



Advocacy Committee Meeting Notes March 4, 2021

Members Present: Scott McAninch, Jerry Moore, Susan Osborne, Mike Gilliam, and Nino Tarantino.

1. Scott opened the meeting letting the committee know that he finally heard from Ron Nirenberg's campaign manager and gave him information on the forum. He also have him dates (and first option to pick a date) in April that the forum could be held. (The day after this meeting, the campaign manager emailed confirming a good date for them: April 12th 3:00 – 4:30)
2. Will reach out to Gilbert Garcia and have him put the possible dates on his calendar.
3. Nino suggested we send out survey questions to all candidates in the City Council race. Susan said there were several districts that have 11 and 12 candidates in their districts. Scott said we can send to everyone, although we know not all of them will respond.
4. The committee developed questions for City Council candidates to put in survey:
 - a. How will you improve the City's relationship with nonprofits and better tap into and utilize the experience and knowledge of the nonprofit sector?
 - b. Where do you social service funding as a priority compared to Workforce Development funding?
 - c. Based on the 2020 San Antonio Nonprofit Impact study, approximately 1,500 nonprofits employ 68,000 citizens in the City of SA or 7% of the workforce. What is your plan to ensure the sustainability and involvement of these crucial local assets?
 - d. The Nonprofit Council has been supporting, connecting, and strengthening the leadership of the nonprofit sector for over 15 years. Our members of the Leadership are over 200 agencies representing all 10 City Council Districts. Before this questionnaire, had you heard of the Nonprofit Council? If elected how would you

- engage the vast experience and knowledge of TNC in our membership and the process of serving in your City Council seat?
- e. Why should non-profit clients, supporters, volunteers, and employees support you?
5. Susan suggested we send this out to all City Council candidates, but after polls start coming in and we know the handful of viable candidates in each district, we can then edit whose responses we include – as not to overwhelm TNC members with the results of an extra-long survey.
 6. Susan suggested that we make the format of the results easier for the end-user to read. For example, Stating the question only once, then having each response by district. It would be harder to pull in the export, but easier for people to understand.
 7. Some of the City Council questions will be good for the Mayor's Forum, but we need more questions. Scott suggested that each member of this committee submit at least one question for consideration for the Mayor's Forum. Susan will reach out to committee members.

Next Meeting: April 1, 2021 at 4:00.