

## Josh Stevens – City Council Place 2

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Josh Stevens was born in Laredo, Texas and moved to the San Antonio region as a child. While growing up on the outskirts of Bexar County near the Bexar/Medina County Line, Josh attended Communications Arts High School, and then pursued a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center. After becoming a Registered Nurse, Josh worked in the Pediatric ICU, Neonatal ICU, and Emergency Rooms at University Hospital and San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC), serving some of the most vulnerable members of our community. He also worked as an agency nurse intermittently in the Emergency Departments within the Methodist Hospital System. After finishing his Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Josh worked on quality improvement initiatives at University Hospital, including formulation of strategies to improve the quality-of-care patients and their families received in the hospital.

Josh later shifted out of the hospital to pursue his goal of opening a business, Innovative Medical Customization ("IM Customization"). IM Customization, a growing company, provides innovative, customized medical products to healthcare organizations and professionals utilizing the Amazon Prime® platform. Josh's business currently operates a warehouse complex in Leon Valley off Bandera Road, and Josh and his girlfriend, Kate lives in the Forest Oaks community along with their 3 rescue cats (Q-tip, Street Cat, Briley) and goldendoodle, Corduroy.

Since his childhood, Josh has a passion for helping, serving, and advocating for others. As a child Josh would spend summers helping his grandpa on the farm, participated in volunteer activities at the local homeless shelter (before Haven for Hope came along) and the San Antonio Food Bank, and participated in activities with several other organizations including Habitat for Humanity and the RAMPS Project. At the age of 15, Josh spent his summer working at a Boy Scout Camp in Hunt, Texas, where he discovered his passion of helping others. After becoming a nurse, Josh has served numerous times on a large medical mission team that goes to Guatemala annually. The team, typically consisting of about 100 medical and dental professionals, performs surgeries and provides other healthcare services to some of the world's most needy and vulnerable populations.

Josh is humbled by the opportunity to represent the people of Leon Valley, and is grateful for the opportunity to use his ability to critically think, act, research, and ask insightful questions to make government work for the people. Josh has promised to be *the change we need, the voice we deserve*. Through innovation, engagement with the community, and bringing the mindset to continuously improve, Josh hopes to help citizens regain trust in their local government.



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