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VOTING INFORMATION

Ballots Mailed:
Beginning Friday, October 12

Election Day|Ballots Due:
Tuesday, November 6

District 11 Board of Education Candidate Forum:
October 16, 6:00 PM
Carnegie Room Penrose Library,
20 N Cascade Ave

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Pikes Peak Equality Coalition Collaborates for Candidate Survey

Citizens Project is proud to partner with the Pikes Peak Equality Coalition (PPEC) to bring you this important voter resource. The questions in the survey were compiled by members of the coalition.

The PPEC is a roundtable of non profit organizations that share the values of justice and equality, personal privacy, and a vibrant and sustainable community.

Citizens Project first collaborated with the PPEC to provide the voters of Colorado Springs with one comprehensive Candidate Survey for the April 2007 municipal elections, rather than each organization

printing their own.

We hope that you enjoy reading this joint survey! For more information on PPEC please email ben@citizensproject.org

PPEC organizations include: ACLU of Colorado, Citizens Project, Colorado Progressive Coalition, Colorado Unity, Inter-Religious Clergy Alliance, NAACP, Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, and TESSA.

Nominations sought for Divine Award Deadline October 26th

Citizens Project is seeking nominations for its second annual Divine Award.

This award is given annually to a person in the Pikes Peak region who has worked tirelessly to create a vibrant democracy in which equal rights are protected, individual freedoms are secure, differences are respected and people fully participate in civic and community life.

In 300 words or fewer, submissions should include why this nominee has demonstrated through leadership,

action and attitude that he or she embodies the Citizens Project ideals of "Celebrate Diversity" and "Create Community." Please provide specific information about your nominee's roles in the community – both officially and informally – and how you believe your nominee has made a lasting impact on the community. Deadline for submission of nominees is October 26th. Please include your name and daytime phone number with your nomination. Email nominations to ben@citizensproject.org.

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ABOUT THE SURVEY: All candidates received a copy of the survey. Answers are limited to 50 words. Any answers over 50 words were cut off at 50 words. Answers are printed exactly as provided by the candidates with no editing. Responses can also be viewed on our website: www.CitizensProject.org.



