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

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Rich Wood <richwood.emcity@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 10:35 PM

To: Mike Kieffer <mkieff@gmail.com>

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

Property rights are protected by the constitution of the United States and Utah's constitution. However, the right to use the property is regulated by the zoning laws of the municipality. The predatory practices of developers is only dangerous if the municipality either does not have appropriate zoning regulation in place or the elected officials and staff are unwilling to follow those zoning regulations. They are there to protect the health safety and welfare of the citizens.

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

Eagle Mountain needs balanced development. Unfortunately, the developers don't share the same outcome desires. We need all phase of life living. However, that does not mean we need to adopt the poor planning policies of metropolitan cities. Yes we need apartments, but not high unit large building/development complexes. Our code allows for apartments of 12 units per building. We need move up single family homes that aren't stack as closely as possible to each other. This is, has been and likely will continue to be one of the unique Utah ways of living that draws people here.

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

I believe most residents share the same view as I do about no high density product and a focus on lots that don't have the house touch each corner of the lot.

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

I think there are two things, it's away from the city and it's much more affordable than most cities

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?

I already have a record of working with vested developments and the developers to reduce the number of units, create a much more attractive and useable community that enhances Eagle Mountain

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

Building moratoriums are only appropriate when it's required to change a law. It can't be used just to stop developers from building. If we follow our own code, make some adjustments to the general plan layout and then stick to it, there is no need for a moratorium

Currently, the City Councilmembers 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?

There may be an argument for districting in the future. However, it is an open filing from anywhere in the city and there are not candidates that have filed from each part of the city. I am not against it honestly, but would probably favor 3 districts and 2 at large

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

This is a complicated question. I think that the city has improved their communication via the Facebook medium.

However, there are many residents that do not use social media that are left unaware. We need to utilize other methods of communication as well.

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

Eagle Mountain is and has been building as fast as possible. I do not believe it is the responsibility of any government to solve the issues of the private sector. There is a shortage of housing units. We are meeting above and beyond the state's requirements for housing affordability.

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Developing and planning principles that encourage and embrace open space, agricultural uses and horizontal housing developments not vertical overdevelopment development

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

I plan to continue to remove the loop holes in our land development code. Re evaluate the layout of our general plan and correct some of the areas that are either in the wrong place or has too much of one type of land use. I will find solutions to move up timelines for necessary road creation, broader economic development types and enforce the code

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 own campaign

On Mon, Jun 14, 2021, 8:43 AM Mike Kieffer <mkieff@gmail.com> wrote:

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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