



North Ada County Foothills Association

One voice. One goal. One plan.

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Dear Candidate:

We sincerely thank you for caring about our community and making the commitment to serve at a critical time for Eagle. We are looking forward to the opportunity to learn more about each of you and hear about your vision, priorities and approach to the many significant issues facing Eagle today and into the future.

NACFA, whose members include residents of the local area as well as foothills users from throughout the region, was formed nearly five years ago to actively participate in various planning initiatives for the Treasure Valley, Ada County and Eagle. We are committed to responsible growth that balances the priorities of current residents with those of developers, with emphasis on:

- maximum community involvement;
- solid and complete information on which to make decisions; and
- transparency in the decision-making process.

Above all, we believe in pragmatic consensus. Please see our website, www.nacfa.net, for more information.

Attached you will find questions on those issues about which we'd like to know your opinions and plans. We hope you will take the time to respond and encourage you to be as specific and descriptive as possible; feel free to add topics you believe are important that we may not have identified.

Please tell us a bit about yourself, including career history (or a current resume), community involvement, what brought you to Eagle and the features of Eagle you see as unique and valuable within the Treasure Valley. Mayoral candidates are asked to specifically address experience supervising staff and managing complex programs.

Please respond by September 23, 2007, so that we may post your responses on our website and give voters a chance to learn about you in your own words. (We request you email us a Word document, sent to LaVonne Niccolls at the email address listed below or, less preferably, a paper copy at PO Box 969, Eagle, ID 83616.) We will not be able to post questionnaires received after September 23. If you are willing to meet for about an hour and discuss issues further with us, please also let us know as well your availability during the week beginning October 1.

Again, we thank you for your service and for your willingness to share your thoughts and ideas.

Sincerely,

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CANDIDATE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
2007 Eagle Mayoral and Council Positions

1. Describe the role of mayor/councilperson as you see it. What do you see as **the** most critical issue facing the City? What's the first thing you'd work to change if elected? Prioritize the issues you expect to be most important over your term.
2. Discuss the Blueprint for Good Growth and your position on issues, including the Adequate Public Facilities ordinance. (See www.blueprintforgoodgrowth.com, "Downloads", September 2006 Phase I report.)
3. Do you agree with Eagle's plans to annex additional land to the west, north of Beacon Light Rd. toward SH 16, and 32,000 acres to the north, including the foothills north to the County line? Why or why not? Discuss your position on the major issues of water, transportation, infrastructure, open space and density, particularly as contained in the foothills comp plan amendment. (See www.cityofeagle.org, "Foothills", "P & Z Recommendations.")
4. What level of emphasis, if any, do you expect to place on coordination and cooperation with other jurisdictions and agencies that have influence on or are impacted by development? How do you plan to improve/implement such interaction?
5. Describe your vision of what Eagle will look like in 20 years in the following areas:
 - Population
 - Downtown character
 - Commercial districts
 - Foothills (as incorporated Eagle or in its area of impact)
6. What do you believe to be the desires of current residents regarding the issues stated in question #5?
7. Describe the steps you would endorse to ensure protection of water resources for all residents (city, AOI and foothills).
8. Describe your vision for open space as a part of Eagle's way of life. Include such things as the types of open space you believe are important, the purpose/use of open space, how much (e.g., percentage of new development) is minimum versus how much is desirable, what types of recreation would occur in open space, etc. State your position re a levy on Eagle/Ada County residents to preserve foothills open space.
9. What factors should govern the placement/configuration of any improvements and /or new roads that are necessary to serve development? What relationship do you see, if any, between patterns/amount/placement of new development and the existing transportation system? How should new development be handled if road improvements necessary to serve that development are uncertain? Do you support a change to state statute to allow local option taxes (e.g., as a method of funding transit)?
10. State your position on how the following issues relate to and should or should not affect development decisions:
 - Traffic, road funding and timing
 - Impact fees
 - Mass transit
 - School funding and timing
 - Air quality
 - Police/fire protection and funding

11. Foothills priorities: Please rank the following in order of importance to you (#1 being most important, #12 least important):

- Minimize environmental and social impacts of future development in the foothills.
- Identify alternatives to existing zoning (mix of 10- and 40-acre minimum lot sizes) that will better protect sensitive natural and other resources.
- Direct development towards specific areas and avoid it in others to protect open space.
- Locate most development, and all high-density development, close to highways, major roads and/or other public facilities.
- Provide a range of housing types and lot sizes for future residents.
- Maintain opportunities for rural lifestyles and retain the rural character of the area to the extent possible.
- Avoid development in areas with sensitive resources to protect them and create an interconnected open space framework. Maintain large contiguous tracts of habitat to ensure wildlife is not displaced.
- Continue to provide and/or enhance access to public lands or other areas for non-motorized recreational opportunities.
- Establish a network of trails for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians that is accessible to the public.
- Avoid development in steep areas in the range of the foothills and other visually sensitive areas.
- Ensure that future development has access to an adequate supply of water, without adversely impacting water supplies for existing residents or other users.
- Ensure that new growth funds the cost of public facility improvements needed to serve it (e.g., water, wastewater treatment, transportation, schools, fire protection, law enforcement and other needed services).