

2017 CANDIDATE SURVEY QUESTIONS  
**Mayor, City Council**

[See *Endnotes below for internet references on issues.*]

**CANDIDATE PREPARATION**

1. Briefly explain your **reasons for seeking election** (or re-election) to this office.
2. What are your **priorities** if elected to this position?
3. What **knowledge or experience** can you draw on to accomplish your priorities?
4. Concerning the **viability** of your campaign,
  - a) Briefly explain your campaign structure. Do you have a campaign manager and/or team?
  - b) What sites or features will you use on social media, if any? (Facebook, web site)
  - c) What endorsements do you have? Are they posted on line? Where?
  - d) What is your strategy for raising money for your campaign? How much do you hope to have raised by the Primary? How much more for the General Election? What have you raised so far?
5. Are you a **member of a church** or other religious assembly? If so, are you an active member in good standing, and in what way?

**GOVERNMENT**

6. Agree or Disagree?  
Lower taxes, eliminating ineffective government agencies (through auditing/transparency), and less burdensome government regulation of business are the long-term answers to many of our **local and state budget problems.**<sup>i</sup>
7. Agree or Disagree?  
The public interest, rather than private property rights, must be the primary concern of any **Growth Management Act, Government Regulations or Policy, and Eminent Domain** decisions.<sup>ii</sup>
8. Which statement best expresses your position on permit-exemption for **private wells?**<sup>iii</sup>

- a) I support the State Supreme Court Hirst decision which requires counties to ensure underground water meets the Dept. of Ecology standard for instream flows for fish and water quality.
  - b) I believe hydrogeologic studies required by the DOE are unnecessary and expensive, but meters should be required on all wells so counties can track water usage.
  - c) Counties should offer water banking to buy and sell water, or use other mitigating options to satisfy the Dept. of Ecology standards.
  - d) Since the state has invested hundreds of millions of dollars during twenty years of projects to benefit fish and only about 1 percent of the state water is consumed by private wells, I support legislation that would exempt permits for wells to restore water rights to private property owners.
9. Which statement best aligns with your position on **immigration** reform and the intent of **Spokane's "Sanctuary City Ordinance"**?<sup>iv</sup>
- a) We are a land of immigrants. I believe we should welcome anyone without restrictions and ignore Federal Law.
  - b) Control our borders and offer a pathway to legal status for those working and without criminal backgrounds. Ignore Federal Law until the law is changed.
  - c) Control our borders, improve the Visa-worker program, require all employers to use an e-verify program, and support federal legislation to defund "Sanctuary Cities".
  - d) Control our borders, arraign all illegal aliens according to Federal laws, but provide a pathway to legal status for undocumented minors.
10. What should be the federal, state, and/or local government's role relative to charitable organizations in **reducing homelessness**?<sup>v</sup>
- a) Government should dramatically decrease its direct involvement in meeting the needs of the homeless, while providing increased incentives for greater private group involvement in dealing with all aspects of homeless needs and the reclamation of lives.
  - b) Government must play a greater role in caring for all the needs of the homeless, independent of the reasons for their situation or their physical/mental ability to provide for themselves.
  - c) Government should continue to provide for the basic physical needs of the homeless, and allow only secular groups to independently meet homeless needs.
  - d) Government should enforce vagrancy and public cleanliness standards, provide basic public safety and emergency healthcare for the homeless and allow private groups to meet other homeless needs.

## COMMUNITY STANDARDS

11. Which statement best describes your position on a rule created by the WA State Human Rights Commission banning **changing room/bathroom gender segregation** for transgender people. Have you taken any action in support/opposition to this ruling?<sup>vi</sup>
- a) Gender segregated bathrooms are an affront to equality for transgendered citizens and should not be allowed in public places, including schools.
  - b) While I sympathize with individuals who struggle with gender dysphoria, it isn't appropriate or safe to deny anyone their right to privacy by requiring an "open door" policy of gender-neutral facilities.
  - c) Public places, including businesses, should allow transgender access to bathrooms, etc. Schools and other organizations whose patrons are primarily children, however, should have the freedom to work out a plan that might be agreeable to everyone involved.
  - d) All public places, including schools, should be encouraged to provide a separate gender-neutral bathroom, shower, locker room for anyone uncomfortable with gender appropriate facilities.
12. In your opinion, which statement best describes the role of Government (local and/or state) regarding the **expansion of commercial gambling, sexually oriented businesses, and semi-nude retail businesses?**<sup>vii</sup>
- a) Government has no business limiting the commercial purposes of these retail entertainment businesses
  - b) It is not the role of government to encourage self-destructive addictions that are detrimental to the community, instead it should increasingly regulate and limit gambling and Sexually Oriented Businesses to eventually remove them from the public.
  - c) These types of businesses should be zoned away from schools and parks, but they have a recreational, employment, tax revenue value to the community.
  - d) Federal obscenity laws, along with strict zoning and regulatory ordinances, should be enforced to prevent human trafficking, and websites like Backpage.com that profit by advertising the selling of sex.
13. Which statement best describes your position on regulating **marijuana businesses?**<sup>viii</sup>
- a) I would not ban sales, but would support increasing the taxes and fees associated with cannabis to pay for enforcement of the regulations.
  - b) While marijuana is still a controlled substance under Federal law, I would advocate banning marijuana sales within my jurisdiction, or at least vote to issue long-running moratoriums.
  - c) I think the current level of regulations and enforcement is adequate.

- d) I believe marijuana is less harmful than alcohol or tobacco, so current taxes and regulations should be more relaxed.

## **LIFE/HEALTH & LIBERTY**

14. Which statement best describes your position on **conscience exemptions** for local, state or federal mandated laws (i.e. non-discrimination, health care that includes contraception, etc.)?<sup>ix</sup>

- a) Conscience exemptions must be allowed so these laws will not be forced on business owners, public employees, or non-profits who offer, sponsor, or purchase benefits/service on behalf of their employees or “clients”.
- b) Exemptions should be offered only to bona fide non-profit religious organizations that provide services for the general public, i.e. Catholic Charities, Samaritans Purse,
- c) For the sake of protecting all the categories listed for protection under non-discrimination laws, there should be no exemptions.
- d) Exemptions should be offered to churches only.

15. Which statement best aligns with your position on a **woman’s right to choose abortion**?<sup>x</sup>

- a) I am 100% pro-life from conception until natural death, and would advocate for legislation that protects and promotes life.
- c) b) I am pro-life and would advocate for legislation that protects and promotes life except in the event of rape or incest or life of the mother.
- d) I am personally pro-life but would enforce current laws protecting a woman’s choice.
- e) I am 100% pro-choice.

16. Which statement best aligns with your position on taxpayer **funding of Planned Parenthood**?<sup>xi</sup>

- a) I believe PP provides critical services for women’s health issues, including abortion, and deserves taxpayer support.
- b) Only federally-qualified, low-cost, high quality health care clinics, *not associated with abortion services*, should receive public money.
- c) As long as PP does not use taxpayer money for abortions it should be funded on the same level as other health care organizations that receive public funds.
- d) PP provides comprehensive education that includes counseling regarding healthy relationships, sexually transmitted diseases and their consequences (including infertility and HIV) as well as contraception, but should not receive public funding because of their association with abortion services.

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<http://www.frc.org/updatearticle/20160329/snug-hub>;  
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