

If I were a mayor, I would help make Valdosta a cleaner city because there is so much trash on our streets. As we walk down the streets, our children have to see all the trash and they will begin to think it is okay to throw trash on the ground. Adults need to be examples to children. As mayor, I will provide a positive influence and focus on promoting a cleaner city with more recycling centers.

I will promote a volunteer clean up crew to make Valdosta trash-free. Our city residents should not have to live in an environment where trash is not disposed of properly, because it could attract rodents that carry diseases harmful to humans. If proposed in a positive light, those students active in various leadership programs within school will be more eager to make a difference in their community. As mayor, I will focus on promoting volunteer cleaning.

In addition, I will work to provide more recycling centers throughout the outskirts of the city for Lowndes County residents. According to recent research, ninety-one percent of Georgia is covered in plastic that could have been recycled. In Valdosta, I see a lot of materials on the road that could have been recycled. Products like plastic, metal, and paper should be reused. Recycling centers will allow residents to show responsibility for the earth and the environment they inhabit.

While it is true that building recycling centers in Valdosta will help residents, it can be argued that the city will become too crowded. As mayor, I will work hard to develop a plan that will meet everyone's needs and provide efficient space for everyone.

I believe that building more recycling centers will help Valdosta businesses be able to use some of the products we recycle to make new products to market. For example, in Atlanta, the Coca-Cola Museum has a gift shop with products made from recycled materials. Atlanta's businesses gain success from recycled goods and Valdosta's businesses can too. As mayor I will help businesses that use recycled goods. As mayor, I will be a positive environmental influence for our residents and businesses.