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## 2021 Municipal Elections Candidate Questionnaire (Responses) N<sup>o</sup>: 1

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Name	John Park
Municipality	Brookhaven
Position for which you are running	City Council
District and seat (if applicable) for which you are running. If not applicable, please type "N/A."	District 2
Do you support your municipality's Nondiscrimination Ordinance (NDO)? Or, if your city does not have one, do you support passing an NDO? Please explain.	Yes. I voted for and support our Nondiscrimination Ordinance.
Do you believe armed police officers should be dispatched to mental health calls? Please explain.	In Brookhaven, a Mental health professional on average, goes on two calls a day
Do you believe citizens should be arrested for possessing small amounts of marijuana? How is your view similar or different from the current policy in your municipality? Please explain.	No. I don't not know of any arrests in Brookhaven for Marijuana
The pandemic has presented unique challenges to cities in many different areas. What is your position on masking and vaccine mandates?	I am for mask mandates during peaks. New hires in Brookhaven are required to be vaccinated. For the time being, I think we can increase vaccination rates with education and incentives. I could support vaccination mandates in the future if it becomes necessary.
Please explain how you would address the current housing crisis at the municipal level. How would you help people who are homeless/unhoused in your city?	We partner with the salvation army to try to assist the homeless in our city. We need more affordable housing and we were the first city to have citywide inclusionary zoning . We need more supply of housing as well.
What would you change about how development is being approached in your municipality? What is your position on affordable housing and making homeownership more accessible?	More missing middle zoning as well as affordable housing with additional density where it makes sense. For example, along the Peachtree Creek Greenway.
Do you consider the way your city government operates to be transparent, accountable, and effective? What would you change?	Yes.
Please give an assessment of your municipality's current infrastructure needs (roads, sidewalks, etc.). What would you change or do differently?	We need more sidewalks and paths. Once Splost becomes less restrictive in DeKalb, we will allocate more funds.
Are you satisfied with the number, quality and management of trails, parks and green space in your municipality? If not, what would you change?	No. I want to focus on building more paths and acquiring more grenspace.
Please list, in order, your top 3 priorities or things you would like to accomplish, should you be elected or re-elected.	1. Addressing our stormwater issues 2. Increasing greenspace. 3. Establishing connectivity with the Peachtree Creek Greenway, multi-use paths, sidewalks, and bike lanes.