

Set high standards, end racism, she says

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My ultimate vision of the county of Kankakee in the next ten years is one of which has standards set high. I would like to see many problems of racism solved for the best interest of everyone. It'd be great to see everyone get along. All the people in a county whether they are black, white, hispanic, or whatever ethnic group or race should together.

They should learn together and get along. If I were head of Kankakee County the first thing I'd do would be to improve relations between all ethnic groups. I would make December ethnic month. During this month many ethnic events

would be held so people could learn about different ethnic groups unlike their own. In schools everyone would study and learn about different cultures. This way hopefully everyone would have a better understanding and respect for everyone else for who they are instead of what color they are or whatever the case may be.

Also, I would do things to try to stop or decrease the gangs and drugs with teens. Maybe I could start by beginning lots of clubs for after school. This way a person could have a place to go after school and hang out where they felt that they belonged. I feel this would be an effective start. I would also make positive that all kids in school had the DARE Program in grade school. I

feel the DARE program sets a positive impact on a kid. Another big issue I would work on improving would be the environment.

I'd try to get everyone recycling glass, plastic, aluminum, tin, newspaper, and anything else that can be recycled. Every Wednesday school kids would go out and clean up the grounds and the area around them. If everyone just does a little it could turn out to be alot. By the year 2005 I think this area could be the cleanest area around. The future of Kankakee County is in everyone's hands. Hopefully the county of Kankakee will be something like my vision in 10 years. It would be the best place in the world if it turns out this way.