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Re: Questions for Eagle Mountain Candidates (Due: 6/15/2021)

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Jason Allen <info@vote4jasonallen.com>

Tue, Jun 22, 2021 at 9:18 PM

To: Mike Kieffer <mkieff@gmail.com>

Hi Mike,

Below are my answers to your questions. Thanks again for all you do to keep Eagle Mountain residents informed!

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

- Property rights are important, and I want to protect them. A good way to protect residents is through correct zoning and by enforcing the city code. The city needs to stand up to developers that try to get around the code and be diligent in making sure developers stick to their approved master development agreements.

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

- The city needs to provide enough variety that citizens can move up and stay within the city. We do not need more high-density housing. There is not enough infrastructure to support it. Too much high-density housing will also negatively affect the rural feel of our city. The type of housing we need now is bigger lots, at least a quarter acre.

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

- EM residents want to see a mixture of housing while limiting high-density. They want the ability to move up into bigger and better homes while remaining in the city. Citizens want bigger lots to help preserve our rural way of life.

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

- Residents move here because of the affordable family housing. Once they get here, I believe they are pleasantly surprised by the rural and friendly way of life that we love out here. They want to stay in the city for a long time, and this requires having homes that they can move up into.

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?

- Unfortunately, I do not believe there is much we can do without incurring significant lawsuits, which if EM loses, could cost taxpayers millions of dollars. Moving forward, EM needs to include sunset clauses in all master development agreements to provide the city with more flexibility in changing the zoning of the city.

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

- I, like many residents, would love a building moratorium to preserve our rural feel, but I do not think it is feasible. Although it could be legal, according to state law the city would have to show it is in the public's interest to institute a permanent building moratorium. Unfortunately, the city would need a better reason than "We just do not want the growth." With that in mind, I believe we need to focus on balancing the property rights of those who are buying and selling land. I also think we need to slow down building so it is done in a smart, controlled way. The city needs to ensure that infrastructure grows fast enough to keep up with development. If the city needs to slow down the issuing of permits to ensure this happens, it should. The city also needs to prioritize business development so residents do not have to leave to buy things. This will also add more tax revenue to the city.

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 do not believe the city should be broken up into districts yet. The current structure requires candidates to visit and listen to all areas of the city. Over time, as populations across the city even out, I think this would be a good idea.

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

- The city has improved dramatically in its communication but could improve further in its communication with the citizens. The city needs to take a more proactive approach in talking to residents, especially when something directly affects their neighborhoods or the city at large. The city should also be monitoring how many citizens it is reaching and work to improve the number.

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

- EM needs to focus on smart, controlled growth. The housing crisis is a shortage of homes. The increased demand and lower supply is causing home prices to skyrocket. The city is doing its part to provide houses for Utahns, but it shouldn't have to bear the full weight of it. We also need to think of the city we want for our kids. We shouldn't give away a future city that still has a rural feel in order to let developers cram as many homes per square acre as they can. Other cities in Utah also need to do their part.

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?

- To me, rural living means having a lot of open space in the city. It means having houses with bigger lot sizes, agricultural zones, and access to outdoor trails. It most certainly does not mean high-density housing! This rural living is a critical part of the essence of EM and needs to be preserved.

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

- Through my education (MBA) and work experience (business strategy and planning), I can help the city apply best practices from business to city government (communication, planning, process improvement, keeping costs down). I will also help attract good businesses to the city by helping them understand the unique opportunity they would have to operate in our city.

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?

- My campaign manager is Adam Black. He can be contacted by email at info@Vote4JasonAllen.com

On Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 7:20 PM Mike Kieffer <mkieff@gmail.com> wrote:

I want to thank the two of you that have responded. Please take the time to respond to this set of questions. In future elections it has been a valuable resource to those who participate. It shows a willingness to answer questions and starts a discussion.

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From: Mike Kieffer <mkieff@gmail.com>

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It has been brought to my attention that the timeline is a little too aggressive. I am going to extend this for another week, so the deadline is now 6/22. If you have already sent in your answers, and you wish to change them, just send me an updated answer list by the 22nd and I will use the latest one you sent for the articles.

On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 9:54 AM Mike Kieffer <mkieff@gmail.com> wrote:

As promised, here are the questions I would like for you to answer so I can publish them on i84005.com. Let me know if you have any questions. I would like to have them by 6/15/2021. This will give me some time to create the posts and to run them a few a week so residents have time to read and ingest the information. Please limit your answers to each question to a paragraph or two. I know that can be difficult to do, but it makes the posts shorter so people will read everyone's responses.

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