



Having served several terms as a city councilman, Fabol Hughes was elected as the City of Katy's mayor in May 2013

Q&A with Mayor Fabol Hughes

Getting to know the mayor of Katy

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As 42-year residents of Katy, Texas, Mayor Fabol Hughes and his wife, Paula, say they have come to truly love and care about the community they call home. With a passion for growth and a desire to influence the city's future, Mayor Hughes ran on the platform "Katy is open for business," a vision that he is seeing through during his term as mayor.

What do you enjoy most about living and working in Katy, Texas?

The small-town feel, safety, security, and the interaction with friends and neighbors in all the various activities that are available.

What made you decide to run for mayor of Katy?

I wanted to have a say in the direction that the explosion of growth is headed. I want to preserve our small-town feel, yet embrace the new growth that is inevitable.

What changes will Katy see during your term?

A tremendous explosion of growth, a phenomenal influx of sales tax monies that will allow us to do most anything, and still lower taxes for our citizens.

What does "Katy is open for business" mean to you?

It means that we are flexible and open to new ideas that bring quality growth. We want to streamline permitting and make our customer service a pleasant experience. We work for the people; they are the "boss."

Why do you feel that Katy is such a close-knit community?

Everybody knows everybody. Whether it is through church, sports, little league, or scouts, there is constant interaction.

How have you felt the support of the Katy community?

The community elected me to project my platform for embracing change, and we have made great strides in following through.

What is your favorite thing about being a grandfather?

They visit, and then go home. Although we do not get to see the grandchildren often, we do enjoy attending their school and sporting events.

What do you and your wife Paula do for fun?

Traveling. I try to include Paula in everything; whatever the event, I want her to share the experience, too. That is the key to staying married for 51 years.

What would you like to say to the residents of Katy?

I love you all! I do not take my mayoral duties lightly or for granted. I work for you. I am merely the vehicle; you provide the fuel. KM



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