

Colorado Springs City Council At-Large Candidate Surveys

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Questions

1. Why are you running for City Council?
2. What past experience or strengths best qualify you for City Council?
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4. Citizens continually site growth as their main concern for Colorado Springs. What is the most important aspect of growth on which to focus?
5. What are your thoughts consolidating common services of the City and El Paso County (such as Planning and Park and Recreation)?
6. In what areas, if any, should city leadership cultivate relationships with Colorado Springs' growing minority populations, such as African-Americans, Asians, and Latino/as?
7. What measures have worked and what suggestions do you have to conserve water?
8. What is the greatest challenge facing the community and how do you intend to address it?

Candidate responses

John D. Albertson

1. To represent the general interest of Colorado Springs citizens, supporting the TOPS extension, water conservation before large, expensive water projects and careful mgmt. of C.S. Utilities.

2. I worked as an election judge in the November '02 election. Experiences as a commercial and private river runner have improved my abilities to work with others.

3. Steward the resources of the city to provide basic services, with as little intrusion into residents lives as possible.

4. Zoning is the means with which the council can retain the compelling landscape that has drawn many.

5. Only if checks and balances remain to protect the populace from degradation of services. Probably not the best way to save money.

Mark Entrekin

1.
I feel our City Council needs to push towards the issues that truly make a City. We need to concentrate on achieving our goals and stop spending so much time talking about it. We have water problems, I can bring water solutions. We have economy issues, I can bring economic solutions. We have communication issues, I will bring communication solutions.

Education:

B.S. Geography - Texas A&M Univ.

Occupation:

Asst. Mgr. - Grand West Outfitters

Colorado Springs resident:

4 years, 8 months

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6. Diverse communities are the most resilient and adaptable. Although there's little money, perhaps co-sponsorship could increase dialogues.

7. Tiering the rates based on usage is a start. Business and residential usage must be reduced. I have yet to find research showing how various mechanisms have worked.

8. Controlling thirsty growth. Residents need to adjust their expectations, as do developers. The council wields the carrot and the stick.

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Education:

Bachelor's Degree/Business Information Systems,
Master's Degree/Organizational Management

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2.

I have over 10 years of political experience and over 25 years of business experience. I will bring the results of those years of experience together to foster a results oriented City Council. We must prioritize the requirements of the City and work with the experts around the City to create and implement plans that will sincerely accomplish our goals.

3.

Accountability. I will hold the citizens/colleagues that I work with accountable and I want them to hold me accountable. We must be accountable to our citizens; to the priorities that we decide upon and accountable for the time and funding that we budgeted for every project. I will not vote for any policy that does not include accountability metrics.

4.

Truly looking to succeed in the future. We need True Leadership with a Vision to Succeed! The most important aspect or characteristic of growth is excellent planning. We need to eliminate our disaster recovery process and truly plan for a future of success, i.e. strong economy, housing opportunities, community and business collaboration, just to name a few!

5.

Consolidation will work once we build upon City/County communication. We must have joint goals and joint desires for us to succeed with consolidation. I am a strong supporter of consolidation and a strong supporter of teamwork. I don't

6.

The City Council must look in every area of city leadership to encourage and hire more minority members. We need to diversify our leadership ability so we are able to understand the City from every aspect. We cannot build a great city by ignoring any issue. I will help bring an educated diversity to our City.

7.

Blue grass is only a symptom. Yes, we need to learn to conserve water as we work to utilize our water rights to their best use. We have too much water flowing downstream. We must partner conservation with an active, continuing search for more water. One solution is to retain more of our mountain waters through high-altitude reservoirs.

8.

I think the biggest challenge facing Colorado Springs is communication and education. Many of today's problems originated long ago. We need to work better with our general public, our County leaders and our State leaders. I will address this directly. We must schedule consistent meetings with our leaders and publicize the results.

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think one works without the other.
Let's eliminate our special interest
and work for the common good of
all of our citizens.

Tom Gallagher

1. Because someone with my skill set needs to be. I have stayed in Colorado Springs through very tough times so that my children would have what I didn't. A Home Town.

