

Meet the candidates: Peter Diaz Jr seeks Holyoke City Council seat in Ward 4

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Peter Diaz Jr. in 2021. (Provided photo)Staff



HOLYOKE — Peter Diaz Jr. has a history of criminal convictions, but he says he’s changed for the better with God’s help and wants to give back to the community.

Ahead of Tuesday, [The Republican reached out](#) to all candidates for the opposed City Council seats to answer a short questionnaire.

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Name: Peter Diaz Jr.

Age: 57

Address: Holyoke

Profession: Former spokesman for a reentry program, and church volunteer

Position sought: City councilor, Ward 4

Question 1: What is the biggest problem in the city and how would you address it?

Balancing services involves a strategic plan or agenda. By using data to guide decisions, community input, as well as working with city staff.

Question 2: The City Council always struggles to keep taxes low while providing needed services and making advancements. How specifically will you balance the three?

Working with city staff, setting city goals involving Legislature, actions such as passing ordinances and regulation as well as approaching contracts.

Question 3: The housing crisis continues to take a toll on residents and those who want to move to the city. How should the city attack the problem?

A comprehensive approach to the housing crisis along with city staff input, as well as community, would take a mix of strategic and meaningful reform of city-owned properties.