

Mayor and/or City Council 2021

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Candidate for Ward # (if applicable)

At-Large

3. Address

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2. Candidate Background

7. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

Retired 2014; University President

2006 - 2014 President of Eastern Washington University

8. If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held.

Member, Hays Kansas Chamber of Commerce

Member, West Plains Chamber, Cheney, WA

Member, Inland Northwest Latino Chamber

liberty Lake, Washington

Member of Executive Board, Great Spokane Incorporated (Chamber/Economic Dev.)

Hispanic Business Professional Assoc.

9. Other recent political/community experience (50 words or less)

1.Spokane County STEM Learning Network

2.Partnership for Math & Science, Spokane, WA

3.Priority Spokane (Quality Of Life Project)

4.International Trade Alliance Adv. Board

5.Member Spring Hill Planning Commission

6.Spokane Rotary 21

7Spring Hill Rotary

3. Issues and Policy

10. As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (100 words or less)

My top issues if elected are: 1. Initiate a long term strategic plan for the city. The plan would identify long range goals and priorities for the city. 2. Focus on ways to lower property taxes
3. Increase economic development and pursue new businesses for the city

11. What are your views on the services and value the City's citizens receive for their local tax dollars? (100 words or less)

I believe that the citizen of the city are not receiving the most value for their tax dollars. Funds are not guided by a long range plan for improvement of city services but by personal interest of Council members. There is limited discussion on critical issues facing the city and little information provided to citizens.

12. What changes, if any, would you like to see to the City budget? (100 words or less)

Budget has to be guided by a strategic plan that addresses the future development of the city. I would request for a forensic audit of all city accounts to assess if acceptable accounting procedures are being followed. I would as for the creation of a Council budget committee to work with the the city budget director on building and monitoring the city revenue and expenditures.

13. What role, if any, do you believe the City should play in economic development to bring jobs and capital investment to the community? (100 words or less)

The city should be a key player in economic development and should have an individual assigned to bringing more businesses and jobs to the city. The creation of a economic development board should be considered, that would include city staff, business and industry representatives. If the city is going be able to expand it tax base, it most become engaged in economic development.

14. As the City considers future development and redevelopment projects, describe your views on how the City should best manage and balance growth? (100 words or less)

The management of future development needs to be guided by a strategic plan that identifies were growth should occur. New commercial/industrial development areas and residential sectors need to be planned, so that recruitment of new residential and businesses can clearly assess there future in the city.

15. What is your philosophy on the role the City should play in terms of metro-area issues? (100 words or less)

The city should be aware of metro-area issues so that it can use the information to further develop it infrastructure and perhaps adjust future plans for growth. The city can learn from metro-area issues and solutions that may come in the future.

16. What do you believe the takeaways for the City should be, if any, from the COVID-19 pandemic experience? (100 words or less)

Our city is small and should work closely with County Government and its health official to meet the needs of our citizens.

17. What do you believe are the greatest challenges the City faces over the next ten years and how would you address them? (100 words or less)

Over the next ten years the city will faced with the need to address infrastructure issues, because of neglect and growth demands brought about by residential growth. This will result in a greater demand for increased revenue for property taxes. I would want to address some of these issues by developing long range street and sidewalk and other infrastructure plans. Prioritize the most critical and develop a funding plan. In order to have resources to address these issues the city will be required to diversity it's tax bases by bring more business and industry to the city.

18. Why are you seeking this public office? (100 words or less)

I am running for city council because I don't see the current members of the council addressing the critical needs of the city. I have attended council meeting for the past four years, and the same concerns are raised by citizen and by paid consultants. The city council does not seem to be able to fine the time or resources to address these needs. There appears to be a general

lack of financial planning by the council and limited ability to do long range planning. I believe I have the experience and knowledge to address most of these issues.

19. What do you believe makes you uniquely qualified to serve in this position and most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race? (100 words or less)

I have over 42 years of experience working with public organizations and over thirty years in administration and policy leadership positions. I have an educational background and employment experience in accounting and financial management. I currently serve on the Spring Hill Planning Commission and have attended meetings four the past four years of other city boards and commissions. I have volunteered to serve on numerous board and commissions in cities in Kansas, Texas, California and Washington. In addition, I have been involved in organizations like; United Way, Rotary, Leadership Hays, Developmental Disabilities, Spring Hill Food Pantry and other volunteer organizations.