2. I started under the bridge and have made my own way in this community. I believe that there is no limit to what can be accomplished if only you try. I know the essential elements of growth like no other candidate.

3. The overlooked, boring tasks associated with its role as the Utility Board. Growth concerns arise out of infrastructure impacts and demands.

4. Truly understanding the dynamics at play. Growth can, has, and will benefit a community if there is proper vision to guide it. Reacting to growth shows poor vision and breeds dissention.

5. The benefits would be felt more by the county providing a uniformity of code requirements could be agreed upon.

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Associates in Construction, Technology, Civil Engineering Design and Metalurgy

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6. All areas. Instead of celebrating diversity and keying on our differences we should concentrate on our commonalities. Inclusion occurs only when everyone is treated the same and the playing field has been truly equalized.

7. Adding water retaining materials to top soil so that water stays at the root level. Encouraging conservation measures like shorter showers and acknowledge water as a scarce resource.

8. Our infrastructure is failing. Step 1 is acknowledging that fact and allocating our limited resources to those area's that benefit the most people. Nice to have items may have to go on hold for a couple of years so that or transportation issues can be addressed. CSU needs to fast track H2O delivery and storage measures.

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Darryl L. Glenn

1.

I've been a proud member of this community for the majority of my life. I've enjoyed the privilege of being able to serve my country and the citizens of Colorado Springs as a family law attorney. It's now time for me to give back to this community by providing leadership and a vision for Colorado Springs.

2.

- a. The ability to make decision in the best interest of the city
- b. Leadership experience
- c. Integrity
- d. Strong commitment to maintain the quality of life

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4.

In my opinion the best way to control growth is through a comprehensive strategic growth plan. This plan needs to prioritize city growth objectives that are necessary to maintain our quality of life and sustain our healthy economy.

5.

City and County government should constantly be evaluated to determine if consolidating common functions would result in increased efficiency and a cost savings for our citizens.

6.

The city must work with the

Education:

Graduate Doherty High School; BS - United States Air Force Academy; MBA - Western New England College; JD - New England School of Law

Occupation: Family Law Attorney

Colorado Springs resident:

I've been a legal resident of Colorado Springs since preschool

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7.

- a. Implementation of a water conservation ordinance targeted at specific goals and objectives
- b. Multimedia education about 1) water efficiency, 2) appropriate plants, turfs and landscaping, 3) soil tests, 4) outdoor watering techniques, 5) indoor water usage and 6) local school conservation curriculum
- c. Economic incentives for achieving conservation goals
- d. Economic disincentives for failing to achieve conservation goals

8.

Lack of Vision. We must:

1. Establish a prioritized list of strategic planning requirements
2. Identify funding requirements
3. Identify funding shortfalls, demonstrate that funds aren't available within the existing budget and clearly articulate the impact of not supporting these requirements
4. Give voters input into funding solutions
5. Make decisions IAW the city's strategic objectives
6. Use Common Sense

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various neighborhood associations on community outreach projects designed to encourage citizens to take a proactive role in the health and safety of their neighborhoods.

Janak Joshi

1.
I want to serve our community.
2.
Knowing community strength and problems. Through my practice. Doing voluntary services.
3.
Keep the Colorado Springs community viable during good and bad times.
4.
Having long term vision and planning.
5.
We should work together to help whole community.
6.
To assure that all ethnic groups are treated fairly.

Greg Hollister

1.
To serve my community. I served in the Air Force 20 years and have the desire to serve others deeply engrained in my personality.
2.
I commanded units in size from 30 to 642 people with budgets exceeding \$200m. I know the most important thing for leaders to do is take care of people, listen

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M.D., M.B.A.

Occupation:
Physician

Colorado Springs resident:
25 years

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7.
Education, water saving devices, xeriscape gardening, start with children in school

8.
Growth. Working together with different stakeholders.

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Education:
BS Degrees Mgmt/Econ USAFA; MS Telecomm, CU, Boulder

Occupation:
Director, DoD Bus Dev Universal Space Network

Colorado Springs resident:
6.5 years, I also attended the Air Force Academy 4 years.

