

Chris Galanty for Rehoboth Beach Board of Commissioners

My Priorities

1. Excellence in City Operations

A city that works starts with a government that operates efficiently, transparently, and collaboratively. I'm committed to strengthening how Rehoboth Beach functions every day by promoting internal coordination, responsive service, and best practices.

- Align departments with strategic goals and support teamwork and accountability.
- Build a culture of customer service that delivers timely, respectful responses to residents and businesses.
- Improve access through digital tools and face-to-face engagement.
- Enhance communication and encourage inclusive public participation through listening sessions, surveys, and systems that allow residents to track resolution of their problems.
- Modernize and expedite the comprehensive city code rewrite that reflects our reality and our priorities—done holistically, not piecemeal—to improve clarity, enforceability, and consistency.
- Foster collaborative leadership between elected officials and city staff to deliver cost-effective, innovative solutions.

2. Fiscal Responsibility

Every tax dollar must reflect the long-term priorities of our community. With over 30 years of experience managing large programs and budgets, I'll bring a disciplined, results-oriented approach to city spending.

- Promote transparent budgeting and community input.
- Prioritize smart investments in infrastructure, public safety, and sustainability.
- Eliminate waste and align spending with core community values.
- Capture untapped revenue by fair and accurate tax collection.
- Pursue grants to supplement the city budget—without raising taxes.

3. Restore Deauville Beach to Rehoboth Beach

Since DNREC assumed control of Deauville Beach, we have seen a drop in cleanliness, new parking fees, and a loss of local stewardship. Deauville belongs to the city and its people—not a distant state bureaucracy.

4. Public Safety and Quality of Life

Our neighborhoods thrive when they're safe, walkable, and reflect the character of

Rehoboth Beach. I've already led change on Munson Street by implementing traffic-calming strategies that work—and I'm ready to bring those lessons citywide.

- Support development that respects our scale, history, and sense of place.
- Expand safety improvements along our high-traffic streets.
- Prioritize pedestrian and cyclist safety with improved crosswalks, signage, and sidewalk connections.

This is about more than infrastructure—it's about protecting our character and way of life that draws people to Rehoboth Beach.

5. Environmental Protection and Resilience

Rehoboth's natural beauty is a unique asset—and must be protected. I will lead on sustainability and climate adaptation to safeguard our beaches, trees, and ecosystems.

- Support programs that will incentivize private and public tree planting to expand the urban canopy.
- Advocate for proactive coastal resilience, including dune restoration, living shorelines, and flood-ready design.
- Promote green infrastructure in city projects and land use—bioswales, permeable pavement, rain gardens—while protecting open spaces.

6. Support for Local Businesses and Tourism

Our economy depends on a vibrant downtown and boardwalk, thriving small businesses, and year-round tourism. I will lead efforts that support growth while protecting quality of life. This includes fighting to keep Clear Space where it belongs, in Rehoboth Beach.

- Partner with Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce to support revitalization, local events, and walkable design.
- Balance tourism with residential needs through crowd management, parking, and noise control.
- Encourage year-round economic activity through creative placemaking, winter programming, and support for remote workers.
- Address labor shortages by supporting workforce housing, better transportation options, and strategic regional partnerships.