



Re-elect **Dicky Amaya** Shelby City Council

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Councilman Dicky Amaya has been improving the quality of life in Shelby through his role on the Shelby City Council for four years. In just a few days, on October 9, it will once again be time to cast your vote for Shelby City Council. Re-electing Dicky Amaya guarantees a member of the council who is dedicated to this community and the people of Shelby.

During his time on the city council, Amaya has improved Shelby in numerous ways including working to ensure that those who watch over the community feel appreciated for their hard work, enhancing the beauty of Shelby through parks and other public areas, and creating incentives to keep businesses and jobs in Shelby.

“All I have to do is just pick up the phone and call him. He’s always open to discuss anything,” said Phyllis Feaster, who worked for the Shelby City school system for 30 years before retiring several years ago to sell baked goods at the Shelby Farmer’s Market. “I met him the Christmas following the election. We always light luminaries in our neighborhood and so we invited him to come over. He and his family came and they’ve been coming ever since. The people in our community love their family.”

That same Christmas, Amaya decided with Mayor Ted Alexander to show appreciation to the fireman, policemen, and utility workers on duty on Christmas day by providing gift baskets for those departments on the holiday. After meeting Feaster that year and tasting her baked goods, he decided that the following year her treats should be included in the baskets.

“Every year Dicky calls me and ask me to do baskets for the departments that work on Christmas Day,” said Feaster. “He’s just an all around good fellow.”

This kind of positive attitude and extra attention to the city’s needs extends into all of Dicky Amaya’s choices on city council including his interest in beautifying Shelby and improving public areas. Amaya and his family have been friends with Norma Borders and her husband, Randy Borders, the pastor at Faith Harvest Church for many years. The Amaya family occasionally attends their church and so when Norma, a mortgage loan officer, wanted to clean up Jefferson Park near the church, Amaya was happy to help.

“He put his money where his mouth was and helped us do something on that land,” said Norma, who was able to even use some of his personal money for new basketball goals where children can play in a safe and attractive environment.

Amaya also stood behind his word when he decided to make sure that Shelby remained the home of the local PPG plant. When Tim Mathis, the current plant manager for PPG, first took the position in 2003, he was invited to Amaya’s home for dinner. At the dinner he met with the mayor, the city manager and the city utilities director, as well as Amaya.

“As a result of this initial brainstorming session at Dicky’s house, we eventually worked out a plan where PPG was able to benefit by being annexed into the city, which helped us with water and gas rates,” said Mathis. “These savings are still being realized, helping us to be profitable which makes for a win/win benefit for both Shelby and PPG.”

Joe Ogburn, who works as a CPA in Shelby, has known Amaya as a friend and fellow Rotary member for many years. “He’s been extremely active and supportive in our exchange program for Rotary,” said Ogburn. “He’s a very positive person and always looks for ways to make things work. His influence on the city council is very healthy for the future of Shelby.”

Dicky Amaya continues to improve the city of Shelby by making it a more enjoyable and profitable place to live. Voting to re-elect him in the upcoming October 9 election will ensure that this progress continues.