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<p>1. Why are you running for school board and, if elected, what will be your priorities?</p>	<p>1. I want to continue the stability of the board and the district. I will ensure that D11 budgets and spends the public's money efficiently and appropriately, directing resources to support student learning. I will work for meaningful parent and family involvement in schools to create lifelong learners.</p>	<p>1. To continue being a positive voice for all of School District 11. My priorities are to make every school a success and provide every student with the best education possible. I want to see more vocational education, additional counselors and school buildings that provide the best learning environment.</p>
<p>2. How should the school district address the minority student achievement gap?</p>	<p>2. D11 should measure students' longitudinal growth and use every data tool available to assess progress and make sure each student's learning style is met. Response to Intervention (RtI) allows immediate action so students are not left to struggle, and teaching strategies are modified to be effective for that student.</p>	<p>2. D-11 is implementing (RTI) Response To Intervention initiative, which is designed to individualize what each student needs academically to improve. This and other initiatives, including more student contact days, full day kindergarten and more pre-school classes, will help address the minority student achievement gap.</p>
<p>3. How can your school district use the CSAP data to improve student achievement?</p>	<p>3. All testing data is available in the "EASy" data management system. Teachers can see point in time data and trends. The system allows lesson plan development based on specific achievement targets. CSAP data is used in developing School Improvement Plans (SIPs.)</p>	<p>3. CSAP scores provide a snapshot of where students are on a given day. CSAP scores are useful but they are not the only measure of student achievement and academic improvement in our schools. CSAP scores and other measures should be used to determine what is best for D-11 students</p>
<p>4. What type of sex education do you believe should be taught in public schools and why?</p>	<p>4. A comprehensive, age appropriate, science-based curriculum should be taught, as legislated by HB 1292 this year. Any parent may opt their child out if they wish.</p>	<p>4. Schools, in partnership with families and the community, should provide age-appropriate, accurate sex education. This includes information about abstinence and contraception. A complete education will help students make responsible decisions.</p>
<p>5. Should schools be required to provide non-judgmental counseling and referrals to students on issues relating to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender sexuality?</p>	<p>5. If students seek information, counselors should be prepared to respond. D11 has an anti-bullying policy and each school must develop a plan. Counselors should be very aware of their school's plan. No student should feel unsafe in any school due to any of these issues.</p>	<p>5. Yes. District 11 has a supportive staff of counselors, who, despite a high student-to-counselor ratio (approximately 400 to 1 at the high schools), are tasked with meeting the needs of all students and providing non-judgmental referrals.</p>
<p>6. Should schools allow Gay-Straight Alliance clubs the same recognition and privileges as other clubs, including participation in school sanctioned diversity activities? Why, or why not?</p>	<p>6. Yes. A two-tiered system caused the tragic loss of many clubs in addition to the GSA. The amount of district resources available for these clubs is minimal (space on bulletin boards, etc.) and the district should seek to give students connections to schools outside class time.</p>	<p>6. Yes - Clubs are definite plus for high school leaning and attendance. I do not District 11 should discriminate based on race, color, creed or sexual preference.</p>
<p>7. What are your thoughts on addressing the costs imposed on school districts, in terms of financial resources and staff time, to comply with No Child Left Behind and the CSAP testing process?</p>	<p>7. Unfunded mandates reduce the district's direct support of students. We see fewer full time music, art and P.E. teachers in our schools, I believe, because those subjects aren't tested by CSAP. We must be efficient in meeting NCLB guidelines so as to minimize the financial impact on other instruction.</p>	<p>7. The many requirements of No Child Left Behind and related CSAP testing are somewhat offset by grant money. The cost and time for CSAP testing does carry a big burden. If CSAP testing can become a better tool in helping improve student achievement it will make the cost more affordable.</p>
<p>8. What responsibilities, if any, should the school district assume for dealing with societal problems such as poverty, hunger, emotional illness and drug abuse?</p>	<p>8. Parents are a child's primary caregivers. Public schools welcome every student. Helping them to be healthy and adequately fed and clothed enables them to learn better in and out of school. Often the school is a parent's source for information and education on these issues and we should be responsive.</p>	<p>8. Public education always has held great promise to provide a pathway out of poverty. D-11's full day kindergarten and pre-school program will help disadvantaged students prepare for first grade and a life of learning. We need more counselors and social workers to help students meet the many challenges they face.</p>
<p>9. How much importance do you place on arts education (music, visual arts, performing arts) in the schools?</p>	<p>9. Teaching the arts ensures we are educating the whole child and creating 21st Century Learners. The more we learn about how the brain works, the more benefit we realize by developing the "right brain" as well as the "left brain". This results in students becoming critical thinkers.</p>	<p>9. I believe we must provide art, music and P.E. at every elementary school and offer the arts in the middle and high school elective curriculum. I am a strong supporter of all our arts and believe they are an important part of educating each child.</p>
<p>10. What is your perspective on charter schools and educational voucher programs?</p>	<p>10. Charter schools are public schools and should be meet the same standards as traditional schools. Innovations in charters that help students achieve should be incorporated in other schools. Vouchers are unconstitutional in Colorado and I do not support amending the constitution to allow them.</p>	<p>10. D-11 oversees seven charter schools and four fall under state charter authority. We work cooperatively with these schools and hold all to the same high standards. I am opposed to vouchers and believe the costs and benefits of charter schools must be balanced against the needs of all district students.</p>
<p>11. How should the school district ensure community involvement in district decision-making?</p>	<p>11. We should have a comprehensive, ongoing recruiting campaign for school and district committees and activities. We should promote the purpose of building and district accountability committees. The community needs to feel welcome in all areas of decision-making. Everyone can have a role in seeing that our students succeed.</p>	<p>11. D-11 continually seeks participation on its many citizen committees to ensure community involvement and guidance at all levels, from the building to the district and the board of education. I believe our new school board goal to continue improving communications with our parents and patrons will further benefit us all.</p>



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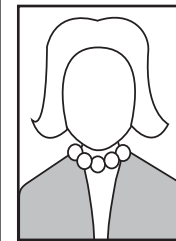


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1. After serving over 8000 hours to district 11, we decided that I would take next step and run for school board. A couple of my priorities would be to work on closing the achievement gap, increasing the graduation rate, and increasing communication between the parents, teachers and the community.

2. Although the district is already researching student achievement, we might also look at teaching styles and expectations and how it is regarded in minority communities. Another alternative maybe to look at successful models in other states.

3. The school district, so far has been able to use the CSAP test scores to isolate strengths and weakness areas, but could further disaggregate the information to find out what challenges there are in teaching the information to individual students.

4. A healthy approach to teaching sex education, would be to teach a wide range of information from several different resources, but to carefully monitor how it is taught and use age appropriate methods, such as science based health education.

5. I believe that a referral method is most appropriate when helping students with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues, some of which are included in state mandate bullying policies.

6. There are many school sanctioned clubs in district 11, and no one club should be denied access to club sanctioned activities.

7. All mandates regarding the NCLB and the CSAP testing process should be fully funded if the federal government wants districts to be in full compliance.

8. With parents being the primary care givers of children, the district sometimes needs to provide adequate resources to help children in need with a nurturing learning environment.

9. In order to encourage divergent thinkers who are well rounded, we must support and encourage all children to explore music and the arts. We must educate the whole child to measure true success.

10. It is in our state constitution that voucher programs are not legal. With the decline in student enrollment and monies to run the district, we need to find a way to support current schools we have now without being forced to cut funding by creating more charter schools.

