

**Questionnaire – Constable Precinct 2 Candidates
Pflugerville Council of Neighborhood Associations**

Question 1	Adan Ballesteros	Raul “Roy” Camacho	Toby Miller
Why are you running for Constable?	Many people as well as Peace Officers do not understand what the role of Constable is. I have been in the Constable’s Office for 14 years and 4 years as the Constable. I have saved the tax payers money by running an effective and efficient office at the same time building a community outreach program which helps the youth of our County stay in school and become productive leaders in our community.	I am running for Constable because I believe I could be a better steward to the community. As your neighbor, I understand the importance of living, working, playing, shopping and raising a family in a safe community. I also understand your expectation of an elected official to run an honest department that truly serves the residents with the highest level of integrity. As a sworn and experience peace officer, public safety, keeping the peace, and promoting good community relations will always be my passion. I will also constantly look for ways to save taxpayer money and help the agency to be more efficient and cost effective. My campaign platform is simple, “Better Attitude + Better Services = Better Community”.	The main reason I chose to run for Constable is easy and that is to restore the faith of the voting public in that Office. I was tired of seeing the wasteful spending by the current administration and the way that a good majority of his deputies operate on a day to day basis. Ignoring state law and establishing your own policies that are in direct violation of the law is not the way to do business. The second reason is I have been a professional law enforcement officer for 24 years, almost half my life. The majority of my career has been spent in the field doing the job and training young officers as an instructor, and training officer. I have now reached a point where it is time to move to a position where I can further that end on a larger scale and still continue to serve the community in which I live.
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How will you actively stay informed about what neighborhoods and resident’s concerns are before you vote on issues that impact them?	I have established the Constable’s Advisory Committee which is made of members of the Community from across Precinct 2. who meet with me to inform me of the concerns of the Neighborhoods and the resident’s in them. We also attend HOA meetings in our Precinct.	Under my administration I would create a free service that will focus on Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS). I would like to have quarterly meetings with the community to hear their concerns and provide solutions and resources. I will always have an open line of communication with the community and be attentive. As a neighbor of the community I will be firmly committed to the ideals of community-oriented policing and addressing resident’s concerns. I would be active in the community where citizens can get involved, stay informed and work together to solve problems.	I intend to be as accesible as your Constable as I am now. No one will ever be told that we are too busy to assist the public in any fashion whether it is to provide answers to the public or direct assistance that other agencies can’t or don’t have the resources to provide. My office will always be open to the public and our records and hours will be available at any time and to anyone for any reason.

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<p>What are the top 3 issues you will focus on during your term? And what do you hope to achieve?</p>	<p>I will continue to focus on Community Outreach and the concerns of home owners to include continued development of youth programs. This will allow my office to keep the community safe and help the youth grow and develop into productive citizens of Travis County.</p> <p>I will continue to improve in the area of Revenue Collections. This allows the citizen's of Travis County and Precinct 2 to keep more of their hard earned money by reducing taxes. Public Safety and keeping the community safe. One of the misconceptions people have About Constable's is that we only serve process. That is our duty, but we are also peace officers, ready to assist the public in whatever the circumstances may be.</p>	<p>(1) Better Attitude: I want to restore integrity at the Pct 2 Constables Office. I will never allow deputies charged with moral misconduct to work in my Administration. Deputies that mistreat people or behave in a hostile manner will not be tolerated. (2) Better Services: I would speed up process service turn-around for the courts. It takes the Constable's Office 5 to 7 days to complete process service. As a former process server I was able to complete process service in 3 days. (3) Better Community: I would be more involved with the community. I would put extra emphasis on Child abduction Prevention, Anti-Bullying, Teenage Drinking & Driving Prevention, and Texting & Driving Prevention. I believe that Better Attitude + Better Services = Better Community. That is my goal.</p>	<p>To restore public confidence in that office that is lacking. To reestablish ties with other agencies in the area that have been lost, damaged, or destroyed by the current administration. To spend Travis County tax dollars inside Travis County as opposed to spending our resources in other jurisdictions when there is plenty to do right here. Warrants through that office will accessible to ALL other jurisdictions and confirmable 24 hrs a day seven days a week as opposed to Monday thru Friday 8 to 5.</p>

Question 4	Adan Ballesteros	Raul “Roy” Camacho	Toby Miller
<p>What is the appropriate budget size for the Constable's office? And why should the current budget be cut, remain the same or increased?</p>	<p>The budget is set by the Commissioner's Court of Travis County based on the revenue generated by the Constable's Office. The more money the Office generates, the higher the budget can be. My Office consistently continues to generate revenue. This revenue is above our budget to the tune of several million dollars. That's money the citizens of Precinct 2 are able to keep for their family.</p>	<p>Since 2009 the Precinct 2 Constable Office budget has increased by 36.5%, the highest compare to the other 4 precincts. Tax payers are now paying a million dollars more than they did in 2007. I will cut wasteful spending. The current administration budgeted four new gas-guzzling vehicles at a cost of \$123,200.00 for 2012. This is a waste of fuel and taxpayers' money. There are cheaper vehicles with higher fuel efficiency that could be used. If I get elected to be your next Constable I will review operation procedures to see what's not cost effective to cut cost. I will also check to see if the office is over-staff or under-staff to determine if the budget has been spent wisely. If there is an alternative to lower cost I will do so. My main fiscal principle is to make sure that the tax-payer's money is being used wisely.</p>	<p>As stated in the public forum getting exact figures on Constable Ballesteros office are kind of like pulling teeth. I do think that 2.5 million is quite large for the type of return that they are supposed to give. Adan stated publicly that the Constables office is self sustaining and that he has met his budget every year and brought in "2, 3, 5, 6 million over and above his budget". While I did not have the exact figures at the forum I have some of them now. For fiscal year 2010-11, he brought in only 300k over his budget, for fiscal year 2011-12 he is 1.4 million dollars in the red. This is a far cry from self sustaining or operating at a surplus that he suggested. The budget will be reviewed at the outset of my administration and we will cut spending where necessary to lower the operating cost of that office, or to increase revenue generated by that office to more sustainable levels. You are already paying for a police dept, sheriff's office, etc. to provide most of your law enforcement needs I see no reason why your money should be spent on a duplication of effort by my office.</p>

