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## Your Details

Basic information about yourself

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**I am a candidate running for...** Spokane Valley City Council #5

### Please list any/all social media account URLs.

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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.

**Currently, I am a licensed Washington State Realtor. Previously, In addition to managing a fix and flip small business, I have managed two REITs and was a mortgage lender providing both residential and commercial loans working as either an account executive and/or as a mortgage broker for roughly 25 years. Having worked or lived, or both, in the Spokane Valley since 2004, I have been here nearly since the inception of the city. I have raised two children, here in the Spokane Valley as a single mother and I now have been blessed with 6 grandchildren.**

### List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

Active Realtor  
25 years in lending  
Business owner  
Volunteered for 16 years for the Rotary Group's corn booth at the Spokane Fair  
Home Owner

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

My duty to any public office starts with honesty and integrity. I have the duty to defend the US constitution and the Washington state Constitution. The primary duties of the council are reviewing the city budget and making sure that funds are accounted for properly and contracts are negotiated effectively for the best outcome and cost for the city. The duty to provide for public safety, fully funding our Police.

The duty to manage streets and infrastructure effectively eliminating frivolous road projects like the Sprague lane reduction, the traffic circle on 16th and upcoming projects that might not make sense at this point in time. I will achieve success by listening to our constituents concerns and ideas, being present whenever possible at public events and by coming from contribution, knowing that the Spokane Valley residents have elected all council members and respect the citizen's vote by acting with proper decorum, respect and kindness to all.

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

Success means effectively serving the public interest, ensuring responsible governance, and contributing to the city's progress in a way that is transparent. Key indicators of performance will be responsive leadership, being available regularly to listen to our citizens. Informed ethical decision-making, not just going along to get along. Fiscal responsibility, voting for not just the balancing of the budget, but minimizing waste and ensuring investments benefit residents. Ensure taxes are as low as possible and our police are fully funded using existing funds not raising taxes.

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

As a Realtor I am involved in our housing market and the subsequent needs of home buyers. I understand our changing economy and how it is effecting our housing markets.  
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## **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 come from God. There are no conditions that allow the government to infringe upon them.

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

I am a constitutional originalist as I believe that thinking of the Constitution as a living document allows the entire thing to be twisted based on political power whether that power is real or stolen.

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

The purpose of government is to organize and manage the collective needs and rights of a society in a way that promotes order, justice, and the well-being of its people. When elected I will perform these duties with the utmost care and consideration based on principles of honesty, integrity and love of my fellow citizens and city.

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

Life begins at inception. We should consider protecting it at heartbeat or at the latest viability.

**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 will make myself readily available via email, text, telephone or social media. I will carefully consider all points of views and understand I am being elected due to my values and vote accordingly.

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