

# Propaganda 101:

Please keep in mind that for almost two years, the Mayor's strategy has been to blame his highly unpopular Public Housing policy on outside forces: the Conciliation Agreement, the TDHCA, the GLO, and HUD.

He claimed that it wasn't his idea to rebuild the 569 units back in the City; he was only following orders from "higher authorities". He had to do it, or the City would lose hundreds of millions of dollars; or so "the story" goes! Apparently, very few people are buying "the story", so out comes the campaign propaganda completely distorting the history of this controversy and the range of options that are available to this city!

The GOP has done untold hours of research to support its positions, and published hundreds of pages of articles and documents, sharing our research and conclusions, while the Mayor has NEVER cited any sources to support his wild claims and accusations. He simply waves his hands and says that we are spreading lies, misinformation, and falsehoods, but he never has any sources to back up his claims. You're just supposed to take his word for it! The following campaign mailer is typical of the propaganda that we have dealt with for almost two years.

If you want to get to the truth, ask the Mayor to show you an example of something the GOP got wrong, and then ask him to cite a reference to prove that it is wrong; that should be a very interesting exercise!

When he says that he has something in writing, ask to see it!

Here's another hint, private phone calls to Mercedes Marquez do NOT count as a credible source! That's what's called hearsay.

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## “My opponents make many claims, but the facts tell a different story!”

Mayor Jaworski's opponents are attacking the Mayor with rumors, personal attacks and falsehoods about Galveston's housing issues. It's time to get the facts straight and know what Mayor Jaworski's plan is for workforce, affordable housing. Joe Jaworski is taking serious steps to dramatically change public housing and its impact on our city. Galveston carried the burden of unacceptable public housing for too long – and now we have a real chance to change it for the better. “My opponents want to put our city in reverse with a housing plan that hasn't worked, does not work and will hold our city back.” It's time to turn on the lights, expose false rumors and confront these lies with the facts:

**Question: What is the difference between a false rumor and a true rumor? Time to upgrade the campaign staff!**

**Question: Is pointing out how the Mayor's Public Housing plan will violate the Fair Housing Act, and his flip flops on the use of vouchers in lieu of Public Housing units a “personal attack”, or does he just choose to take valid criticism of his flawed policies; personally?**

## False Rumor:

We don't have to build back any public housing; we can declare HUD land surplus and sell it!

### WARNING

## Fact:

After Hurricane Ike, GHA bulldozed Galveston's projects with the agreement – approved by HUD – that we would build affordable housing for displaced families. Now that the projects are gone forever, this is our opportunity - finally - to replace those old, crime-ridden projects with tax-paying, privately owned and managed, market rate and affordable homes. HUD controls the land, and any candidate who claims he can condemn and sell it outright is poorly informed or irresponsibly pandering for your vote. HUD expects Galveston to live up to its duty to provide affordable housing.

**Fact:** HUD has never required a rebuild of Galveston's Public Housing.

<http://www.galvestonogp.org/GHA/PressRelease-HUDGalvestonDoesNotHaveToRebuild.pdf>

**Fact:** In the Spring of 2009, the GOP met with the Director of the HUD Houston field office, and he told us that GHA owns the land where Magnolia Homes, Cedar Terrace, Palm Terrace and Oleander Homes once stood, and they can sell it at any time without permission from HUD. He said that housing authorities sell real estate on a routine basis.

**Fact:** When these properties are accessed on CAD the owner was confirmed to be GHA; NOT HUD!

<http://www.galvestonogp.org/GHA/CAD-GHA-Properties.pdf>

**Fact:** The GHA sold the former Palm Terrace land to the homeowners in what became the Oaks!

**Fact:** On several occasions, Betty Massey has said that she wanted to do a land swap for the Oleander site. A land swap is the same as a sale, in that it transfers ownership of the property to someone other than GHA.

**Fact:** On 24 January 2012, GHA hosted a "Public Housing 101" seminar. The keynote speaker, the Executive Director of the Dallas Housing Authority, confirmed that the GHA can sell its land.

<http://www.galvestonogp.org/GHA/PH101.pdf> (see page 36, paragraph 3 and Page 38, paragraph 2)

The Mayor wants to replace Public Housing like it was before and the Housing Authority Board is pushing to do just that.

**WARNING**

Mayor Joe appointed a Galveston Housing Authority board that is cleaning up the mess left behind from years of neglect. The new Board has put restrictions on who can live in public housing, **giving a priority to veterans, seniors and working families who work a minimum of 30 hours a week!** This is affordable housing for our low income workforce who serve us and our economy.  
No more projects!

**Fact:** The new GHA Board may have chosen to give a preference to “veterans, seniors, and working families”, but that is only a preference, and if they can’t fill all of their units from these groups, there is nothing to stop them from selecting residents from other groups.

**Fact:** The Board can vote to change these preferences at any time, and there is also no way to know if the staff will actually follow them.

**Fact:** When you build hundreds of units, as the Mayor wants to do, the priority will have to be to fill those units; not to be selective in the choice of residents.

**Fact:** Vouchers would remove the pressure on the GHA to fill vacant units that they own with ANYONE looking for subsidized housing.

We don't have to build anything; we have vacant apartments; we can just "voucher" everything.

**WARNING**

GHA bulldozed the projects and agreed to build affordable homes for 569 families. The State of Texas reduced funding for the rebuild, leaving only enough for projects. GHA won't go along with that sorry result. So, GHA seeks compromise. 170 families have vouchers now, and GHA has asked HUD to make those vouchers permanent. That's pushing the limits of the agreement, but GHA had to push because it refuses to build projects again. HUD and lawyers for the displaced families will never agree to voucher all of the families – that's a fact, and HUD has put it in writing. So, any candidate who advocates an impossible "all voucher" plan will never be able to deliver and is irresponsibly pandering for your vote.

**Fact:** The Mayor has said for almost two years that his interpretation of the Conciliation Agreement dictates that he **MUST** build 569 Public Housing units in the City, or the City would lose **ALL** of its disaster recovery funding. He also said that vouchers could **NOT** be used in lieu of building Public Housing.

Read his own words: <http://www.galvestonogp.org/gha/Mendacity.html>

**Fact:** Now that he sees that his insistence on building 569 PH units may cost him the election, he is requesting that HUD allow him to substitute 170 vouchers for Public Housing units, even after he has repeatedly warned such actions will cost the City **ALL** of its disaster recovery funding!

**Fact:** If HUD allows a substitution of 170 vouchers for Public Housing units, they can allow a substitution for 569. Why is he limiting the number in his request?

**Fact:** HUD has **NOT** yet approved any substitution of vouchers for Public Housing units, so this plan is **NOT** "in writing". The Mayor's own guest column said he is seeking HUD's approval.

**Fact:** The substitution of 170 vouchers for Public Housing units is pure speculation on the part of the Mayor. It may never happen. If he is re-elected, who knows what changes might magically appear in his plan!



*No more lies, empty promises and personal attacks!  
We've had enough negative campaigns and political games.*

**Early Voting: April 30 – May 8 • Election Day: May 12**

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but the facts tell a different story!**

**if you have questions, please contact me personally:**

Re-Elect Galveston

**Mayor Joe  
JAWORSKI**

**Fact: The Mayor has never used any facts, sources, or references to support his Public Housing plan, so why should he start now?**