



Applicant: Todd Dean

Why are you interested in being appointed to this position? What attributes do you bring to the position that will help City Council serve the community?

I recently served as a El Paso County Election Judge at the polls and this peaked my interest in city government.

What are some important issues facing District 6 and how would you propose to address them? What issues face the City as a whole?

Right now the the main issue is Covid-19 and all the rules and restrictions that have been citizens. I would get latest virus statistics and hospitalization and make a informed decision that best for residents of District 6.

District 6 has a issue with overnight auto break ins. I would propose more CSPD patrols through the district at night. There are many road repairs and general maintenance issues that need addressed.

This position is listed as part-time with a stipend, however it is a full-time position that involves participation on various boards and committees. Are you able to devote the time required to be an effective Councilmember?

Yes I am able to fulfill any obligations needed to represent District 6 as Councilmember. I am retired and can commit fully to the position.

As a member of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board of Directors, how would you balance varying priorities, including rates, reliability and customer service?

I would compare Colorado Springs Utilities rate with other electric provider's and make a comparison. I would make sure all infrastructure is up to date to provide uninterrupted service to our citizens.

How would you propose to address the City's capital infrastructure needs?

I would have to see what the tax base is and utilize appropriate funds to see all infrastructure needs and repairs are delt with appropriately.

What are your thoughts on the approach the City should take with respect to growth and development?

With the large growth in the city I feel all zoning laws and other growth proposals must be carefully looked at before implementing.

Given the current circumstances of COVID-19 and the direct impacts on the City, such as budget cuts and service disruptions, how would you propose to address the short and long-term effects on the community?

I would look at city budget to get a better idea where funds could be used best to bring back our community and local businesses. Check with state and federal governments to get all allocated funds and programs available.

What are your thoughts on public safety and the Police Department?

I feel CSPD is a fine police department and has good leadership. As with all changing departments it can always be looked at for ways to improve and represent citizens the very best.

Please share your perspective on the issue of retail recreational marijuana in the City of Colorado Springs.

It seems that it would bring needed tax dollars to the city. Surrounding communities offer recreational marijuana and it seems the city is losing out on a lot of tax dollars.

How would you address and prioritize transportation needs within the City?

I would look at infrastructure projects that would speed up travel throughout the city. Bus routes could be looked at for any need to make them more efficient.

What are your thoughts on the prioritization of funding for parks and open spaces?

Parks and open spaces should be one of the top priority for up keep and maintenance. Especially now with Covid-19 so many people are accessing and using our parks and open spaces.

How would you feel about the unionization of City employees?

That would have to be up to the members asking to unionize.

Do you plan to run for the District 6 Council seat in the April 2021 election?

Yes, I am very interested in helping my fellow citizens of District 6 and serving a full term as Councilmember.

NOTE: Mr. Dean currently resides in District 6 but has been redistricted into District 5 for the upcoming April 2021 election.



Applicant: Jeff Edey

Why are you interested in being appointed to this position? What attributes do you bring to the position that will help City Council serve the community?

I love my city and want to serve the people of it.

What are some important issues facing District 6 and how would you propose to address them? What issues face the City as a whole?

To be honest, we have it pretty good and I want to help keep it that way. The issues only arise when the people bring them up. It then becomes our duty to solve them.

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No problem.

As a member of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board of Directors, how would you balance varying priorities, including rates, reliability and customer service?

Rely on the experts to find the balance and ensure equity to the people.

How would you propose to address the City's capital infrastructure needs?

This requires discussion and debate beyond a 750 character limit.

What are your thoughts on the approach the City should take with respect to growth and development?

Our growth and development are tied to our ability to attract industry and create jobs.

Given the current circumstances of COVID-19 and the direct impacts on the City, such as budget cuts and service disruptions, how would you propose to address the short and long-term effects on the community?

Present the real facts about COVID and ensure the people can make informed decisions.

