



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2015 GENERAL ELECTION – CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS

City Richland Position No. 7

Candidate: Dori Luzzo Gilmour

- Why are you running for office? I am a citizen advocate and stay at home mom who believes that the city council needs a diversity of views to represent the citizens. I have volunteered with the Richland Arts Commission for four years and have had experience with how the city is run. My time is also spent with my three children and working for Christ the King Parish and I have devoted my time and talents to helping my fellow citizens. I want to have a broader impact in how this city is run.
- Why do you believe you are qualified to sit on city council? As a dedicated community volunteer for my entire life in various groups including: neighborhood pool board, Sunday school teacher, school advisory board, and arts commission I believe I am qualified because I can work with a variety of diverse people. I also have many skills with different industries and am a quality public speaker and representative. I am an advocate for citizens and would listen to various groups and help decipher the information with my broad knowledge.
- How do you see the various governments of the Tri-Cities working together to promote regional economic development? I believe we need to stop thinking on the micro city scale and embrace the four (or five) cities in our region. We need to look across our borders for a benefit to us all. For instance a regional performing art center could be a huge benefit to all cities.
- In your view, what is the biggest economic opportunity for your city? I am the only candidate with wine industry experience and education and the Wine Science Center at WSU-TC is an absolute gift the city of Richland was given. We need to be in front of promoting this jewel in the industry.
- What is your city's greatest economic challenge? Maintaining the core of our city and revitalization of the aging shopping centers and housing in the core. Not outsourcing everything to new development.
- If elected, how do you see yourself and city council working with the Regional Chamber to promote economic growth? We can be forward thinking about the economic benefits of developing a plan for

revitalization of the heart of Richland using our strengths in history as Atomic City and future of the wine industry.

- Please return all completed questionnaires to Austin Neilson, Government & Economic Affairs Director, at the Tri-City Regional Chamber via email at austin.neilson@tricityregionalchamber.com no later than **Friday, September 25, 2015**.
- All questionnaire responses will be shared with Regional Chamber members via email, chamber website and chamber social media.
- **All candidates are offered an opportunity to record a three-minute video about their candidacy/campaign at the Regional Chamber office on Wednesday, October 7; Thursday, October 8 or Friday, October 9.** Please contact Austin Neilson at (509) 491-3233 or austin.neilson@tricityregionalchamber.com to arrange a date/time.