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Your Details

Basic information about yourself

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Getting to Know You

This next section will give you the opportunity to provide details about who you are as a person, candidate, and member of the community.

Tell us about yourself.

I am a 4th Generation Spokane Valley resident, graduated from East Valley High School, received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Eastern Washington University, and happily married with 4 children. I am a former IT Manager with Goodrich Aerospace and Spokane Industries before becoming the owner / publisher of the Liberty Lake Splash, Spokane Valley Current, and West Plains Stream. I am the President of the Spokane Valley Kiwanis Club, actively volunteer with our local school district, Bloomsday, the Spokane County Interstate Fair, Honorary Commander with Fairchild AFB, and have served on the Spokane Valley City Council since 2018.

List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

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Team, and am the current Secretary for the Municipal Services and Research Center (MRSC) Board.

Describe your duty to the office you are running for and how you will achieve success.

The duty of City Council members is setting the vision and direction for the local government including financial oversight, representing citizens of the community, and overseeing the City Manager. I will achieve success by being open and communicative with the citizens of Spokane Valley, balancing the budget and controlling spending, setting and achieving goals for the city that are aligned with citizen priorities, and hiring a good city manager.

What does success look like for this position and what key performance indicators should voters use to evaluate you?

Success by being open, honest, and communicative with the citizens of Spokane Valley. Approving a balanced budget and controlling spending without passing massive tax increases. Setting and achieving goals for the city that are aligned with citizen priorities. Advocating for city priorities with neighboring jurisdictions, to the state, and federal level. Hiring a good city manager that will manage the day-to-day activities of the city. Performance indicators could be regional involvement representing the city, city fund balances, # of tax increases, and visibility within the community.

What community activities are you engaged in? Have you held leadership roles in any of these organizations?

I have been the President of the Spokane Valley Kiwanis Club for the last three years, co-chair of the Spokane Valley Kiwanis Community Service Committee, actively volunteer with our local school district including serving on their facility improvement team, lead the Finisher T-Shirt Distribution area at Bloomsday (coordinating the efforts of 80+ volunteers), the Camelid Superintendent at the Spokane County Interstate Fair for 15 years being the one that hires the judge, handles appeals, sets the rules and oversees the show, Honorary Commander with Fairchild AFB, and have served on the Spokane Valley City Council first from 2012 to 2016 and then again since 2018.

Your Political Beliefs

This section contains a series of questions about your alignment concerning broad governmental philosophies as well as some specific issues.

Where do our rights as citizens of the United States come from? Under what conditions can government infringe or suspend them?

Our rights as citizens come from the people and initially enumerated in the US Constitution.

Do you consider yourself a constitutional originalist or do you prescribe to it as a living document? Please explain.

I am more of a constitutional originalist, I believe in interpreting the constitution based upon its original meaning and intent.

What is the purpose of government? If elected, how will you perform your duties based on that "purpose?"

The purpose of government is for Public Safety including National Defense and Infrastructure. I believe that these should be the primary focus for the City: help grow the economy by providing a limited government that reduces regulatory burden and provides the necessary infrastructure so that businesses can thrive.

When does life begin and at what point does the government have a duty to protect it?

Life begins at inception. I don't think it is the governments role to tell someone what they have to do with their body, for me this is similar to a vaccine mandate, I believe in a more limited government that is tasked with making sure vaccines are safe if they are available but doesn't get to force a vaccine. Similarly while two lives are intertwined it is not black and white for me. I come back to the adage that "The right to swing my fist ends where the other man's nose begins."

Do you have any criminal convictions, ever filed for bankruptcy, have any active or unresolved

tax liens, any conflicts of interest that may jeopardize your candidacy?

No

Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative, adhering to the values and answers you've provided in this questionnaire.

I am always available to constituents and often answer questions at church, at the grocery store, at events, at my kids school events, pretty much anywhere and give out my phone number (509) 879-6189 and email address everywhere (ben@reelectbenwick.org).

Please provide any feedback, comments, or questions that you have for the SCRCC.

I noticed that the interview process is scheduled for the week that the Association of Washington Cities Conference is happening in Kennewick. While I want to be available, being on their board and seeking another term on their board, I have to be at their conference. I hope that some grace or flexibility can be had so that I can maintain my commitment to my existing term as well.

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