



## Cecilia Suarez

My heart is in this to run for City Council because of the good, solid family charm of our community. I come from a military family and am a Veteran myself. I am not running to be a politician; I'm running for public service, to be a resource to the community.

1. In your own words, describe the role & responsibility of the position you seek?

The role and responsibilities of City Council are to serve its community, be a resource, work with the City Manager, Mayor and local law enforcement to ensure the economic stability of the city and work to ensure the public's safety. Keep the community informed and transparent along with being available to the public.

2. What is the biggest challenge you see in Oakdale? What is your plan to address this challenge?

The biggest challenge is COVID and re-opening our local businesses. They need as much support and outreach to promote the revenue of Oakdale. I plan to address this challenge by working close with the Chamber of Commerce and making myself available to the local businesses. I also want to reinforce public safety with open communication with OPD.

3. If elected what will you do to retain the existing businesses?

I plan on reaching out with the help of the Chamber, if possible, or just simply reach out to the businesses on my own and ask what are the obstacles they face in this unprecedented time for our economy. All I can do is ask and utilize the resources afforded to me as City Council.

4. What do you feel is a barrier for Economic Development in Oakdale? What will you do to address this barrier?

The barrier for Economic Development in Oakdale at the moment is Oakdale should be a relaxing spot not just a rest stop. Promote the history of our town, get the events back up as soon as possible, parades, and expand the farmer's market. Ask how many people became crafty after all this from the YouTube DIY s and do a huge "Yard Sale" at the parks. That's just a start of my ideas :-)

5. If elected what would be your highest priority? Describe the measure you will take to address this priority?

My highest priority is to obtain sustainable revenue , business development, and of course as much community outreach as I can do with whatever health restrictions may be imposed during the time of my public service, if elected. But, I have faith we will get through this not just in Oakdale but our country as well .... it's what we do!

6. What direction would you like the city to take to attract new businesses?

Let's get the streets and lighting repaired as best as monetarily possible. Check on the properties that are vacant and plan how to get them operational at the same time preserving what Oakdale is about..... Community and family support!