

CITY OF CHARLESTON

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3

Robert Cason Gaither: NO RESPONSES

James Lewis, Jr. (I): NO RESPONSES

1.) One of Charleston Moves' top priorities is our Ashley River Crossing — Bridge Package proposal, for which the City of Charleston, the City of North Charleston and Charleston County would commit to work together on a plan, along with other relevant agencies, to make the North Bridge, the Ashley River Bridge, the James Island Connector and the Wappoo Cut Bridge safe for all modes of transportation. If elected, how will you support Charleston Moves' Bridge Package proposal?

Luqman Shaheed Rasheed: Hi Katie, I salute and your organization for allowing me to weigh - in on the West Ashley Bridge Modes of Transportation proposed proposal. To the supporters and voters of Charleston Moves in the City of Charleston District 3. This election references "NONPARTISAN" Voting. NOT THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM, of Democrats and Republicans. You the voters can see clearly that I'm the only! only! only! candidate true - real candidate running for district 3 council seat. Why? Why, Have I chosen the pathway to NONPARTISAN. This platform allows me to work for you and only you. There will no interruption no stoppage, and most importantly we want to achieve our goals for our neighborhoods. In other words, I'm not affiliated or committed with today's troubled established political parties. I'm NOT committed to the (BOSS OR THE BOSSES). OK OR OKAY THINK ABOUT, AGAIN THINK ABOUT IT, we owe THE BOSSES nothing. OKIE DOKIE, lets go to the voting polls on NOVEMBER 5, 2019 and select and cast your votes for, ME ME ME ME LUQMAN S. RASHEED. I have lived in the district for 49 years. Should you the voters elect me to the new City of Charleston Council District 3. I would support and vote YES for the proposed proposal for the West Ashley Bridge Transportation Modes.

Jason A. Sakran: We need to continue pushing for bike paths as well as improvements in public transportation. I support the Ashley River Crossing Bridge Package and if elected, I would certainly advocate for this plan locally and if needed -- with our State representatives and our US House and Senate members.

Jason F. Taylor: It's time to stop talking, start doing. Every year politicians tell us they're fixing our roads and investing in community vitality - and every year the problem gets worse. We're never going to bring new jobs to Charleston when people can't get to work, and we're never going to fix this problem with the same old bad ideas.

2.) Do you support adding a multi-use path to the Limehouse Bridge between Johns Island and West Ashley, connecting to the West Ashley Greenway?

Rasheed: yes I would support this proposed proposal. ONLY, ONLY, ONLY after the West Ashley Bridge modes of transportation are completed. are finishedy

Sakran: Yes, I support adding a multi-use path to the Limehouse Bridge

Taylor: Yes.

3.) Please list your priority transportation projects and which modes each serve.

Rasheed: I'll support the bridge proposed proposal as follows: 1. West Ashley 2. Wappoo Cut Bridge 3. North Bridge 4. James Island Connector

Sakran: My priority project would be the Lowcountry Rapid Transit Project. The LCRT Project would provide residents with a consistent mode of transport that could alleviate congestion if designed and adopted correctly. In addition to the relief it would provide the region, there could be an environmental benefit by ensuring buses are using propane/electricity or other renewable energy sources. Lastly, if this type of project is designed correctly and usage meets expectations, it could create additional economic opportunities along the corridor not to mention having a safe, dedicated bike and pedestrian lane.

Taylor: My goal is to give all residents, workers, and visitors a range of viable transportation options; I support a comprehensive long-term plan to effectuate this.

4.) Please explain your thoughts on the principle of induced demand.

Rasheed: My thoughts are Charleston Moves, has offered a great plan whereas no one or no group can dispute or refuses to accept this great balanced plan. This plan defines wellness and fitness for walkers, joggers, hikers, and bikers. Well thought of plan for all to enjoy. Reviews two (2) thumbs up.

Sakran: In my opinion, when you widen a road way or increase the road ways capacity, it does encourage more drivers to use the roadway. I think there are plenty of studies and real world examples that demonstrate that it is difficult to build your way out of congestion and that simply widening a road or highway does not guarantee less congestion and in some cases, it exacerbates the congestion.

Taylor: It's not so much as induced demand as it's about quality of life and livability.

5.) What are your personal transportation values and how you would lead on transportation issues if elected?

Rasheed: Should I be elected as a member on the City of Charleston council my first priority would be the comprehensive Charleston Moves West Ashley modes of transportation.

Sakran: I believe a vibrant, active, healthy community should and must adopt and encourage all modes of transportation. There is no one size approach or silver bullet when it comes to traffic and congestion issues. I am personally an avid bike rider. I live downtown and ride my bike at least 3 times a week. When I lived in DC, I routinely rode my bike to work but I did because there was a dedicated bike lane and I had a place to shower when I got to work. I have neither of those options available to me now. If elected, I would work with my constituents in District 3 to better understand their concerns and hesitations. I think politicians, policy makers and quite frankly some local community organizations do a poor

job of truly understanding the neighborhood they work in from both a cultural and financial/economic perspective.

Taylor: Personally, I live a lifestyle that isn't dependant on vehicles and other carbon-based transportation. One of the things we've found with bike infrastructure is that it makes streets safer for everyone, not just bicyclists. I've always said the reason for bikeways is not what they do for bicyclists, but what they do for the whole community. They're great for drivers because they make it safer to get in and out of parked cars. They're great for walkers because it creates more distance between the sidewalk and speeding vehicles.

6.) If elected, would you support a greater annual funding allocation from your municipality for bike, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure? And, will you lobby SCDOT to increase their spending on bike, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure as well?

Rasheed: I would support funding as necessary need for future projects for pedestrian, bikes and public transit. When it comes to lobbying I would work closely with my state representative.

Sakran: If elected, I would support a greater annual funding allocation for bike, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure. And yes, I would lobby the SCDOT to increase their spending on bike, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure as well. As an aside, when I completed graduate school here in Charleston, I was offered the position as Executive Director of Lowcountry Earth Force. I held this position for two year prior to moving to DC but Lowcountry Earth Force and the students who participated in the program were instrumental in lobbying for and raising awareness about the bike/pedestrian lane that is now on the Ravenel Bridge. In early proposals, there was no bike/pedestrian lane. Through youth civic engagement and other Lowcountry organizations, we got the policy makers and politicians to take notice. Now the pedestrian and bike lane is a jewel of the Ravenel and many use it daily.

Taylor: Absolutely. We need a safe and comfortable facility where people can ride. Cyclists shouldn't 'share the road,' they should have their own.