What are your thoughts on public safety and the Police Department?

We do not have the problems that many cities face because we have true Colorado patriots policing our city. If anything I would move to increase their training budget so they are well equipped to not cause the problems that are rampant in other areas.

Please share your perspective on the issue of retail recreational marijuana in the City of Colorado Springs.

If the people want it, then the people have spoken.

How would you address and prioritize transportation needs within the City?

Low income priority for free or reduced transportation and the rest of us can pay like normal.

What are your thoughts on the prioritization of funding for parks and open spaces?

Keep them clean and keep them open for the people.

How would you feel about the unionization of City employees?

Not a concern for me. But, if the city employees feel like they need to unionize then what are they not getting from the city and what do they need to be successful?

Do you plan to run for the District 6 Council seat in the April 2021 election?

If given the chance, yes.



Applicant: Garfield Johnson

Why are you interested in being appointed to this position? What attributes do you bring to the position that will help City Council serve the community?

I would like to be appointed to this position because I believe that I can contribute to the betterment of Colorado Springs District 6. As a resident of the district, I recognize areas that need improvement such as job creation, increased support of small business, transportation and growth management, and creating an improved relationship between what the state mandates and how that is applied in Colorado Springs. The council is faced with many pressing issues made more complex during this time of pandemic. I also recognize the needs of the area that have yet to be addressed by the council such as energy usage and healthcare. Being on the council will allow me the opportunity to address these needs through a practical lens.

What are some important issues facing District 6 and how would you propose to address them? What issues face the City as a whole?

One issue facing Colorado Springs, including District 6 is business development. Our economy is primarily based on defense and tourism, both of which can continue to be developed. However, the city should be cautious of becoming known only for these areas. This supports the overall economy through increased revenue, stability, and job creation.

Secondly, the area is facing the issue of growth. Growth needs to be managed so that Colorado Springs can continue to promote tourism and so that residents can enjoy the beauty in which we are fortunate to live. The development of our urban area should not forsake our natural beauty, thus growth, including roads, housing developments, business/corporation development centers,

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Yes, I am able to devote the time necessary to be an effective Council member. I recognize the full-time requirement in terms of workload and am capable of fulfilling that commitment.

As a member of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board of Directors, how would you balance varying priorities, including rates, reliability and customer service?

The elements of rates, reliability, and customer service are all important with no one area being more important than the other. I would balance these by ensuring an equal focus on all three. When making decisions, it is important to recognize that a change in

one area can result in a change in another. If a decision to improve reliability is made this will likely result in a need to change rates and will also impact customer service. As a member of the Board of Directors, I would focus on how one area impacts the others and ensure that all aspects are considered by the Board through the discussion and decision-making process.

How would you propose to address the City's capital infrastructure needs?

Create a comprehensive growth plan that has both immediate and long-term goals. The city continues to grow. Infrastructure needs to be developed that allows for ease of access around the city by preparing for growth while lessening current traffic concerns. The city needs to plan for growth by planning for the expansion of water and other utilities to handle an increase in population in designated growth areas. This can be done by working with companies who seek to relocate and developers as housing continues to be built.

Creation of a list of items that create the city's culture. These items should be considered as every decision is made. These should include natural beauty, access to the environment, small town feel, and tourism.

What are your thoughts on the approach the City should take with respect to growth and development?

Growth and development should be approached through the development of a comprehensive growth plan. Growth should be encouraged as a benefit to the economy, yet carefully managed to maintain what we love about our city. It should be recognized that a balance is needed as the recruitment of new, large business to the area comes with a need for increased housing and infrastructure. Development requires new land uses and expansion into new areas. The city needs to have a plan for the location of new business centers and housing and a plan for how infrastructure can be developed in these areas.

Given the current circumstances of COVID-19 and the direct impacts on the City, such as budget cuts and service disruptions, how would you propose to address the short and long-term effects on the community?

