

**DeAndre' Knoxson – Candidate for Commissioner District 1  
City of Texas City  
(May 2022)**

**1. If elected, what key competencies would you bring to the position?**

It is important to sow back into our community especially into the youth. I bring a point of view that relates to what they experience. One of my key competencies I bring is working with multiple non-profits that engage with our youth. Whether I am mentoring high school students, with Craving for a Change as the Community Relations Manager, or mentoring students at the collegiate level as the President of Minority Men for Excellence (MM4E) at College of the Mainland.

**2. Briefly outline the top issues you feel will be of significant importance in Texas City over the next three to five years.**

I believe like most other cities crime will be one of the most if not the most significant issue we face. I fully support our police department their service is essential to keeping the citizens of Texas City safe. The mayor along with current city commissioners are providing them with the necessary tools and resources to be proficient at doing their jobs. The commission has also approved an increase in officers to the police department to keep up with the growth of the city. Often, times police officers are put in a position of being reactive to situations involving crime. I believe, together the police department along with the citizens can make our community a safer place by taking initiative by being proactive such as a community policing to aid the officers in these situations.

**3. What can you do as an elected official to help small businesses in the community?**

Small businesses are paramount for a thriving community. I believe in shopping local because small businesses play an enormous role economically in Texas city. As an elected official not only will I continue to advocate for small businesses and welcome new small businesses. I will assist owners in bringing more awareness to our local small businesses throughout the city. Events such as, "Small Business Appreciation Week" or "Small Business on 6<sup>th</sup> street" an event where we have businesses set up as vendors down 6<sup>th</sup> street. Texas City's economic development corporation does an excellent job working with small businesses. Providing owners with assistance to get their business started. Texas City wants businesses to be successful because a successful business in Texas City makes for a successful Texas City.

**4. What would you do to help ensure that the local economy continues to have positive growth?**

My plans to ensure our local economy continues to have positive growth, would be me providing my full support and advocating everything local from our school district, community college, small businesses, and our large industrial industry. By listening to what their needs are we can help them continue to be successful here in Texas City.

## **5. Any other comments you would like to make?**

I believe I add the right mix to the commission. I am a 28-year lifelong resident of Texas City. I graduated high school and college here my first job was here as a lifeguard with the City of Texas City I am truly homegrown. I have been grooming my leadership for several years. In my youth I was heavily involved and participated in many organizations, which transitioned into adulthood. Founder of Sting to Sting Scholarship. Youngest serving commissioner on the Texas City Housing Authority where I sit as Vice- Chair, Community Relations Manager of Craving for a Change, Member of the Texas City Juneteenth Planning Committee, 6<sup>th</sup> Street Redevelopment Committee, and President of Minority Men for Excellence (MM4E). May 7, I need your support. Help me continue to make Texas City a great place to Live, Work, and Play. #VoteKnoxson

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