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I am Gabriel Castellano and I would be a good mayor because I would help try to solve homelessness and theft. I would give people the kind of respect that they want. I would make it so that everybody could have affordable housing. I would help stop drug advertisements. I would also help by making two programs to improve people's lives. Below is a list of what I would help people with from start to finish.

First let's talk about homelessness. Some problems are that there is lots of drug use or mental health problems, and that housing costs are rising. Some ideas are: lowering the rising housing costs (cap rent increases), building affordable housing, the city renting housing at an affordable price for families that need it, and increasing drug and mental health treatment.

For public safety, one problem is theft and my idea to help with this is to have drug treatment and job training programs in jails so when people are released they are less likely to go back to crime. I've noticed that marijuana is advertised a lot, so I would make it illegal to advertise drugs because it makes kids more likely to try and use them. And I would have a police officer (with a drug detection dog) teach in schools about why drugs are unsafe. The final problem I want to change is smoking in public areas because it's a public health risk for everyone. It causes cancer and secondhand smoke is dangerous. So, I would make it illegal to smoke in public areas like parks, restaurants,

fronts of buildings where people come and go, so on and so on. Also, I would fund a program to help people stop smoking.

Next let's talk about environmental iIssues. The first problem I want to work on is littering and graffiti. My idea is that when people commit small crimes, instead of sending them to jail, the city would make them do community service cleaning litter and trash off streets, parks, etc., and make them remove the graffiti too. The next problem I'll help fix is wildlife is at risk of extinction. I'm going to open a wildlife center that would raise money for endangered animals so that we could breed them, while also increasing tourism to the city.

For life improvement I would open two programs. I would open the "Cafe of Dogs." It would get dogs from the shelter/pound so people could eat food and pet dogs which helps people with loneliness and depression. Also, people could adopt a dog and it would help the dogs too. My second program would encourage kindness in the city by an online nomination form where people can nominate anyone they see doing acts of kindness. Then there would be a drawing every month for a gift certificate from a local business, and the local business would also benefit because they get advertising.

Finally, I would like to give my top three reasons I think I would be a great mayor. First, I would treat my citizens well by listening to everyone. Second, I would do my best to do everything I say I will. Lastly, I really care about people and I would do my best to make the city a better place.