It should be recognized that long-term recovery is long-term. It is not realistic to think that when the pandemic is over that the economy will automatically return to its pre-Covid state. Business have closed, work forces have been reduced, revenue has been decreased, and healthcare needs and costs have significantly increased. The short-term focus should be on meeting the basic needs of the city's residents. This means understanding that utility companies are providing services to residents that are currently unable to pay for them. This also means that the city is not collecting revenue from new business developments, sales tax, and the like.

What are your thoughts on public safety and the Police Department?

Elements of public safety and the operations of the police department are essential for the continued safety of the city. As the city grows, so should the police department. The police department also needs to have access to necessary modern technology which allows the police force to do their best work in the most efficient ways possible.

Please share your perspective on the issue of retail recreational marijuana in the City of Colorado Springs.

My perspective on retail recreational marijuana is that it should not be allowed within the city of Colorado Springs. Its legalization sends a message that using illegal substances, as it is still illegal in the eyes of the federal government, is okay. Marijuana is dangerous, especially to young people who are being made to believe that it is okay to use since it is legal.

How would you address and prioritize transportation needs within the City?

Transportation should be looked at within the realms of public transportation, walking/biking, and vehicle traffic. Transportation plans must be included within the growth plan for the city. I would prioritize transportation in the top three issues that the council should address. As the city continues to grow, traffic is increasing and is becoming frustrating for drivers. Additionally, it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep up with required street maintenance which also needs to be addressed within the transportation plan.

What are your thoughts on the prioritization of funding for parks and open spaces?

While I do not place the funding for parks and open spaces within the city's top three areas in terms of prioritization, I do believe the funding for parks and open spaces is important. The availability of these spaces contributes to the appeal in terms of businesses and people wanting to locate here. It contributes to the beauty of the city and provide methods for residents to enjoy the outdoors safely. I would also promote the planning for parks and open spaces in the city's growth plan as they need to be available throughout all areas of the city.

How would you feel about the unionization of City employees?

I would support the unionization of city employees. This will ensure that employees have representation in their work-related matters without having to worry about repercussions. They would have a union to represent their interests. The city already wants to support their employees and provide them with fair compensation and benefits

within a positive workplace culture. Unionization will also help create longevity in terms of employees as there are union incentives for longevity.

Do you plan to run for the District 6 Council seat in the April 2021 election?

Yes. I do plan to run for the District 6 Council seat in April 2021 election. This appointment will help me to know the Council's current priorities and will give me insight into what areas the Council should continue to prioritize. I can use this information to develop ideas on which to create an effective plan for election to the Council seat which will help to contribute to the Council during then next term.



Applicant: Marin Lewis

Why are you interested in being appointed to this position? What attributes do you bring to the position that will help City Council serve the community?

I'm interested in being appointed to district 6 city council position because I am an active member of the community. I'm a African American who would like to make the city council more reflective of its own city. I'm a involved father of two daughters, that makes me interested and involved with our school systems and children. As well as a retired Army paratrooper and veteran to the Iraq and Afghanistan war. I'm a husband to a wife who serves as a major in the United States Air Force, so the military community is important to me.

What are some important issues facing District 6 and how would you propose to address them? What issues face the City as a whole?

District 6 is poised for a lot of new development. It stands as the smallest council district by population, but is the largest geographically. With most of the district being populated by airforce families, I feel airforce families should play a role in how it is developed. Or that development catering to those in it. On a larger scale I would like to see minorities integrated into police and fire organizations.

Development of the district 6 and having the community involved with the development. Reaching out to military installations and community members to get more involved with the district development. City issues would be taring down racial, cultural, and economic barriers. Doing so with open lines of communication with leaders in communities and organizations.

This position is listed as part-time with a stipend, however it is a full-time position that involves participation on various boards and committees. Are you able to devote the time required to be an effective Councilmember?

Yes, I have been retired since 2015 and devote my time to community work and my children. I look to become more involved in the community as making the community better for all is a lifelong goal of mine.