11. The district does a fine job of creating opportunities for parents, teachers, and the community to be involved in our schools by organizing PTA's, BAAC's, sounding boards, take home newsletters, the district 11 website, and emailing the "District 11 Communicator".

1. I am running to continue the many of the tasks I have initiated up to this point e.g., pay for performance; reorganize D-11 as a more efficient public institution, reopen East Middle School as a productive state of the art education institution.

2. The key to the minority student achievement gap is positive parental involvement. Parent and school leaders to include must work as a team to promote and reward academic achievements. Additionally, all students must be held accountable.

3. CSAP is our public performance metric. Public teachers and administrators in Colorado designed CSAP. It should reflect the educational standards taught in our public schools. CSAP should give us a common standard for the education in our district and state.

4. In my view we should limit this topic to basic biology of the human anatomy and sexually transmitted diseases.

5. No. That is responsibility of the parent or guardian.

6. All sanctioned clubs should receive identical recognition.

7. Each of our 50 states has a standardized academically focused test. These test were brought about by the general slippage in the academic performance of the majority of American students in academic achievement areas as compared to other industrialized nations. Often American students score below third world countries.

8. As a public system, we have a responsibility to combat these societal issues without loosing sight of our responsibility to educate the nation's children. The district has a host of programs designed to address these issues.

9. Historically, I have supported the arts. If re-elected I will continue to do so. Many of our students graduate as a direct result of their participation in various art programs across the district.

10. Charter schools are a result of a need for competition within the government school system. Charter schools are public schools with a specific charter with a school district or the state of Colorado.

11. In my view this should conduct a semi-annual or annual surveys to key stake holder groups. As a minimum a sample surveys should be sent to the parents, community service clubs, public actions clubs and minority clubs and organizations.

1. I am running in support of Quality Neighborhood Schools with endorsements from Fred Bland, president of the Hillside Neighborhood Association and Sam Dunlap, chair of the committee to re-open East Middle School. The district eleven community must assure that we have the best schools possible everywhere with no excuses.

2. Teach reading starting in kindergarten and offer quality one-on-one tutoring with accountability for measurable student achievement.

3. CSAP is currently under review for the validity of its content. Effective teachers assist students in improving achievement in connection with involved parents. There are many research driven assessment tools that accurately measure student performance for instructional use.

4. Parents and students determine the appropriate content of sex education curriculum and share this choice with the school system.

5. All services to all students should be unbiased.

6. School district eleven has been successful litigated on this subject. I concur with the court's decision against the school district. I have previously written comments for Citizens Project on this topic. Schools are obligated to be unbiased in services and offerings to all students.

7. Parts of NCLB are underwritten by federal funds allocated to the school district. These federal dollars are called Title One. Schools systems should deploy staff resources for accountable outcomes for all students--- that is the primary work of the schools.

8. All of the public schools provide free and reduced lunches to eligible to alleviate student hunger. Lincoln, John Adams, and Helen Hunt have effective services through the use of the community liaison to assist the special needs of their student population.

9. Our students are multitalented and we need comprehensive curriculums in all schools to meet the needs of the students.

10. Vouchers are not legal in the state of Colorado. I agree that we should comply with the law. Some charter schools are successful. Most charters are not. Our students deserve and need the most effective schools possible.

11. We should avoid a recurrence of situations like East Middle School. A committee was formed to review the closure of the school after it was closed. See www.busbyforschoolboard.org



