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How can you balance property rights while protecting residents from predatory development behavior?

I believe in protecting property rights for everyone. When developments come in, they have certain rights as property owners. Their neighbors have established property rights. When these rights conflict, we need to find a balanced solution. I don't believe in legislating preference. I have a strong history of working with residents to understand their concerns about new development near them, and then communicating those concerns to the developer. As a council, we have worked together to find solutions that work for all parties. We have amazing residents that aren't afraid to voice their concerns and help find solutions. Most developers are willing to work with us and our residents. When this does not happen, as a city, we fall back on our code to protect us. We can, and do, say no.

In your opinion, what type of housing is needed in Eagle Mountain?

I would like to see more one acre lots and 1/3 acre lots. We need housing for all stages of life and all incomes. We are lacking in some of these areas, like senior housing, care facilities, and affordable housing.

In your opinion, what type of housing do Eagle Mountain residents want?

They want the housing type that meets the needs of their lifestyle and income. For example, some want a large lot with animal rights so they can have horses. Some want a nice condominium or townhouse with amenities like pools. They don't want the upkeep a home requires. Some want a simple home on a small lot. Some want a grand home on a large lot. Some just need a place to live, but their income isn't enough for them to purchase a home. This includes those on disability and social security. They are looking for an affordable rental and they are really hard to find now.

What is the biggest factor that brings new residents to Eagle Mountain?

I believe that the biggest factor is affordability, but the open spaces, parks and small- town feel keep them here.

Eagle Mountain already has more vested houses than houses that are built in the city. What do you feel is the best way to deal with this surplus of vested unbuilt properties?

Right now, the staff is gathering data on the vested properties. We want to know what percentage of each housing type we currently have, and what is vested, meaning already approved with housing types and densities. We can use this information to land on a balance that we feel meets the needs of our community without changing the things that make us so great, like open space and trails.

There has been some talk about a building moratorium. Do you think a building moratorium is in order, legal, or necessary in Eagle Mountain?

Currently, a moratorium would not be legal. If the city could not provide services due to a catastrophic event or equipment failure, we could call for a temporary moratorium. Projects have been approved and have a legal right to build what has been approved. If we call for a moratorium without a legal reason, we will be sued.

Currently, the City Council Members are elected by a city-wide vote, what are your thoughts on breaking the city up into districts and having each district vote for one of the City Councilmembers?

I have to admit, I have mixed feelings about districts. I live in what's commonly known as the city center. Currently, I am the only council member or candidate from this area. Yet, city center is at least 30% of the population and it's growing like wildfire. So I worry about representation for our area. Having said that, my past experience with council has been very positive. My fellow council members look out for all the city, not just their neighborhoods. In other

words, thus far it hasn't been a problem. One problem that can happen with districts, is infighting amongst council members to get the best things for their area, because that is how they get elected. I really don't want to see this happen. So for now, I am a no on districts.

Do you feel that the City communicates effectively with the residents and media?

Yes. We have a Facebook page, Instagram, Blogs, Videos, Live stream, newsletters, billboards, and a notification system. We have earnestly tried to communicate clearly and effectively with all residents. Can we do better? Of course. Should we? Definitely. We are always looking for new and better ways to communicate and are open to ideas. One of the best things that you can do as a resident is sign up for our city alerts.

What should the City of Eagle Mountain do about the housing crisis, and what is your definition of the housing crisis?

Our statewide housing crisis is a result of not enough housing stock and incomes not keeping up with house prices. People are being priced out of homes. As a city, we allow accessory dwelling units, which provide less expensive rentals, and a way for new buyers to afford a home. As a city, we can encourage businesses that provide high paying jobs to locate here. We can also approve new housing stock that meets our general plan, zoning, and building requirements. But we can't solve this problem alone. We can't build enough houses to meet the need or even come close. Every city and town will need to look at ways to improve the situation. Keep in mind, there isn't a one size fits all solution to this problem. Eagle Mountain will be different from Salt Lake City and they will be different from Washington City.

In a survey I did, one of the biggest reasons people move to Eagle Mountain is for a "Rural Living" what is your definition of rural living?

My grandparents lived on a large farm several miles outside of a small town. That is rural to me. Rural means outside the city, away from the amenities that cities provide. Our city, by my definition, cannot provide that. We are a city of about 48,000 people with more coming every day. What we can provide, and what I think our residents mean, is a small town feeling, open spaces, wildlife corridors, trails, and events that bring us together. These things are a big part of who we are as a city.

What can you do for Eagle Mountain that someone else cannot do or you were unable to do if you are running again?

I bring experience, an understanding of the planning process from start to finish, a knowledge of good budgeting principles and how to put them into action, and a love of Eagle Mountain. I just want to serve my community and be a part of our great future.

Are you running your campaign on your own, or are you using a campaign manager? If you are using a campaign manager, who are you using and how can someone contact them? I am running my campaign.