As a member of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board of Directors, how would you balance varying priorities, including rates, reliability and customer service?

Accountability has been a a priority of mine. I strive to remain accountable for my time, responsibilities and my goals. Customer service and professionalism has been at the forefront of how I conduct myself as a father, soldier, husband and community member.

How would you propose to address the City's capital infrastructure needs?

Breaking down the general fund CIP how and where funds went. Tuning in to populations projections to stay ahead of needs people may need to sustain a quality life for families.

What are your thoughts on the approach the City should take with respect to growth and development?

Our city is rapidly growing. With this growth our city must develop to meet the needs of the people calling or deciding to call the city home. We must assure safety, employability, and education for our community members. In doing so we must stay ahead of quality of life, law enforcement, education, and community development.

Given the current circumstances of COVID-19 and the direct impacts on the City, such as budget cuts and service disruptions, how would you propose to address the short and long-term effects on the community?

Short term affects would be to take extreme caution while moving forward with safety and health measures. In doing so putting a halt to the spread of virus and spreading numbers. As numbers fall, open business, restaurants, and sporting back up in increments.

What are your thoughts on public safety and the Police Department?

Public safety and police are vital for the safety of the community. But we must all feel they serve to protect all community members. I believe we have gotten away from that based off who you are or where you're from.

Please share your perspective on the issue of retail recreational marijuana in the City of Colorado Springs.

In Colorado Springs I feel recreational marijuana is available to anyone who would like it. Being that Pueblo, manitou, and denver all have it. Being a military town it's frowned upon although the military maintains a strict policy on marijuana. I feel there could be great tax benefits to it, but in bringing space force to Colorado Springs I can see how now wouldn't be the right time.

How would you address and prioritize transportation needs within the City?

Transportation should be readily available for all in the city in order to ensure anyone no matter physical, economic, or mental differences are able to travel for work, school or food.

What are your thoughts on the prioritization of funding for parks and open spaces?



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With Colorado Springs being at the for front of natural Beauty and national parks. I believe it is vital to have a fund to ensure they're cleaned and maintained.

How would you feel about the unionization of City employees?

Unionization for city employees would be great. I believe it would be good for security and moral.

Do you plan to run for the District 6 Council seat in the April 2021 election?

I do plan to run for district 6 council in April.

Applicant: James O'Malley

Why are you interested in being appointed to this position? What attributes do you bring to the position that will help City Council serve the community?

Colorado Springs is my home and it is my responsibility to contribute to the best of my ability. I humbly offer these ten personal attributes I will bring with me to Council and the citizens of Colorado Springs: Integrity, Empathy, Respect, Moral courage, Communication, Self-awareness, Gratitude, Ability to delegate, Learning agility, and Humility.

What are some important issues facing District 6 and how would you propose to address them? What issues face the City as a whole?

Growth, ROADS, and growth. Andres "Andy" Pico in District 6 in unison with the eight other Councilmembers have done a brilliant job of managing the explosive growth of the City of Colorado Springs. We are beyond fortunate to have "growth" as our primary challenge. The key is for Councilmembers to hold true to our core values of living and working in a clean, beautiful, and safe environment. It is our responsibility to think about the challenges of the here and now as well as the future some 30 - 50 years from now. District 6 is well positioned to contribute to the future of Colorado Springs considering much of said future is aimed east. PlanCOS is a commendable and actionable community plan.

District 6 will be a landing zone for the estimated 230K people to call Colorado Springs home in the next decade. We must welcome them with the infrastructure and services of a world class city. The city has the corporate knowledge to manage significant growth, but it needs to consider alternative funding streams. For instance, in The Villages, FL new homes sold have an infrastructure bond attached which is conveyed to the owner at market interest rate. When the house is sold the remainder of the bond balance is passed on to the next owner. We should keep our standards high and manage the growth in a responsible manner. Another focus area needs to be the Major Thoroughfare Plan. The math is simple... think big and make it beautiful.

