

Dear Neighbors,

My name is **Chris Djonis** and I would like to serve as **your next mayor**. You may recognize my name from the last mayor's election, in which I came within 80 votes of unseating the entrenched incumbent. This time, I hope to win - starting with **your vote!**

Simply put, I believe that a government "for the people" must be transparent, honest, and put the interests of the community as a whole above those of big-money special interests. My city government will nurture progress and prosperity that benefits all of us, while protecting our small-town character, making Austell an even better place to live. I believe I have the integrity, energy and vision needed to tackle the challenges we face together.

★ **Keeping our community safe** should always be our number one priority. As your mayor, I will work closely with our police and fire departments to determine their needs and make sure they have all the necessary resources to optimally perform their jobs.

★ As your mayor, I view the **education of our children** as critical to the future and well-being of our community and nation. To that end, I will work in partnership with the Cobb County School Board to ensure that the needs of our schools are strongly represented and supported.

★ Real progress requires **careful and thoughtful planning**. As your mayor, together with community input, we will develop a comprehensive growth plan - a roadmap for Austell's future growth. I will re-establish the **Downtown Development Authority**. All of this will be done in a way that always ensures and encourages input from everyone in the community. Progress should benefit everyone.

★ I believe in **full transparency** - that in a democracy, government deals should not be made behind-closed-doors. I believe that you have a right to know the truth about and a say in how **your tax dollars** are spent. The under-the-table, behind-closed-doors, favors-to-special-interests deals of past administrations must stop, now! In my opinion, deals of the recent past are gradually transforming Austell into an industrial complex rather than **the live-in community we call "home."**

It is time to steer our city government in a different direction - one that nurtures **Austell's small-town character**, while creating a more vibrant downtown, with a well-planned mix of businesses, shops, and restaurants, as well as even more residential development. We can accomplish economic growth, improvement of services, and community beautification, while **NOT RAISING PROPERTY TAXES!**

Together, we can accomplish so much for our wonderful city. As your mayor, I will always recognize that my duty is to serve you and strive to **make Austell a better place to live!** To do this, I **NEED YOUR VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5TH.**

Thank you,

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