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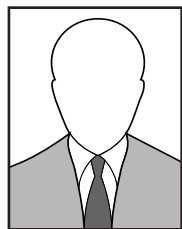
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<p>1. Why are you running for school board and, if elected, what will be your priorities?</p>	<p>1. To provide a balanced leadership focused, without personal agenda, on student achievement / opportunity for a successful life. My priorities include: increasing both graduation rates and student population; advancing a broad range of intervention programs meeting the needs of ALL students; and building new programs based on early childhood education.</p>	<p>1. I have a great interest and passion for the education of our children. I bring the respect, courtesy, dignity and ability to work as a team with other members of the School board, Superintendent, Staff, Schools' Leadership, Parents and Students. Priorities: • Quality Education for All Students • 100% Graduates/0% Drop-Outs • Resources</p>
<p>2. How should the school district address the minority student achievement gap?</p>	<p>2. How should the school district address the minority student achievement gap? First, approach students not scoring as proficient/advanced as individuals not groups. Then, we use researched-based intervention programs, such as Response to Intervention, to measure progress in reading, math, language and science every month, not year. Finally, we engage specific racial/national origins to get parents directly engaged.</p>	<p>2. D11 should use best teaching practices as proven by research and successes elsewhere. This includes using multi-cultural education methods in the classroom environment. We should hire and train staff, management and teachers to reflect all our cultures and integrate teaching practices in our classrooms.</p>
<p>3. How can your school district use the CSAP data to improve student achievement?</p>	<p>3. This data is useful, but not all we need to look at. We should look at longitudinal data over 3 or more years for specific schools, grades, and if possible, students. Then, this information should be aligned with District objectives and curricula and compared with other testing data, such as MAPS/ACT.</p>	<p>3. CSAP testing needs a total rehab. – Process, content, preparation activities, criteria, rules and correlation to in-class grades. Also CSAP data must be analyzed thoroughly with factors such as particular school or year group, turn-over rates (teachers, Students) and other trends. Identify elements that we have control over. Work with those.</p>
<p>4. What type of sex education do you believe should be taught in public schools and why?</p>	<p>4. A broad-based and scientifically objective program which addresses medical issues, health matters, social, psychological and responsibility elements directly involved with teen or pre-marital sex. We should not "pretend" sex away, however, the District should seek parental and community stakeholder input.</p>	<p>4. Taught from a public health point of view, our community (staff, teachers and parents) needs to ensure our children, AKA future adult citizens, are educated on public health issues and the impact of such. Parents need to be able to opt out of sex education for their children.</p>
<p>5. Should schools be required to provide non-judgmental counseling and referrals to students on issues relating to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender sexuality?</p>	<p>5. Should schools be required to provide non-judgmental counseling and referrals to students on issues relating to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender sexuality? Yes. Obviously, this is a very sensitive issue. But I believe that appropriate counseling and referrals on these subjects are a part of the educational environment. Students or groups concerned or interested in these type issues should have District resources to gain information, education and support.</p>	<p>5. These are tough parent-child issues and any "required non-judgmental counseling" needs to have the parents involved also. The impact of having an expert counselor on staff (funding, expertise, availability, facilities) and the privacy issues need to really be studied before acting on this one.</p>
<p>6. Should schools allow Gay-Straight Alliance clubs the same recognition and privileges as other clubs, including participation in school sanctioned diversity activities? Why, or why not?</p>	<p>6. Yes. I believe this is a matter of reasonableness, fairness and freedom of speech. Students involved in this kind of activity should have a safe and supervised environment, free from harassment and providing the protections/privileges other groups enjoy. They should be permitted to participate in sanctioned diversity events.</p>	<p>6. Schools need to have policies and rules regarding the institution of school sanctioned clubs. I believe school clubs should be focused on academic and vocational skills training (Future Teachers, Future Farmers, and Language Clubs) rather than social or political issues clubs.</p>
<p>7. What are your thoughts on addressing the costs imposed on school districts, in terms of financial resources and staff time, to comply with No Child Left Behind and the CSAP testing process?</p>	<p>7. NCLB legislation/State CSAP testing place huge financial burdens on school districts. There should be new laws that provide adequate funding to cover these required expenses. I do favor the accountability and standardization, more or less, that these programs provide. With specific changes and \$, these educational initiatives can work better.</p>	<p>7. Teachers need to teach the relevant knowledge curriculum, not the CSAP test. The No Child Left Behind Act needs to change its motivation from penalty-driven to reward driven. We need to "build a fire" under our legislators to put higher priorities on funding and resources.</p>
<p>8. What responsibilities, if any, should the school district assume for dealing with societal problems such as poverty, hunger, emotional illness and drug abuse?</p>	<p>8. This is part of life and should be included in our District's educational offerings. I favor elective classes, programs and groups seeking to understand/assist people suffering with these issues. I support the Palmer H.S. Peace group and the District's students that work with Colorado College programs to alleviate societal problems.</p>	<p>8. School Districts have to deal with societal problems such as poverty, hunger, emotional illness and drug abuse as they affect our students (Individual and other Students) learning environment – We need factual counseling and referrals to the appropriate agencies. Establish partnerships with local agencies. The District "Free Lunch" is a good program.</p>
<p>9. How much importance do you place on arts education (music, visual arts, performing arts) in the schools?</p>	<p>9. Great importance!! Not only art, music, drama, but vocational education, home economics, computer graphics and auto shop. These courses are critical to the well-rounded student and for some it keeps them motivated to graduate. We must fight for funding and not let CSAP/ NCLB close the doors on these students.</p>	<p>9. I think the arts are important enough that we should explore having "Magnet Schools (like an Arts Magnet school- SAIL?)". Otherwise, children should be exposed and/or given elective choices in these subjects.</p>
<p>10. What is your perspective on charter schools and educational voucher programs?</p>	<p>10. Charter schools provide smaller and specialized educational environments some parents can't find in public schools. Attendance at charters is a wake-up call for more comprehensive D-11 schools. Vouchers are a form of "free choice" and dilute the fiscal resources available. When the public speaks with pro-voucher voices, we must listen.</p>	<p>10. The Courts have denied the use of vouchers. We can learn from Charter Schools since they have more leeway, for new research, techniques and subject matter in education. Charter Schools have to comply with the explicit rules, guidelines and processes for their operation and be accountable to the school district.</p>
<p>11. How should the school district ensure community involvement in district decision-making?</p>	<p>11. Stakeholder or community participation in D-11 decisions is absolutely critical. We do it with committees like the Bond Oversight and Reconfiguration/Use Committees. We need more. We need periodic citizen/taxpayer Surveys and telephone calls to parents, grandparents and neighbors asking "how are we doing?", and "what can we do better?"</p>	<p>11. All Board Meetings open to the public; rarely hold Executive Sessions; have more informal meetings/work sessions. Hold issue discussions at different schools throughout the school district; continue the emphasis on recruiting community members for the district's committees and commissions. Publicize the district webpage more. Solicit underrepresented parental groups for volunteers.</p>