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Yes

As a member of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board of Directors, how would you balance varying priorities, including rates, reliability and customer service?



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The Utilities' Strategic Plan "Strategic Focus" clearly addresses rates, reliability, and relationships. The four key perspectives (value to our customers and community; responsible financial and asset management; internal process excellence and organizational effectiveness; and people, safety and the environment as the building blocks) identified by the CEO are spot on. The strategic objectives are achievable and supported by the strategic initiatives.

The risks identified (i.e., tight on capacity with early Drake decommissioning, future regulatory risk) in the UPAC recommendations in the Electric and Gas Integrated Resource Plans are high in order to meet an aggressive timeline, but they do provide a calculated path forward.

How would you propose to address the City's capital infrastructure needs?

Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority as well as other time-limited initiatives predominantly fund our capital infrastructure needs. In addition to these measures, the city needs research and development on infrastructure materials that withstand the unique environmental conditions here in Colorado Springs. We need to adopt additional creative ways to recycle stormwater to be used as a non-potable water resource.

What are your thoughts on the approach the City should take with respect to growth and development?

"Plan COS" is a good product and I think we should "maintain course and speed".

Given the current circumstances of COVID-19 and the direct impacts on the City, such as budget cuts and service disruptions, how would you propose to address the short and long-term effects on the community?

Identify and verify actual impacts. Prioritize the impacts based on the critical needs/services of the community. Exhaust first order austerity measures including cutting operating expenses and hiring freezes. Go after as much "free" federal grant money as your wheelbarrows will hold. Always keep in mind that when your operating on a plan of 25 plus years the current challenges can be absorbed without significant long-term consequences.

What are your thoughts on public safety and the Police Department?

The best training and equipment for our law enforcement, fire fighters, and emergency management are vital to the needs of our community. How we recruit and maintain an unequalled force for safety and protection must be clearly identified and supported in all our strategic and operational plans. Having been a Volunteer Fire Fighter in O'Fallon, IL - I understand firsthand how important it is for all departments to be working closely together. It is imperative that we build trust between colleagues and build trust in the

community. We serve our community together. When we “answer a call” we do it together.

Please share your perspective on the issue of retail recreational marijuana in the City of Colorado Springs.

The City of Colorado Springs is dependent on federal revenue streams and for that reason I believe that our public policies should be aligned with federal statutes. If the federal government decides to legalize recreational marijuana, the City of Colorado Springs given their home rule authority should consider the monetary and social benefits.

How would you address and prioritize transportation needs within the City?

People come to Colorado Springs to enjoy the beautiful outdoors and the walk, bike, and transit scores should reflect this public sentiment. For a city that is expected to grow exponentially - so must public transportation. Fortunately, the city has chosen to move toward an environmentally friendly future, which is coming at a good time to make investments in transportation systems. The priority should be to serve our most vulnerable (individuals with disabilities, aging, and low income), and the business community so less space is used for parking and more for business. District 6 needs a hub to any district in the city without it taking a half-day to get there.

What are your thoughts on the prioritization of funding for parks and open spaces?

Extremely important! Our city identity is inextricably linked to the beauty and grander of our parks and open spaces and for this reason we need unequivocal support.

How would you feel about the unionization of City employees?

The city should provide our employees with salary, training, and benefits, which should preclude the need to form unions and/or the need for collective bargaining. This must include an open-door policy.

Do you plan to run for the District 6 Council seat in the April 2021 election?

Yes



Applicant: Christopher Ottinger

Why are you interested in being appointed to this position? What attributes do you bring to the position that will help City Council serve the community?

I served in the military and still have an active presence working with the military, as a hardware engineer for a defense contractor.

What are some important issues facing District 6 and how would you propose to address them? What issues face the City as a whole?

I would like to address taxes on properties and making the city whole for all.