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<p>What community service have you done for the City of Pflugerville and the children of Pflugerville? And, what do you plan to do specifically in the Pflugerville area?</p>	<p>I am currently the Blackland Prairie District Chairman for the Boy Scouts of America. I over see the scouting programs for the Pflugerville area. I am also past Scoutmaster for Troop 711 and currently the Sea Scout Skipper for Ship 711 of Pflugerville and Police Explorer Associate Advisor for Police Explore Post 711 for Pct.2. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 10373 of St. Elizabeth’s Catholic Church in Pflugerville and a member of the Pflugerville Rotary Club where we raise money for scholarships for the local Pflugerville Schools.</p>	<p>I have not done any community services in Pflugerville because I have been living in West Austin near River Place. For the past 4 years I have been active with the Vandegriff Highschool wrestling team. I have also been active with the local Red Cross. I believe our biggest investment is our children. Currently, we do not have Child Abduction Prevention courses; teach kids what to do during an abduction situation; how to escape from a predator. Also, this agency is not actively involved with Anti-Bullying programs with local schools and we need that more than ever. Each day an estimated 160,000 students in the USA refuse to go to school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the isolation that comes from being the target of rumors and cyber-bullying. Another program that is much needed is Teen-Drinking and Driving Prevention as well as Teen-Texting and Driving Prevention.</p>	<p>As a Deputy with the Travis County Sheriff’s Dept. I have attended the Sheriff’s Gala almost every year, I have provided a motorcycle escorts at no cost to the taxpayers using my own motorcycles free of charge in Cedar Park. I am a recipient of the 100 Club Community Service Award for service in all different parts of the County. As far as directly for the City of Pflugerville since I don’t reside there most of my community service has been done in the town where I live. What I plan to do for the City of Pflugerville is no different than what I plan on doing for the City of Lago Vista, the City of Jonestown, Jolleyville, Spicewood, etc. It would be very one sided of me as an elected official to slight any of the other cities within my jurisdiction or to chose one over the other simply because I live there.</p>
Question 6	Adan Ballesteros	Raul “Roy” Camacho	Toby Miller
<p>How will you prepare for large events that your officers need to attend? And, how will you prepare for the overtime that those events cost your office?</p>	<p>The large events are placed on the calendar, and the time is worked out in advance to keep the Deputies within their 40 hour work week so no overtime is used. We have worked major events with no overtime being paid out. This Office has not cost this Office or Travis County any money. Examples: Aquapaloosa on Lake Travis, and the Steiner Ranch fires.</p>	<p>First, we need to determine how big the event, what kind of an event, will there be other agencies involve and who is flipping the bill. Events cost money and I will make sure that the tax-payers are not billed for something they didn’t ask for. Now, when it comes to staffing the event I will make use of my Reserve Deputies to prevent overtime if needed. Planning for events takes time, especially if you need additional personnel and resources. I have experience managing staffing needs and making schedules to avoid overtime or at least minimize overtime.</p>	<p>Planning for any event requires the formation of an ops plan regardless of size. I have experience in planning large law enforcement projects, all the way to small static displays. The question is extremely broad and depends on who is funding the event etc. If it is a private event with outside funding then the cost of the officers should be absorbed by the organizer of the event just as is done currently by the Sheriff’s Dept., or Austin Police Dept. If it is a community service event then other arrangements should be made to where that if possible the county does not incur overtime to pay for the cost of that officer.</p>

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What is your educational and professional background and how does that help with the position of Constable?	I attended the University of Texas at Austin; I am a Graduate of the Constable’s Leadership College, a Certified Master Texas Peace Officer, Civil Process Proficiency Certified and a Certified Police Instructor. I have over 32 years of Law Enforcement Experience with 14 of those years in the Constable’s Office and 4 years as the Constable. This experience and qualifications have helped me as the Constable of Precinct 2.	I have 10 years of process management experience serving the courts of Texas. In 2003 I received a National Leadership Award by the National Republican Congressional Committee in recognition for fiscal responsibility. I had always out performed any Constable when it comes to serving papers and I want to bring that proficiency here. I have been a peace officer since 2008 and I was the vice-president in my academy. I have a passion serving the community and connecting with people. Out of the 3 candidates I have the highest education. I will be having a B.A. in Organizational Management with a minor in Marketing in a few months. I am the most diverse candidate of the three. I have an easy platform that speaks volume; Better Attitude + Better Services = Better Community.	I am a high school graduate and have almost the equivalent of an Associates degree but as yet have not completed it. I have over 3,000 hours of TCLEOSE training in various subjects. I have worked as an Investigator for a Drug Task Force. I have also done investigations of crimes ranging from Misdemeanor to Felony in most areas of the Penal Code. I hold a Master Peace Officer License, Firearms Instructor Certifications and Patrol Rifle Instructor. Hope this helps you out and I appreciate your consideration to be your next Constable for Pct. 2.

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