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<p>1. How long have you lived in Manitou Springs?</p>	<p>1. I have lived in Manitou Springs since 1990 – or approxameantly 17 years.</p>	<p>1. I have lived in Manitou Springs for the last 10 years. I grew up in the Colorado Springs area.</p>
<p>2. What is your vision for the future of Manitou Springs?</p>	<p>2. My vision of Manitou Springs is as I feel the resident's vision is and has always been – a warm kind hearted, friendly place to live.</p>	<p>2. Manitou Springs will be a vibrant, healthy, playful and welcoming community with a network of well-connected places - parks, trails, mineral springs, Fountain Creek, playgrounds, bars, restaurants, shops, a library, bridges, a theater, galleries and neighborhoods – that enhance our quality of life and economic bottom line.</p>
<p>3. If elected, what will you do to promote tourism in Manitou?</p>	<p>3. I would continue to promote tourism the same excellant way the chamber of commerce is promoting it now, the added beautification of Down Town.</p>	<p>3. People are discovering that Manitou is a great place to play and be outside. Hiking, biking, shopping, dining, hanging out – there are many ways to enjoy Manitou. We must continue to beautify our downtown streets, market Manitou as a unique destination, and invest in our parks, trails and Fountain Creek.</p>
<p>4. Should the city work to double the number of summer tourists visiting Manitou five years from now? Why or why not?</p>	<p>4. I think it would be a great idea for the city Bussiness's in 5 years to double the number of annual tourist visiting Manitou Springs.</p>	<p>4. Manitou should be a year-round destination for folks who enjoy outdoor recreation, the arts, fresh food, shopping or a cold beer (or iced tea) in a beautiful, friendly mountain setting. Manitou is and should remain a great place to be any time of year.</p>
<p>5. There are many Manitou residents concerned about global warming. What, if anything, should the city do to reduce carbon emissions in the public sector? In private residences? In local businesses?</p>	<p>5. To lower carbon emissions the city could reward citizens and businesses who drive less often, who drive vehicles with low emission and who walk/bike.</p>	<p>5. Manitou joined Cities for Climate Protection and is taking steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A volunteer committee has established target reductions for 2010, 2020 and 2030 and will propose a local action plan to meet the targets. We must adopt the plan and commit to the next steps.</p>
<p>6. What do you think are the pros and cons of the proposals to restore Fountain Creek?</p>	<p>6. All pro's, no cons, yet restore it with the other connecting water ways in Manitou Springs – Ruxton Creek, Sutherland Creek, and out own Manitou Reservoir.</p>	<p>6. Pros: Sustainable urban fishing area (one of a handful in the region); recreation-based tourism; wildlife habitat; environmental education; better water quality; natural beauty; higher property values. Cons: Home maintenance lapses because everyone's "gone fishin." I support this project with my time and money. Check out www.restorefountaincreek.org</p>
<p>7. What are your first priorities for improving local infrastructure?</p>	<p>7. The 1st priorities is always with the local residents who have passed a Bond to pay for the project, in hopes of increasing revenues.</p>	<p>7. 1) Complete streetscape improvements per the Avenue Plan; 2) carry out the first phases of the Soda Springs Park and Fountain Creek restoration projects ; 3) sewer main upgrades; 4) prioritize residential street paving and drainage improvements; 5) build the Creekwalk Trail from Manitou to Colorado Springs.</p>
<p>8. What should the city government do to promote art and culture?</p>	<p>8. Build a College to provide an accredited degree program in Arts and Culture attract more scholars to teach, students to learn Arts/Culture.</p>	<p>8. Work through the Manitou Springs Arts Council (MSAC) to develop a three-year arts action plan that identifies practical steps for promoting arts and culture. Help MSAC build its organizational capacity to meet plan objectives. Incorporate public art in the built environment. Sponsor community-wide arts events.</p>
<p>9. What would you do as an elected official to help end violence against women?</p>	<p>9. As an elected public official, I would seek to end all violence against anyone by incorporating policy/programs that fosters environments of love and kindness.</p>	<p>9. Make sure offenders are arrested and prosecuted; hire more women police officers; support affordable housing, living wage and child care programs to assist low-income women living in our community; endorse events like "Take Back the Night;" and speak out against community violence</p>
<p>10. Manitou Springs has a large population of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals and families. Although Colorado has a new employment nondiscrimination law that includes sexual orientation, it does not cover discrimination in housing and public accommodations. Would you support extending nondiscrimination protection in these areas?</p>	<p>10. Manitou Springs has a large population of people who seek to live in peace and harmony illegardlis of race/creed/gender/ of sexual orientation.</p>	<p>10. Manitou Springs is a welcoming community in spirit and we should be a welcoming community in law as well. Local LGBT rights advocates should present a non-discrimination ordinance to City Council for consideration.</p>
<p>11. What should the city do to promote affordable housing?</p>	<p>11. Affordable housing is ok - for other cities/counties, not in my neighborhood. Also annex the trailer park west entrance convert to resivior – Murphyville Resivior.</p>	<p>11. While too complicated to describe here, the City can establish land use laws that provide opportunities for affordable housing and can encourage affordable housing in the redevelopment of the City's east end. Also, City Council can enforce local codes to ensure that the existing housing stock is safe and decent.</p>
<p>12. Currently about 5,000 people live in Manitou. Ten years from now, in the year 2017, how many people do you think should live here?</p>	<p>12. Ten years from now 5000 people is still an ideal population. In addition I would convert single houses/homes to more family houses/homes.</p>	<p>12. The City is currently developing a land use map that can be used to evaluate Manitou's growth potential. At this time, I don't have enough information to make an educated prediction. I would, however, like to see more families move into Manitou and raise their children here.</p>
<p>13. What question do you wish we had asked and why?</p>	<p>13. I wish you would have asked more questions about the Native Americans. They were here long before America was even a twinkle in Columbou's eye.</p>	<p>13. Manitou's elected officials must understand regional politics, know how to secure resources and get their hands dirty. I have a record of local service and leadership and a professional background in local government that I can employ for the betterment of Manitou.</p>

