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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.

**My name is Phil Folyer, and I have proudly called Liberty Lake home since 1999. For the past 22 years, I have owned and operated a local business, providing me with firsthand experience in leadership, budgeting, and community engagement. Beyond the business world, I've committed my adult life to public service and leadership across a variety of sectors.**

**I served 21 years in the Army National Guard, where I gained invaluable experience in discipline, leadership, and teamwork. I've also been honored to serve in various civic roles, including on the Liberty Lake Planning Commission, the Spokane County Civil Service Commission, and most recently, the Liberty Lake City Council, where I served as Mayor Pro-Tem in 2022 and 2023.**

**In addition to public office, I've been involved in industry leadership. I served twice as President of the Spokane Home Builders Association and represented builders across the state through the Building Industry Association of Washington for six years. One of the efforts I'm most proud of was building and selling a home and a custom playhouse, with 100% of proceeds going to the Children's Miracle Network and the West**

**Central Community Center, respectively.**

**I'm married, a father of five grown children, and a grandfather to five. In my free time, I enjoy boating during the summer and taking a short winter break in a warmer climate. I'm committed to my responsibilities and always come prepared to serve with integrity, purpose, and a drive for results.**

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

Liberty Lake City Council Member (2020–2023)  
Mayor Pro-Tem, Liberty Lake City Council (2022–2023)  
Liberty Lake Planning Commission (2018–2019, 2024–2025)  
Spokane County Civil Service Commission (2024–2025)  
21-year retired military veteran  
President, Spokane Home Builders Association (2012 & 2015)  
Building Industry Association of Washington, Board Member (6 years)  
22-year local business owner  
Association of WA Cities: Certificate of Municipal Leadership  
Graduate of four military leadership courses  
HOA President, Legacy Ridge (2023–2025)  
Community service: Home and playhouse built/sold for charitable causes

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

My duty as a councilmember is to lead with integrity, ensure fiscal responsibility, and make well-informed decisions that serve the best interests of our city. Success in this role comes from preparation, collaboration, and action. I come to every meeting ready to engage, debate, and decide. I'm not interested in politics for show—results matter.

My business and construction background allow me to approach city growth and budgeting with a unique, pragmatic perspective. During my last term, I managed millions in city budgets, supported key capital projects, and upheld sound fiscal policies. I prioritize public safety, capital improvements, and infrastructure investment, all while preserving the small-town charm that Liberty Lake residents value.

I bring a balanced, solutions-focused approach to governance, grounded in both experience and accountability.

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

Success is measured by completed projects, responsible budgeting, and the overall quality of life in our city. During my last term, I helped move forward the Trailhead Clubhouse rebuild, the new public works building, acquisition of the future library site, and the police guild contract. In the coming term, I'll focus on finalizing the library facility plan and continuing to address long-term capital needs. Voters should evaluate me based on project completion, fiscal responsibility, and transparent communication.

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

President, Legacy Ridge HOA (2023–2025)  
Built and sold home benefiting Children's Miracle Network  
Built and sold playhouse benefiting West Central Community Center  
Active in local civic commissions and councils

## 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 the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Government should only infringe upon them under extreme conditions, such as rebellion or invasion, when public safety is at genuine risk. The misuse of "public safety" during COVID has shown us how easily this standard can be abused, and that must be corrected.

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

I consider myself a constitutional originalist. The Constitution is meant to serve as a stable foundation, not something reinterpreted at whim. That said, I respect the process of amendments and the high standard set by the Founders to enact lasting changes.

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

The purpose of government is to represent the people and uphold the Constitution. A republic functions through elected representatives acting within the framework of the law. I will continue to base my decisions on the law, community input, and what best serves the majority, while upholding fundamental rights and freedoms.

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

I believe life begins at conception. However, I also recognize the complexity of personal circumstances. Ultimately, this issue should be decided by each state's voters, not by federal mandate.

### **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 make myself available by phone and email and have a proven record of being responsive and accessible. I vote with common sense, honesty, and integrity. I listen, respond, and engage in meaningful dialogue, even with those who disagree. I believe in service with purpose—and in earning the trust of the people I represent.

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

At this time, I don't have specific questions, but I would ask that SCRCC continue to be a strong and consistent voice for Eastern Washington. Your advocacy and insight are vital to our future. Thank you!

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