

MARIA RIVERA FOR MAYOR: A PLATFORM OF 30 IDEAS FOR 2020

Continuing the great progress and momentum of Mayor James Diossa's leadership

Fiscal Responsibility

- Create a real-time online checkbook of city spending so that taxpayers can track spending.
- Expand participatory budgeting to empower residents regarding spending priorities.
- Hold the line on property taxes, reduce tangible taxes and support the phase out of the car tax.

Jobs & Economic Development

- Continue storefront improvement programs and incentives for our small businesses to grow and expand.
- Steer the new Central Falls Pawtucket train station to completion and ensure that the Conant Thread district development is robust and equitable.
- Partner with Commerce RI to redevelop the Osram Sylvania site for increased jobs and tax revenue.
- Finish the Landing redevelopment with an exciting restaurant and tourism campaign.

Racial Justice & Equal Opportunity

- Ensure a minimum of 25% opportunity for Minority and Women vendors for city contracts.
- Expand community policing to our entire Police Department and partner with the Attorney General to protect the civil rights of every resident.
- Modernize our city's racial justice and discrimination policies and ensure that everyone who works in city government reflects the diversity of our community.

Improved Quality of Life

- Continue the growth, maintenance and success of our vibrant city parks and green spaces and our increasing number of trees.
- Invest in our Affordable Housing Fund so that we can create more opportunities for home ownership, as well as safe and affordable housing for tenants, and expand our lead poisoning prevention program to ensure that no child is lead poisoned.
- Crack down on speeding and violators of our noise ordinance, especially fireworks.
- Renovate Cogswell Tower, the Fountain and increase public art in Jenks Park.
- Create a Sidewalk Repair program that residents can apply to and identify a funding stream for repairs.

Stronger Schools & Youth Opportunities

- Partner with business leaders to start a youth mentoring program for all middle school students.
- Create a comprehensive and online guide to youth opportunities and make sure all sports are accessible to all kids.
- Invest in a new community center, potentially at the Ledge Street municipal lot.
- Bring the library back under the direction of the city & increase after school programming
- Explore the creation of a new, state of the art High School.

Open Government & City Services

- With COVID requiring access to more online services, upgrade the city's website to increase online service delivery and participation.
- Create a state-of-the-art Constituent Services Office so that every resident has a place to go to find assistance.
- Partner with the Narragansett Bay Commission to upgrade sewer lines for better maintenance and cost savings.
- Make sure all of our departments are more welcoming & create feedback cards to increase customer service.

Services for our Elderly

- Partner with the Library to create more programs and travel opportunities for senior citizens.
- Collaborate with the Office of Healthy Aging for more resources
- Host quarterly meetings with our elderly and disabled residents to address their important concerns.

Health & Immigration

- Continue a strong COVID-response effort and fight back against a second wave of the disease.
- Create an Emergency Response team for people in need after events such as unexpected fires, illness or deaths.
- Partner with our community organizations to continue to address the needs of the immigrant community.