



2018
CHANHASSEN CITY COUNCIL
CANDIDATE SURVEY

	City Council Candidates			Mayoral Candidates	
	Bob Ayotte	Dan Campion	Julia Coleman	Denny Laufenburger	Elise Ryan
<p>Background: In Chanhassen, Christmas Lake, Lotus Lake, and Lake Minnewashta are fortunate to have Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) inspection programs during daylight hours throughout the boating season. Lake Ann and Lake Susan, due to lack of funding, have inspections only on Friday through Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and thus are considerably more vulnerable to new AIS infestations.</p> <p>In 2017, Wright County implemented a trial program requiring boaters to have their boat inspected at a Regional Inspection Station prior to launching in several Wright County lakes. This program will be evaluated at the end of the 2018 boating season.</p> <p>Question: If the Wright County regional inspection program is deemed successful by the Wright County Commissioners and costs to Chanhassen remain approximately what they are now (\$13,500/year), would you support implementing a regional inspection program in Chanhassen to better protect Lakes Ann and Susan?</p>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<p>Question: Do you support the City of Chanhassen maintaining its financial role in preventing further AIS infestations in Chanhassen's lakes?</p>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<p>Question: If a Chanhassen lake was infested with a new AIS, would you support Chanhassen being a financial partner with Carver County and the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District to attempt to eliminate the new AIS from the lake?</p>	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
<p>Background: The southern portion of Christmas Lake is in Chanhassen. The Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association (CLHA) has spent on average \$40,000/year for the past five years to fund AIS inspections to protect Christmas Lake.</p> <p>In 2017, the CLHA asked Chanhassen for a \$5,000 grant to support the Christmas Lake AIS inspection program. The City Council denied this request.</p> <p>Question: If applicable, did you vote in favor of the 2017 motion to support AIS prevention efforts on Christmas Lake?</p>	N/A	YES	N/A	NO	YES
<p>Background: Over the years, there has been discussion about and support from some City Staff regarding widening Chanhassen Road/Highway 101 between Highway 62 and Highway 5. If this road is widened, it would likely create significant stormwater runoff issues for Lotus Lake, and would have a large impact on the homes and neighborhoods along this stretch of Highway 101.</p> <p>Question: Do you support widening this section of 101?</p>	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
<p>Background: Chanhassen's lakes are often described as the "Jewels" of Chanhassen, and are featured prominently on the City website and in other publications.</p> <p>Each year, more and more contaminants flow into these lakes, because most of the land surrounding them was developed before stormwater treatment was considered important.</p> <p>The Lotus Lake Conservation Alliance is proposing a plan to tackle stormwater runoff issues in Chanhassen lakes during the 2020 to 2030 timeframe by combining funding and other resources from the LLCA, the City of Chanhassen, the RPBCWD, Carver County, and other possible grant or community sources to do a long-term series of "micro projects", tackling stormwater problems in a manageable way. This approach allows time for planning, budgeting, and coordination with landowners and project partners.</p> <p>Question: Do you support increasing the Surface Water Management Department's budget from 2020 to 2030 to allow Chanhassen to partner in this stormwater treatment project?</p>	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES

Note: Candidates for Mayor Balakrishna Chintaginjala and T.J. Hart did not respond to the survey.