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Questions for Missoula City Council Candidates

1. Are you a Democrat? **Yes**
2. Are you seeking Missoula County Democrats' endorsement, why? Will you be seeking any other political party endorsement this election? **No, since city council elections are non-partisan.**
3. What have you done in the past to support or work for Democratic candidates, local, state, or national? **Voting and urging others to do so.**
4. How much or little do you agree with the following statement? *Stewardship—acting now to maximize the well-being of future generations—is the primary responsibility of government and the lens through which policy making in areas as diverse as energy, transportation, education, health care, human rights and taxation should be focused.*

I agree with the statement in general, but we must not overlook the here and now in the process. Focus needs to be toward bringing good paying jobs to Missoula to replace the jobs that have been lost in the past few years.

5. The Central Committee recently ratified the enclosed document, written by Missoula Democrats, that states our shared values. How will your work in local government reflect those values?

I have worked to become a certified Green Builder and have been researching ways to make it affordable to all citizens.

As a parent and grandparent, providing our children with a quality education has always been a priority.

6. With respect to the issues caucus document, which positions (if any) on local, national or international issues do you disagree with? Why?

The construction industry is already working to certify green builders, I am one of those. We must be mindful of how much we tax families to meet the goals established, especially in these economic times. Focus on bringing good paying jobs and job training.

7. What should government's role be in managing growth?

Make sure our existing infrastructure handles the future growth in the urban area. Create parks in deficit areas, make sure our sewer mains can handle the increased density and complete sidewalks. If lots in alleys are developed they should be paved and maintained just like the city streets.

8. What should local government do to facilitate Missoulian's consuming less energy?

Find a method of financing so that moderate to low income citizens can afford to rehabilitate their homes and use less energy. Payment of loans should not exceed energy savings so that an additional burden is not added to the household.

9. Discuss how you would balance expanding road capacity and adding transit or bike-ped options when making transportation policy.

Well designed main arteries may help to reduce traffic and speed in most of our residential neighborhoods since a lot of people use neighborhood streets to avoid congestion on streets like Russell. Bike lanes are necessary for those who commute in that way. Sidewalks are necessary on all city streets with caution that some homeowners may not have the ability to pay.