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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 bring real-world experience, resilience, and a record of leadership. I've overcome homelessness, built and sold businesses, and served as a U.S. Air Force SERE Specialist, training others to survive and lead under extreme conditions. That experience taught me discipline, problem-solving, and service before self. The Air Force brought my wife Jeanne and me to Spokane, and we are proud to call it home as we raise our 1-year-old son Paxton. I have fought through red tape with the City of Spokane and the Health District, even changing the law to be able to open a private cigar lounge in downtown Spokane. As a small business owner in Spokane, I understand our community's struggles firsthand. I'll bring commonsense, compassionate, results-driven leadership to City Council — because I've lived many of the challenges Spokane faces.**

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

I'm the only candidate who has experienced homelessness, served our country in uniform, created businesses, and owns a home in Spokane. I understand the challenges our community faces because I've lived them. I'll bring commonsense, bipartisan solutions — working together like I did in the military, staying focused on priorities, increasing transparency, and holding the Council accountable to the voters. Most importantly, I have action plans — not just promises. From cutting red tape for businesses to enforcing measurable goals on homelessness, I'll fight for a safer, more affordable, and more accountable

Spokane.

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

I am running for Spokane City Council because I believe in service: service to my community, just as I served my country in the United States Air Force. My duty as a City Councilmember will be to honor the will of the voters and lead in a results-driven way, work collaboratively with my colleagues, and make informed decisions that reflect the values and needs of our community.

During my time in the Air Force, I took an oath to serve, and I have carried that sense of duty with me ever since. In the military, success comes through teamwork, accountability, and a shared mission. I will bring that same mindset to the Council – putting politics aside to work together for the common good of Spokane.

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

Success in this role means delivering measurable results for the people of Spokane – not just talk, but real outcomes. Voters should judge me, and anyone else in this position, based on whether we’re actually solving problems that have been ignored for too long.

Here are the benchmarks I believe matter:

Lowering crime rates – Spokane’s crime rate is higher than the national average. Nearly 75% of people don’t feel safe to go out at night. That’s unacceptable. Success means making our neighborhoods safer and adding to our police force so that we’re no longer 200 officers short of the national average.

Turning around downtown – With over 30% of downtown Spokane sitting vacant, revitalizing our city core has to be a top priority. I’m one of those people doing so, by opening a small business downtown. Success means creating a downtown where people feel safe, businesses can thrive, and families want to spend time.

Reducing addiction and homelessness – More than 100 babies were born addicted last year in Spokane County. Some accounts say we have over 2,000 people who are homeless, and overdose deaths continue to rise, while other parts of the country and state are seeing improvements. That’s not “doing everything we can.” Success means having clear goals and metrics to hit, while implementing effective, compassionate strategies that lead to real recovery and stability.

Accountability and action – There’s no excuse for kicking the can down the road. Success means facing these issues head-on, making decisions, and being transparent about what’s working and what’s not.

City Council isn’t supposed to be a place for status quo thinking. It’s supposed to be where action happens. If I’m elected, hold me accountable to results, not rhetoric.

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

I currently study architecture at WSU and serve as President of the Veterans Committee, leading national efforts to support student veterans.

**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?**

I served in the U.S. Air Force, where I took an oath to defend the Constitution and the freedoms it protects. That experience reinforced for me that the government should operate within strict limits. Any infringement must meet the highest standards: it should be lawful, necessary, and narrowly tailored.

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

As a city council candidate, my focus is on upholding the law and serving the needs of our Spokane community. While broader legal interpretations are important, my priority is making sure our city follows the law, respects the will of the voters, and operates in a way that is transparent, fair, and accountable.

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

The purpose of government is to serve the people by protecting their rights, ensuring public safety, maintaining order, and creating the conditions for individuals and families to thrive. Government exists to serve, not to control, and it functions best when it is transparent, accountable, and rooted in the will of the people.

If elected, I will perform my duties with that purpose at the forefront. Just as I did in the United States Air Force, I will lead with integrity, work as part of a team, and stay focused on the mission – getting real results for the citizens of Spokane. I will listen to residents, seek common ground, and advocate for policies that promote opportunity and community well-being. In the military I took an oath to serve, and it will be my same commitment on the Spokane City Council.

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

This is a serious issue, however, it is not within the purview of the City Council.

**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 take the oath of office very seriously. I already took one, and it doesn't have a shelf life. I am committed to being accessible and accountable to the people I hope to represent. I believe public service means actually serving the public, not just during campaign season, but every day in office.

When it comes to voting, I will be guided by the principles I've laid out in this questionnaire: accountability, common sense, and compassion, while respecting the will of the voters. I'm not here to push an agenda – I'm here to reflect the values and priorities of the people of Spokane to get results.

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