Property taxes rising without enough proposed reasons. We need to address this correctly and reevaluate how we increase property taxes.

This position is listed as part-time with a stipend, however it is a full-time position that involves participation on various boards and committees. Are you able to devote the time required to be an effective Councilmember?

I work currently full time but if the financial pay is enough to support me as I am currently being compensated for I would be willing to work full-time.

As a member of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board of Directors, how would you balance varying priorities, including rates, reliability and customer service?

Putting the customer's concerns is always an issue and my first act would be prioritizing which issues affect the community the most. After categorizes them I would focus on addressing them in the order which would have the most effect.

How would you propose to address the City's capital infrastructure needs?

I would look at ways to increase revenue that makes sense. Looking at areas that are not bringing in the expected type of revenue.

What are your thoughts on the approach the City should take with respect to growth and development?

I believe growth and development are needed. We need to address low-income growth as well as a potential new business.

Given the current circumstances of COVID-19 and the direct impacts on the City, such as budget cuts and service disruptions, how would you propose to address the short and long-term effects on the community?

Making local changes to the city laws to allow a business to continue operating but maintaining CDC recommendation.

What are your thoughts on public safety and the Police Department?

I think we need to reinforce that public safety is a top priority and fully funding the police department needs to maintain law and order.

Please share your perspective on the issue of retail recreational marijuana in the City of Colorado Springs.

Allowing retail recreational marijuana could bring in a huge tax revenue allowing the city to make up for shortcomings in the budget. Allowing certain shops to operate in certain areas that would be safe for the public.

How would you address and prioritize transportation needs within the City?

Increasing funding to better meet wage needs to keep public transportation a viable job. Also increasing access in areas that lack public transportation.

What are your thoughts on the prioritization of funding for parks and open spaces?

Open space and parks are a fundamental Colorado experience. It's important to fund these areas to allow for a potential profit of local business and tax revenue for using these spaces.

How would you feel about the unionization of City employees?

I think to become a union would not be a good idea for the city. It limits the ability to push through obstacles that can arise.

Do you plan to run for the District 6 Council seat in the April 2021 election?

I do not.



Applicant: Robert Taylor

Why are you interested in being appointed to this position? What attributes do you bring to the position that will help City Council serve the community?

I am a Fiscal Conservative as a Stockbroker and Retirement Consultant. Colorado Springs is growing and needs strong leadership. I lived in the Springs in the 80's and came back 3 years ago. Leadership that leads not follows is important. Doing what the people want by being available and asking. I don't have all the answers but they do.

What are some important issues facing District 6 and how would you propose to address them? What issues face the City as a whole?

Managing Growth. Fostering safe, Family oriented neighborhoods with good schools and opportunities for good jobs. Start by working with Chamber of Commerce/Community Leaders to attract more job creating businesses at both entry level and advanced level jobs from high tech, to local companies that can secure Military Contracts and create service sector jobs. Talk to business leaders and implement their ideas. Prayer for wisdom and ability to think outside the box.

Managing explosive growth by projecting future growth and implementing plans to meet the needs 10, 25, 50 years out.

This position is listed as part-time with a stipend, however it is a full-time position that involves participation on various boards and committees. Are you able to devote the time required to be an effective Councilmember?

Yes. I trade stock but currently set limit orders where I grow accounts 9%, 22%-34% currently investing 4 hours a month. I have energy, drive and passion for the mission.

As a member of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board of Directors, how would you balance varying priorities, including rates, reliability and customer service?

Talk to the Department heads. Ask them what they need. Make a plan and implement it. I let things done by listening, making a plan, working the plan and being flexible enough to make the plans work efficiently.

How would you propose to address the City's capital infrastructure needs?

Look at ways to save money, eliminate waste and hold the line in tough times. Expand right departments to meet growth needs.

What are your thoughts on the approach the City should take with respect to growth and development?

