

Felony Convictions

One of the topics from the recent Town Hall was the appropriateness of allowing a citizen with a felony record to run for city office.

A traditional reason why one would allow an ex-felon to run would be that it promotes the idea of rehabilitation and second chances. This person may also have a greater sense of empathy and understanding towards others who have gone through similar situations.

Whereas, allowing an ex-felon to run for elected office might undermine public trust and confidence in the political system. Some may question the integrity, ethics, and reliability of an individual with a criminal record, especially if the offense was related to their role as a public servant.

Input from the recent community Town Hall was almost exclusively negative regarding allowing an ex-felon to be allowed to run for public office.