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to your experts, and provide a vision that stretches our limitations.

3.
To serve with integrity and remain true to one's oath.

4.
Doing it smartly and planning for water and transportation needs. We have not pushed ourselves far enough to plan for and meet demand in either of these areas.

5.
My experience in the Air Force has show regionalizing and consolidating reduces cost and bureaucracy and allows for process re-inventing that improves services.

Randy Purvis

1.
My goals are: Infrastructure - establish a reliable, ongoing method of paying for our community's transportation and capital needs. Water - we need measures to get us through our present situation and we need to develop sustainable water supplies for the future. Economy - The city should work together with business and industry to promote

6.
Support history months from the city. Support establishment of clubs within city employee base - model after Air Force.

7.
Continue water restrictions, require use of water efficient fixtures in new construction, tap into Glen Eagle System, expand reservoirs.

8.
Economy. Must improve tourism this year. City campaign nationwide to improve visits. Construct convention center, bring in southwest airlines, move ball park downtown if business case supports.

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Education:

Bachelor of Science, Ohio State University, 1979
Juris Doctor, Georgetown University, 1982

Occupation:

Attorney

Colorado Springs resident:

21 years

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more, better, higher paying jobs.

2. Experience. There will be at least 5 new members on the council following the election. I have 12 years experience on the Council, Utilities Board; I can get up to speed quickly. I have spent my career as an attorney, carefully evaluating information and reaching decisions. Levelheaded, I look to the facts to make decisions, considering the input of all.

3. To exercise good judgment. One can never know all of the issues that will confront us. Council members must: have an even temper, a willingness to consider all the facts, all points of view prior to making a decision; value the citizens providing information and their point of view; make decisions that provide the greatest good for the greatest number.

4. Good planning: Locating jobs, housing and shopping close to each other will help to reduce the need for roads and transportation infrastructure. We need to establish a reliable, ongoing method of paying for our community's transportation and capital needs.

5. As both governments come under increasing budget pressures, I favor studying and acting on any measures that can save taxpayers money. If consolidation of City and County departments, or indeed, city and county governments altogether, can make local government more

6. All areas. Every member of our community can provide valuable input to the operation of city government and the problems we face. Government should take a role in knitting us together as a community, by fostering and supporting events and activities that value each one of us and makes each part of a whole greater than the individual.

7. Tiered pricing for water consumption and lawn watering restrictions have helped to reduce water consumption. We need to address indoor usage as well; many older homes still have fixtures that waste water. Programs should be promoted to assist owners in replacing older fixtures with water efficient ones.

8. Our growing backlog of needed capital improvements. As a community, we need to review the methods of paying for the improvements, whether through service cuts, additional revenues or fees. Council should lead this discussion, reaching out to all in our community to contribute their voice, and then place the alternatives on the ballot for the citizens to decide.

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efficient, we should proceed.

Paul Prentice - did not
respond

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Richard Skorman

Colorado Springs resident:
Since 1970

1.
To keep us on a positive course to increase traffic mobility, promote smart growth, conserve water,

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maintain good public safety, protect water quality, preserve open space, add non-stop flights at the airport, maintain an outstanding workforce, increase water delivery, promote economic development, develop affordable housing choices and continue the excellent care that Memorial Hospital provides for all citizens of our community.

2. The Hospital, Airport, Utilities and general city together employ 7000 and have a \$2 billion annual budget. As the only incumbent running for Council and as former Chair of the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, my experience, contacts and ability to work well with other elected officials will be essential for a Council that could have 5-8 new members.

3. Having the initiative, leadership skills and foresight to plan for the future in order to protect the environmental and economic health of our community for our children and grandchildren.

4. Implementing our new Comprehensive Plan, a vision of the future for Colorado Springs that discourages sprawl, conserves water, makes sure new growth pays for itself, protects our water, open space and air quality, increases affordable housing and public transportation choices and plans for future traffic needs.