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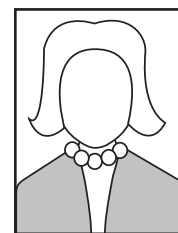
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1. How long have you lived in Manitou Springs?	1. 13 years.	1. Since April 2002 – 5.5 years
2. What is your vision for the future of Manitou Springs?	2. I see an even stronger and more inclusive community. I see a green, sustainable City surrounded by natural beauty full of new infrastructure from arch to arch. I see Fountain Creek water, as clean as our mineral springs, flowing through upgraded parks full of diverse, interesting and progressive people.	2. An active, walk-able town that relies less on tourism, and realizes a more sustainable year round trade. A diverse, tolerant, innovative and vibrant community in the middle of the front range, that draws artists and more of the creative class to our unique town.
3. If elected, what will you do to promote tourism in Manitou?	3. I will continue to support our Manitou Ave. redevelopment from arch to arch. I will support upgrading our parks, open space, mineral springs and parking facilities. I will support the many organizations that work tirelessly to host the wonderful special events that help keep our City unique.	3. I would like to see more music venues and cafes. Those amenities would draw our residents and those of neighboring communities over to us on a more regular basis. We also have great potential to host conferences as well as our existing unique events, which helps lodging.
4. Should the city work to double the number of summer tourists visiting Manitou five years from now? Why or why not?	4. Under the right circumstance, I would welcome such an increase. Perhaps it would make viable public transit and trolley shuttles. Increased revenues would accelerate public and private redevelopment. However some funds would need to be reserved to offset the impacts sure to result from so many more people.	4. Doubling tourist traffic is not ideal for residents. We need initiatives that increase traffic year-round, so that merchants are not as dependent on maximizing revenue during the 100-day summer season. A “What’s Happening in Manitou” page of The Independent would bring people in from the local trade area.
5. There are many Manitou residents concerned about global warming. What, if anything, should the city do to reduce carbon emissions in the public sector? In private residences? In local businesses?	5. We need to make our buildings and equipment as efficient as possible. We must promote conservation of natural resources not only for economics but because it is morally right. We must create incentives for future development and redevelopment to incorporate green thinking and sustainability.	5. Initiatives that reward residents to use solar power, free parking (already implemented) for hybrids, and something novel like using pedicabs to help shuttle people to and from parking lots. Perhaps the formation of a Utility co-op that residents co-owned and provided power to the grid to offset their consumption.
6. What do you think are the pros and cons of the proposals to restore Fountain Creek?	6. I am excited to see the creek enhancements in Soda Springs Park. I support the Fountain Creek watershed study that will help us to account for what we send downstream. I am concerned that CDOT’s proposals are too drastic but I commend their desire for flood control and prevention.	6. All the infrastructure improvements I have seen have been positive. If affordable, and it adds to our local quality of life, I am supportive of it. I am not aware of any cons at this time. More hike & bike trails that could connect us with OCC and beyond.
7. What are your first priorities for improving local infrastructure?	7. Completion of the Manitou Ave. redevelopment from arch to arch remains my top priority. Replacing antiquated service lines to the new urban renewal zone and other underserved areas is also a priority. A third priority is to continue making ours a walkable community by proceeding with projects like the Creekwalk.	7. Parking is a comprehensive plan including streetscape, parks and residential side streets that needs to be addressed decisively now. Our local economy is impacted as businesses struggle from lack of customers and residents on side streets are greatly inconvenienced. Parking has a surprisingly pervasive impact on manitoids.
8. What should the city government do to promote art and culture?	8. First it should allow groups such as the Manitou Springs Arts Commission and the Street Performers Committee time and space to do their jobs. The City must also continue to incorporate public spaces for the arts in future planning and redevelopment.	8. 1. Do more to attract talented performers, including lowering events fees if that is necessary. 2. Provide better venues if feasible or at least promote it as a stated goal to new entrants to the downtown business community. 3. Continue to implement/incorporate an art-walk streetscape plan with creative installations.
9. What would you do as an elected official to help end violence against women?	9. Education of the public and training of public safety personnel are our best tools. I am a long time proponent of Restorative Justice and would try to incorporate those principles into domestic violence situations in an attempt to break the cycle.	9. Trying to pay the police a competitive wage would be a start. Our emergency services workers make perhaps 30% less than our neighboring municipalities. We experience too much turnover as a result. If this is a demonstrated problem in Manitou, appropriate training including handling domestic disputes should be addressed.
10. Manitou Springs has a large population of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals and families. Although Colorado has a new employment nondiscrimination law that includes sexual orientation, it does not cover discrimination in housing and public accommodations. Would you support extending nondiscrimination protection in these areas?	10. Yes. We must strive for a society that judges people solely by the content of their character and the conduct of their actions. It is incumbent upon each generation to do what it can to further this ideal.	10. The Federal Housing Act already prohibits discrimination based on sex, including sexual harassment. That should cover everyone mentioned above. I advocate education and tolerance, and strong enforcement of the existing federal laws.
11. What should the city do to promote affordable housing?	11. I have been successful in drafting new selection guidelines for Section 8 housing that favors Manitou residents. The City should require an affordable housing contribution on an increasing scale from all new development. We should make it easier for struggling commercial properties to convert to low income housing.	11. We have many underutilized or fallow properties that could potentially become live/work spaces through zoning changes. Some properties might be converted to condominiums that have a residential/commercial component, helping the resident, the city as well as building the artist/creative class community that many of us want to live within.
12. Currently about 5,000 people live in Manitou. Ten years from now, in the year 2017, how many people do you think should live here?	12. I think we will always have a place for those seeking a caring and inclusive community. If think we could add 50 such people per year over the next ten years without a problem.	12. I would be surprised if we could fit another 200 people given our geographical (box canyon) constraints. An economic impact study has projected a number in that ballpark. There are not many build-able lots left.
13. What question do you wish we had asked and why?	13. I wish that you had asked why Manitou Springs is such a great community because it is an easy answer. It’s the people.	13. What makes this current successful period of revitalization different from previous attempts? Knowing the answer to that could be important in maintaining momentum and long term success.



