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### **San Antonio Zoo's Timothy The Hippo Makes Final Push For Presidency**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – A few weeks ago, San Antonio Zoo's famous hippo Timothy announced in his weekly letter to Fiona The Hippo from Cincinnati Zoo that he was considering running for President or Hippo Of the United States of America (HOTUS). Since then, he has formalized his campaign on both the zoo's Facebook page and his own Twitter account @TimothyTheHippo. Timothy has already garnered support from across the country and gained endorsements from elected officials. Since Timothy has not been officially invited to the recent Presidential Townhalls, he has also hosted an online Twitter townhall where he answers using only gifs.

Timothy has asked Fiona to consider being his First Hippo, or as he says, "aka boss." He also reached out to San Antonio District 4 Councilwoman Adriana Rocha Garcia to consider being his Vice Presidential running mate, and she enthusiastically accepted.

"Timothy and I have been friends for quite a while and what I appreciate most about him is his willingness to look at even the smallest things and find wonder and awe in them." said Councilwoman Rocha Garcia. "Timothy works hard at what he does, like making friends with kids and napping- and he's really good at it too, which is why I have every reason to believe that Timothy would certainly keep his word on his Naps for All agenda because he leads by example. Timothy would indeed serve as a hippo for all."

Timothy is running on what he describes as an "EXTRA sturdy" platform since he's a hippo. Timothy's political "party" affiliation is with Hungry Hungry Hippos parties.

His "Naps For All" campaign has resonated with voters, and he has laid out his agenda through social media to include:

Naps For All (at least one per day)

Mandatory snacktime at schools and offices, like every hour

All the world needs to get along and be nice to each other

Take care of animals; we need human guardians and protectors

We can disagree but still be kind to each other and stay friends, no yelling  
Bigger seats on airplanes  
More 24 hour buffets  
All NFL teams should have animal mascots

"We are very proud of Timothy and his ambition to be President," said Tim Morrow, President & CEO San Antonio Zoo. "We don't know what Uma, his grandmother thinks about all of this, but as the grandson of Tumbo, who once graced the cover of National Geographic, we know he can handle the spotlight."

Timothy 2020 "Naps For All" yard signs have been available at both the zoo and zoo website for the past couple of weeks. The zoo is struggling to keep them in stock due to demand. The zoo's online store has shipped signs to 12 states, including Ohio (home of Fiona), New York, New Jersey, and California. Fiona was recently photographed with a Timothy sign showing her support for her friend in Texas. Next week Timothy 2020 t-shirts will be available on the zoo website and at the zoo gift shops as well.

#### About Timothy The Hippo

Single, sassy and available. Hippo size crush on Fiona! Lives at San Antonio Zoo.  
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San Antonio Zoo®, operated by San Antonio Zoological Society is a non-profit organization committed to securing a future for wildlife. Through its passion and expertise in animal care, conservation, and education, the zoo's mission is to inspire its community to love, engage with, act for and protect animals and the places they live. The zoo welcomes more than a million visitors each year and is open year-round. San Antonio Zoo operates the largest nature based preschool in the country, Will Smith Zoo School, the Center for Conservation and Research, and Kiddie Park. San Antonio Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Zoological Association of America, and Humane Certified by American Humane.

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