

**Education Association of Suffolk
Political Action Committee
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2016 EAS-PAC Suffolk City Mayor Questionnaire**

Candidate's Name: Brian C. Bass _____ Date: 9/25/16

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1. List membership in any civic/social organizations.

Holy Neck Cristian Church-Sunday School Director, Finance Board,
Past Deacon 2004-2008

Holland Athletic Association- Past President (2008) and Boys Commissioner (2004-2007)

2. List membership on any advisory boards.

3. List your professional association memberships.

4. Level of education completed?

I have an associate's degree in Education (Paul D. Camp Community College 2012) and a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies (Ashford University 2014).

5. List previous elected or appointed office held.

6. Do you have children? Yes How many? 3

If so, did they or do they attend Suffolk Public Schools? Yes

Private School _____ or both? _____

7. What is your position on full funding for the Suffolk School Board Budget?

I would encourage and push for full funding of the School Board Budget.

8. What do you see is the relationship between City Council and the School Board?

I see it as a little strained, but working to make the relationship better. This is a focus point that I am looking forward to building a better relationship between both parties.

9. What part do you see for the school system in Suffolk's Economic Growth?

Education in every sense is one of the fundamental factors of development. No country can achieve sustainable economic development without substantial investment in human capital. Education enriches people's understanding of themselves and world. It improves the quality of their lives and leads to broad social benefits to individuals and society. Education raises people's productivity and creativity and promotes entrepreneurship and technological advances. In addition it plays a very crucial role in securing economic and social progress and improving income distribution. Enhancing the quality of education will foster economic growth throughout the City.

10. What would your personal goals if you are elected?

My goals would be education, adequate staffing of City personnel (all departments), infrastructure maintenance, appropriation of funds, and future planning.

I would encourage more involvement in our school system by supporting full funding, career days, involvement by City Council, and City staff (not just ribbon cutting and graduation).

I would work on maintaining full staffing in all departments by being informed on any shortfalls addressing the importance to be fully staffed.

Infrastructure will be maintained on a proactive approach, not reactive. By addressing routine maintenance issues this would help sustain infrastructure for longevity and avoid failure of systems that cost more in the long term.

11. What do you believe are your personal qualifications for City Council?

I have lived in Suffolk since I was four years old and my ancestry with the Nansemond Indians establishes a bond runs deep with the city. (Forest Glen High School class of 1988 and Paul D. Camp Community College class of 2012). If anything, my love and passion for this City is what drives me to be the next Mayor in the City of Suffolk. I have experience and understanding in local government, been involved with the public school system for over 30 years, dealt with Unions and Safety Teams during my employment with International Paper (16 years), degree in Environmental Studies (2014) these things will me make Suffolk a better more vibrant community.

12. What do you believe the role is of EAS in decision made by both City Council and the School Board?

The role of EAS is to offer support and guidance to both City Council and the School Board to promote a quality education for the citizens of Suffolk.