Make a long term plan that goes out further than a Circle Drive, Academy Boulevard, then Powers Boulevard Loop. The City has been growing East into this District for 40 years. Think bigger. Think a I-25 loop from Monument to South Security instead of making another commercialized traffic loop with Starbucks and Chick-fil-a's.

Given the current circumstances of COVID-19 and the direct impacts on the City, such as budget cuts and service disruptions, how would you propose to address the short and long-term effects on the community?

Open up the Community. Follow El Paso County Health Guidelines that respect the Health and Welfare of our Community- not the Boulder Denver Governor. Respecting the needs of 81 Year Olds with pre-existing conditions while allowing small businesses to operate at a higher level now!

What are your thoughts on public safety and the Police Department?

I have kids that are Teachers and Policemen. We need to support, equip and work with El Paso County Sheriff and Local Police Departments to ensure the highest level of Public Safety. Safe Communities attracts more families and businesses. Policemen and Public Safety workers need support, encouragement and the respect of their community.

Please share your perspective on the issue of retail recreational marijuana in the City of Colorado Springs.

Long term it will do more harm than good. I see no long term benefits of recreational Marijuana use. For Colorado as a State to make Liquor Stores and Pot Shops Essential while limiting small businesses, restaurants and churches is wrong. Medical usage of CBD Oil has much future benefits and could be studied at UCCS to make Colorado Springs a leader in responsible usage of this plant, not it's abuse. General Palmer and I envision Colorado Springs as a safe family friendly city with safe neighborhoods, good schools businesses and Churches- keeping the abuse of alcohol and drugs out as much as possible!

How would you address and prioritize transportation needs within the City?

I have already commented on this but a 525 type loop and a 50 year plan not another congested business loop would be a start. Expansion of Public transportation and everything from Bike Lanes to Ride Sharing and Park and Rides are on the table.

What are your thoughts on the prioritization of funding for parks and open spaces?



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Parks and Open Spaces to preserve the Natural beauty and Mountain Views are important. Walking trails and Open Space are important. Cottonwood Creek is a great example of safe places for youth to gather, recreate and be a safe family friendly space.

How would you feel about the unionization of City employees?

I would oppose Unionization of City Employees. Long term they should have Departments that promote and reward production, innovation and performance. A job with a good work environment and a 401-K prevents the destruction of the Economy to afford the satisfaction of Government Workers. PERA, will bankrupt the County and State.

Do you plan to run for the District 6 Council seat in the April 2021 election?

I will do what is necessary. I have had many encouraging me to get involved on a higher level. I am in my 60's young and had successful careers where I am self sufficient.

Applicant: Stephany Rose Spaulding

Why are you interested in being appointed to this position? What attributes do you bring to the position that will help City Council serve the community?

I have lived in the city of Colorado Springs for 10 years and have witnessed tremendous areas of growth that the city must be mindful of regarding diversity, equity and inclusion in the areas of representation, business development and housing. As an invested community leader and JEDI (justice, equity, diversity and inclusion) expert, I can leverage such expertise to the council and assist in making Colorado Springs a more inclusive place to live and thrive.

What are some important issues facing District 6 and how would you propose to address them? What issues face the City as a whole?

District 6 has seen tremendous growth through housing and development over the past 5 years, with continued projected growth to continue due to the annexation of Banning Lewis Ranch. Thus, there are a number of infrastructure concerns to include, but not limited to affordable housing, transportation (mass and individual household), and environmental resource sustainability. These issues impact the city as a whole. Thus, as we continue to grow, my desire is to work from an equitable "meeting of the minds" with diverse stakeholders that can help us grow into the city we are becoming, while not straining our environmental resources and the lives of taxpayers. Moreover, the city lacks diverse representation.

This position is listed as part-time with a stipend, however it is a full-time position that involves participation on various boards and committees. Are you able to devote the time required to be an effective Councilmember?

Yes, I am able to devote the required time to be an effective Council member.