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1. We purchased our home on 25 Puma Path approximately four years ago.

2. To preserve our past while investing in our future. That is, respecting and preserving our environment while enhancing its natural beauty; preserving and investing in our streets and infrastructure; and preserving our unique character, while consciously promoting the arts, fostering green/renewable issues and advancing the cause of affordable housing.

3. I will work tirelessly to finish the Manitou Avenue Revitalization Plan, collaborate with the, Business Improvement District, Chamber of Commerce, Fountain Creek Restoration Project, Manitou Arts Project, Economic Development Council and others to create a place tourists and residents will want to spend time in and enjoy.

4. Increasing tourism is essential because our town is dependent on sales tax revenue, but just as important will be getting more of our own residents and area neighbors to shop in town throughout the year, possibly mitigating the need for large year-over-year increases in summer traffic.

5. The city is measuring its "carbon foot print". The business community can change from incandescent light bulbs to fluorescent bulbs and from the current T standard fixtures to more efficient fluorescent fixtures. On the public side, taking advantage of Governor Ritter's Department of Energy to conduct efficiency audits will help.

6. Restoring Fountain Creek will make the creek a wonderful habitat for many species of Colorado fish and add to the scenic beauty of our creek thereby attracting both residents and tourists. Restoration efforts, on the other hand, may lessen any opportunity to use the creek for rafting.

7. My top priorities are to attempt to increase funding for paving/repaving city streets, maintenance and repair of sewer lines and water mains, and to continue the final phases of the Manitou Avenue Revitalization Plan.

