

Good morning.

If the future of Lubbock includes the use of police substations, then I believe we should place them where they will do the most good.

In recent years, the Bayless/Atkins and Clapp Park neighborhoods have seen an explosion in crime—particularly property crimes like burglary and theft.

The people who live here are worried—as they should be: They see what is happening to their neighborhoods.

Many long-time residents have left. Many more are talking about leaving.

From the beginning of my campaign, I have said we need a leader at city hall who will fight to make sure the residents of District 2 get the city services they are paying for.

This means the streets are regularly patrolled and the police are able to prevent and stop crime.

A police substation—or even a temporary, store-front style substation—is an idea that works in many other cities.

If we are going to move to build police substations, I think it would be an important showing to the citizens of central Lubbock, those here in District 2, to locate the substations in these neighborhoods where the most crime is happening.

We cannot afford to allow another 2 or 3 high-crime areas, like the old North Overton area, to happen all over again in central Lubbock.

As your councilman, I will take the lead in working to make sure our police get the resources they need so those resources are directed to the neighborhoods where they are most needed, to help the people of District 2.

I decided to run for this seat—not because it was my turn—but, because District 2 needs someone who will represent the whole District.

Because it's time for someone who will stand up all of District 2.

Time for someone who will fight for those who see their property taxes going up year after year.

Someone who will get help for those who want the police in their neighborhoods;

Today, I am speaking for the people who live here in these neighborhoods most affected by crime.

And I believe that any proposed plan of police substations must include a substation in these neighborhoods, so that we can get this crime under control before it's too late.