As a member of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board of Directors, how would you balance varying priorities, including rates, reliability and customer service?

The past five years have reflected how much citizens of Colorado Springs desire environmentally sustainable utilities and city council has diligently worked to meet those needs. As a member of the CSU Board of Directors, I would continue to work with other council members who seek the best natural resources to provide customers with the most cost effective rating scales through private-public partnerships that can help subsidize costs while making just transitions. Additionally, I would work with other BOD members to streamline the organization's bureaucratic processes to ensure we have the most effective customer service practices.

How would you propose to address the City's capital infrastructure needs?



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Colorado Springs, like many other cities across the country has been hit economically due to national trends in our economy as well as recent needs to recover from wildfires and upgrading our stormwater systems. Thus, as we address our capital infrastructure needs, I would propose that we continue to pursue federal, state, and corporate partnerships while maintaining the tax culture of our citizens. As a contender for the Space Force Command Center, there is federal economic potential for our city; tourism will additionally increase city's economic base as we grow into the Olympic city, and being attractive to enhanced business development looking for access to the West as they "greenway" their organizations makes us an ideal base.

What are your thoughts on the approach the City should take with respect to growth and development?

In respect to growth and development, Colorado Springs must maintain a justice-centered consciousness to environmental and human sustainability as we continue to grow and develop. Our water supply and infrastructure, greenways and green spaces, housing affordability, roads and highways must be at the forefront of everyone's growth and development plans.

Given the current circumstances of COVID-19 and the direct impacts on the City, such as budget cuts and service disruptions, how would you propose to address the short and long-term effects on the community?

In the short-term, we must continue to advocate for federal and state relief support while ensuring PPE funding is not being mishandled. In the long-run, Colorado Springs has to be a city willing to look for new funding opportunities and funding models. As the 2nd largest city in the state, we must leverage our power to develop public, private, and philanthropic opportunities that increase innovation; train and develop workers for new technologies and industries; and develop a recovery agenda that braids together forward thinking policies on equitable economic opportunities, housing programs and education.

What are your thoughts on public safety and the Police Department?

This past summer, the Quad Innovation Partnership conducted a study that revealed a correlation between ideas of public trust and public safety--that if social and governmental institutions lack public trust, then it impacts their ideas of public safety. Moreover, the city and states' citizenry have sustained demands for more transparency and accountability towards law enforcement agencies reveals a lack of trust from a significant portion of the population. My thoughts are with the citizens of Colorado Springs; we must elevate what works well regarding public safety and the Police Department, while correcting and improving what is failing.

Please share your perspective on the issue of retail recreational marijuana in the City of Colorado Springs.

The state of Colorado allows for each municipality, township, etc. to decide on whether or not to allow retail recreational marijuana. Currently, the residential voters of Colorado Springs have declined to support retail recreational marijuana in the City of Colorado Springs and it's council's responsibility to respect and uphold that decision.

How would you address and prioritize transportation needs within the City?

As Colorado Springs continues to grow, so do our transportation needs. Our first priority are our current roads, highways and public transportation services. Repaving and resurfacing projects are underway, but need expanding. Additionally, making sure our public transportation system is servicing as many clients as efficiently possible is an immediate priority. Yet, as we expand, so should our mass transit--we have a need for a light rail, expanded roads--particularly out East, and greenways the need for individualized driving.

What are your thoughts on the prioritization of funding for parks and open spaces?

One of the greatest resources of Colorado and specifically Colorado Springs are our natural resources. People come to visit and live in Colorado Springs because of our magnificent views, trails, and open spaces. We must continue to prioritize funding that maintains and enhances our parks and open spaces

How would you feel about the unionization of City employees?

I feel that unionization is a matter best left to City employees and voters of Colorado Springs.

Do you plan to run for the District 6 Council seat in the April 2021 election?

Should I be appointed to serve the residents of District 6 and they are pleased with my service to the City Council, yes I would run in April 2021.