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

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Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 7:26 AM

Mike

Thanks for extending this deadline

How can you balance property rights while protecting residents from predatory development behavior? *There is a balance in everything we do. The benefit of having a city code is that we can hold developers to that standard. That is how we protect residents. We look to benefit the community that is why the city council represents the city in these matters.*

In your opinion, what type of housing is needed in Eagle Mountain? *We do need a mix of single-family homes and multi units. The common theme we hear these days is affordable housing which is pretty tough to find. We can work within city code, and work with developers to create a community that can be generational (meaning not only could we afford a home but my children will be able to afford a home here and my grandchildren in the future).*

In your opinion, what type of housing do Eagle Mountain residents want? *Once again it goes back to the term affordable housing. We need a community that builds and designs in a pattern that is smart, anticipating the future, and desirable. We want a community that people desire to live in and the only way that is going to happen is to be at the table with those that are building our community.*

What is the biggest factor that brings new residents to Eagle Mountain? *I used to say the open space is still a factor but now I feel that when people are coming to Eagle Mountain they are coming for the experience and the location. We are perfectly located in northern Utah County which allows access to Salt Lake and Provo and everything in between. We are a community with parks, wide paths and offering something for everyone.*

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? *Incentivize developers to utilize the property in other ways. To the developers that own the land the fact that they are vested is money to them. We need to bring them to the table and talk about other ways we can benefit the community and allow them to recover or utilize that vested property.*

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 do not believe that we should impose a building moratorium. There is a need for housing. There are people who invest time, money, and emotions into looking for a home. There are business owners who have invested money into developing land. We need to work on parallel paths that make sure we have the infrastructure in place for the growth.*

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 Council members? *I like having the elections city wide because it allows all possible council members to reach out to the whole city. If I live in City Center, I should know the micro issues that are going on in North Ranch or Silverlake. I would*

not be a proponent of districting our city for city council.

Do you feel that the City communicates effectively with the residents and media? *I thought Linda did a great job communicating. I have had the chance to meet Tyler who is the new communications manager for the city and have found him to be responsive, and open to talking about his role. I believe they are looking at ways to get more information to residents and looking at different platforms which is to say that they are looking for ways to communicate more effectively.*

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

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? *Rural living is slow paced, stop signs instead of stop lights, streets that I can trust my young children to cross on their own. What creates that rural feeling is the open spaces, the parks, the wide trails. The ability for a family to run a farm if they have the right size and amount of land. I am an advocate for hitching posts at local stores, because we do not want that feeling to go away. The reality is we are not a rural city. If you look at the latest data we have over 35K residents (that is a very conservative estimate) . We are growing and there is no way of getting around that. We can maintain the small town feel by being smart in our growth.*

What can you do for Eagle Mountain that someone else cannot do or you were unable to do if you are running again? *We have a fabulous group of candidates. What I bring to the table is variety and depth of experience in the community. I have had the pleasure of serving on several boards through the city. I understand the local education landscape. I bring a variety of experience with several areas that allow me to understand the conversation and hit the ground running.*

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 this campaign on my own. If you would like to contact me feel free to reach out by phone, email, or follow me on Facebook Tyler4em.*

On Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 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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