000 - funding to create a program for all kids in 1st grade to receive a balance bicycle and learn in school how to ride a bike to foster outdoor experience and physical activity.

280,000 - funding to create a bait car program with SJPD to focus on vehicle thefts which affects a large number of citizens.

280,000 - funding to SJFD to combat the rise in fires and increase readiness with equipment that will make their work more effective

**Pat Jones:**

Sidewalks at each school now with none.

**7. Do you believe in equity (equal outcome) or equality (equal opportunity<sup>1</sup>)?**

**Madison Davis:**

Equal opportunity. We need to as a society increase the teaching of soft skills more, teach kids a work ethic, teach personal responsibility, teach that if you work harder/do better you are rewarded for your efforts. America is and will always be known as the land of opportunity.

**Pat Jones:**

All have the right to find employment – schools, church, much more!

<sup>1</sup>**Note: Candidate underlined “equal opportunity” in the question.**

**8. How does St. Joseph compare to Kansas City? What lessons can each city learn from each other?**

**Madison Davis:**

St. Joseph can be compared to Kansas City by saying that St. Joseph is big enough that it isn't uncommon to meet new people but small enough that you run into them at the grocery store the next week.

KC could learn how to embrace its history more at times, St. Joseph could learn to dream big.

**Pat Jones:**

Were totally our own city, stop comparing!

**9. Merrick Garland stated that the greatest threat comes from racially or ethnically motivated violence, “specifically those who advocated for the superiority of the white race”. Do you agree<sup>2</sup> or disagree?**

**Madison Davis:**

I disagree with Attorney General Garland.

**Pat Jones:**

Just make sure All treated with respect, no matter race-religion or believe whites are no better than any other race!

<sup>2</sup>**Note: Candidate underlined “agree” in the question.**

**10. Are there circumstances where the city council can restrict the church from assembling? If so, under which circumstances?**

**Madison Davis:**

No, and to quote the constitution, Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

**Pat Jones:**

None I know about! If elected I always want prayer before each meeting by a local minister!