8. Continued support of the Business Arts Center and staying in close contact with the Manitou Springs Arts Council and other artists groups and individuals is critical. Where needed, the city should be open and willing to assist in waiving fees for public projects and parades and supporting other artistic endeavors.

9. I will provide support to our law enforcement and enhance education and prevention.

10. Yes.

11. We should make a point of exploring all federal and state sources of money that can be used to offset high rents and we should work hard to obtain affordable/mixed use housing in any large development projects ultimately going in on the east side Urban Renewal Authority area.

12. I imagine we will stay about the same size we are now. I appreciate the smallness of our town and its ability to keep its uniqueness over the years and will strive to preserve our sense of place.

13. Is it important for the city to support and collaborate with volunteer groups? I wish you had asked this because there is a spirit of volunteering in this community that is unlike any other place and it should be nurtured and supported to the greatest extent possible.

DID NOT RESPOND

1. 34 years

2. To ensure a stable economy, maintain a friendly and efficient city government, continue and give support to the arts and health culture. Also, maintain a safe and friendly family environment.

3. As past president of the Chamber of Commerce, I am always dedicated to a good marketing plan that promotes business, the arts, lodging, food and the health culture. Stand with the Chamber to work with travel writers, magazines and any vehicle that will promote the positive aspects of the city.

4. If by improving off season business, yes. Otherwise, no. Parking is a serious issue. Working with the Metro Parking District is necessary. Finding easily accessible parking is the real issue and we must support Metro. A shuttle and the monies to run it is necessary.

5. The city must lead by example. It is already changing its lighting. The city can sponsor seminars, help the library promote information. Promote walking. For business - florescent floods. Stay on top of new information.

6. From what has been proposed it looks encouraging I am interested in Senator Salazars ideas for making Manitou a demo project.

7. That is already being addressed by the city as we continually update, repair and improve and upgrade looping of water lines. We must remember that much of our infrastructure is over 100 years old requiring prudence and study on the part of Council.

8. Within the last two years, the city has set up the Manitou Springs Arts Commission. The art banners were suggested and the city went with it promoting childrens art. We need to continue to recognize the value and talent that is in our city.

9. I don't believe in violence or abuse in any form of either sex. Continued enforcement of domestic violence laws including training those involved in law enforcement.

10. No individual should be discriminated against for sexual orientation. No person should be discriminated against for their religious belief system. No person should be discriminated against on the basis of color. Prejudice speaks to the worst in humankind. I am against it.

11. This is tough. The cost of our housing is second only to the Broadmoor. This is an issue that requires all the city entities (Chamber, churches, ED, Urban Renewal, schools and city) to come together and brainstorm possibilities. This would, at least, give us a place to start from.

12. We are land locked. Maybe 200 more with vacant lots being built in..

13. Questions regarding drainage, storm water, economic health, planning, historic preservation, safety, water, etc. So many questions - so little space and where to begin. Do I think people are safe? Yes. How about the swimming pool and library? Makes life even better. Quality of life? It's good.

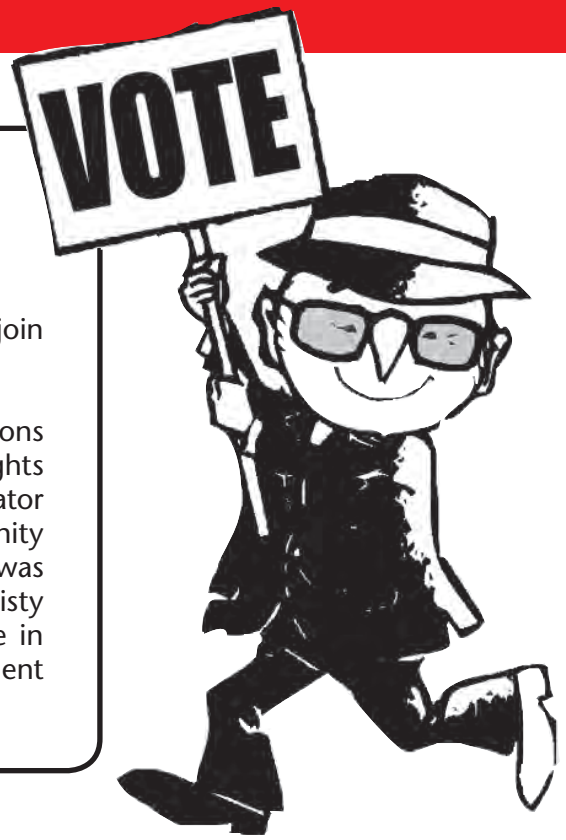


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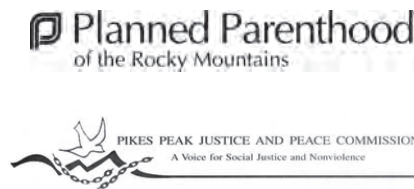
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