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Candidate for Mayor

In this reading, two mayoral candidates are talking about their future plans after being selected. The first candidate is Daniel Baker, a democrat, and the second one is Gabriela Soto, a republican.

Daniel had been the mayor for four years and wants to be reelected. He believes he, along with the people, has come a long way, but the job is not finished. His first priority will be education, and his next priority will be housing if he is reelected.

Firstly, he says that there will be a lot of job opportunities in the future and the only way for those jobs to be filled by citizens of the city is education. Accordingly, he thinks he needs to improve their school system. Secondly, the candidate mentions that having a good job without living in a good condition won't do any good. He plans on rebuilding housing in the city.

Soto's first priority, on the other hand, is fighting crimes. She believes that a lot of the violence is being committed by young offenders and her administration will say to those young people that if they do the crime, they'll do the time and serve their full sentence in jail.

Soto's second priority is creating hope among the youth. For her, it's important that the youth find good jobs so that they will not turn to a life of crime again. How she does it is by lowering taxes so the businesses will thrive in the city providing more job opportunities for the young people.

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1. Is Daniel Baker a Republican?

No, he isn't. He's a Democrat.

2. What did Daniel promise to do four years ago?

He promised to create a government that people could count on.

3. Does Daniel think that the job is finished?

No, he doesn't think that the job is finished.

4. What will happen if Daniel is reelected?

If he is reelected, he will finish the work that he started 4 years ago.

5. What is Daniel's first priority? And why?

His first priority is education because he wants to have many of the future jobs filled by citizens of their own city.

6. According to Daniel, under what condition aren't we going to solve the social problems?

We're not going to solve the social problems unless we house people better.

7. How can we solve the problems according to Daniel?

If we work together, we will solve the problem.

8. What will Gabriela do if she is elected?

If she is elected, she will give neighborhoods back to their citizens.

9. What will happen if you commit a crime when Gabriela is the mayor?

If you do the crime, you will go to jail and serve your full sentence.

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10. What is her second priority? Why?

Her second priority is to bring businesses back to the city. Because she thinks young people won't avoid crime unless they have hope for their futures.

11. How does Gabriela think her opponent made businesses leave town?

She thinks her opponent made businesses leave town by raising taxes.

12. What will happen if young people have hope?

If they have hope, they will not turn to a life of crime.