

City of San Marcos Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire 2026

Shane Scott Candidate for City Council Place 4

1. Tell us about the experience, strengths, and leadership style you would bring to the role of Mayor. What would you most like to accomplish during your term?

I have served on city council for over 14 years, my strengths are voting for less government interference, goals will include but not limited too, lower utility cost, less red tape and an open for business mind set.

2. San Marcos continues to grow, but the City also faces difficult budget decisions. Where do you think the greatest opportunities are to control costs, improve efficiency, or better prioritize spending while maintaining quality city services?

Our best chances arise from jobs and more flexibility in enticing, big business to come to San Marcos. Staffing cuts of non-essential jobs are a good start for cost savings.

3. If the City received a one-time \$10 million grant with no restrictions, what would be your top priority for investing those funds and why?

I would use it to lower utility rates across the board. Out rates just keep climbing out of control and everyone is affected.

4. What do you see as the biggest challenges facing local businesses today? As Mayor, how would you help create a climate where existing businesses can succeed and San Marcos can attract new employers and investment?

Red tape is a big challenge that controls business. removing unnecessary restraints would help business grow and thrive.

5. Growth continues throughout San Marcos, but infrastructure does not always keep pace. What infrastructure investment should be the City's highest priority over the next five years? How would the City pay for it?

Water and wastewater fall behind as a city grows and also increases many of the cost. Grants and CIP projects are what a city uses to pay for the growth.

6. Housing affordability and availability continue to be challenges in San Marcos. What actions would you support to increase housing choices while balancing infrastructure, neighborhood, and community concerns?

There is no such thing as affordable housing in the City of San Marcos. Growth all around San Marcos causes housing to remain high because there's nowhere else to go.

7. The Mayor is often called upon to bring people together when residents, businesses, and Councilmembers have differing views. How would you help build consensus while ensuring that different perspectives are heard and decisions move forward?

There are two mind sets in San Marcos. NIMBY and smart growth. I lean toward smart growth.

8. Tell us about a position you held strongly but later changed your mind about. What caused you to reconsider your viewpoint, and what did you learn from that experience?

I supported data centers until I weighed the use of water and electricity required to maintain the centers.

9. The Mayor serves as an important ambassador for San Marcos and works with Texas State University, Hays County, state leaders, and regional partners. What relationships or partnerships would you prioritize to help move San Marcos forward?

As a prior student of Texas State, I lean towards working with the university to get joint projects done for the community as a whole.

10. What is one decision made by the current or a previous City Council that you believe was the right decision, and one you would have handled differently? Why?

Nothing comes to mind except utility increases. Need to find a better solution to address the increases.

11. If you had the authority to rewrite one City ordinance tomorrow, what would it be, why would you change it, and what unintended consequences would you anticipate?

Anything that controls growth of a business in San Marcos. Makes the *open for business* term counterproductive.

12. Please review the San Marcos Chamber's "[Government Relations & Advocacy Guiding Principles](#)" document. Do you agree with all of these statements? Please describe any statements you do not agree with.

Yes.

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