5. Many services the County provides are funded by the State. As a home rule city, Colorado Springs cannot receive state funding to provide those same services. I would support looking into the consolidation of some non-regulated and non-state funded services, such as we now do with the Regional Building Department and the ownership and operation of Penrose Stadium.

6. As one of our community's largest employers, City government needs to attract and retain a diverse workforce and to make sure that all of our employees are treated fairly. We need to expand city contracts with minority-owned businesses. And we need to be proactive in reaching out to minority populations and their leaders to make sure their concerns are addressed.

7. I support a user incentive program for water conservation, increasing rates for those in our community who over-water in order to fund a reduction in rates for those who conserve and to fund a rebate program for those existing residents who need financial help to reconstruct their landscapes and watering systems to be less water-consumptive.

8. Our greatest challenge is unprecedented growth combined with local, state and federal transportation funding shortfalls, which have earned us the dubious distinction of being the most congested city for our size in the country. The solution is to continue to be aggressive in getting our fair share of Federal dollars and place a traffic mobility funding initiative on November's ballot.

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Larry L. Small

1.

Our great city is in an economic downturn. Good jobs are disappearing. Our city's budget is stretched to the limit. I want to bring my 37 years successful business experience to serve the people of Colorado Springs, get more from our tax dollars, better manage growth, provide better public safety, expand our transportation infrastructure, and ensure an adequate water supply.

Education:

BS Electrical Engineering/Math and graduate Studies in Business

Occupation:

Retired April 2001 from Lockheed Martin where I last served as Director of Turkish Operations, responsible for all company work in Turkey.

Colorado Springs resident:

Since 1973

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2. What past experience or strengths best qualify you for City Council?

Prior City Council service. Knowledge of local, state and federal government. Fiscal management and policy making experience. Experience in evaluating cost/schedule requirements for projects. Understanding of City departments and Council-Manager form of government. Strong sense of commitment to the community. Ability to think/act independently. Ability to listen/work with others. Good judgement. High moral/ethical standards.

3. What is the most important responsibility of a council member?

Set policies, approve budgets, determine tax rates and pass ordinances and resolutions to govern the City. Represent the citizens in setting priorities to meet the needs of the city as a whole. Be a strong leader who will listen to the voice of the people. Act fairly and honestly with integrity, vision and courage in making decisions. Keep citizens informed.

4. Citizens continually site growth as their main concern for Colorado Springs. What is the most important aspect of growth on which to focus?

Abide by our Master Plan and zoning ordinances. Keep commercial and industrial growth compatible with our environment. Emphasize multi-use communities where people live, work and shop in the neighborhood. Relieve traffic congestion. Extend services to outlying areas. Expand our water delivery system. Promote water conservation. Improve our

6. In what areas, if any, should city leadership cultivate relationships with Colorado Springs' growing minority populations, such as African-Americans, Asians, and Latinos?

We should continue to emphasize minority hiring in the city administration. We should appoint more minorities to boards and commissions in the city. We should provide English language classes using volunteer instructors through the City's Human Services Department. We should promote small business loans for minorities and training on doing business in the city. Offer low interest loans to first-time home owners.

7. What measures have worked and what suggestions do you have to conserve water?

We should provide incentives to implement water technology advancements to support better reclamation and more efficient home and commercial uses. We should better educate our water users to voluntarily implement broader conservation measures. We should establish a tiered rate structure to promote conservation. We should expand our water reclamation facilities.

8. What is the greatest challenge facing the community and how do you intend to address it?

Water availability is our greatest challenge. We should build the Southern Delivery System, build Jimmy Camp Creek Reservoir, and expand the Otero pump station. We should develop additional water and waste water infrastructure. We should expand and improve on water reclamation facilities. We should expand our well system. We should support the State in the Big Straw project.

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transportation infrastructure. Plan for future mass transit system.

5. What are your thoughts on consolidating common services of the City and El Paso County (such as Planning and Park and Recreation)?

There has not been sufficient study, City Council/County Commissioner discussions, or citizen input to determine if there would be any cost effective benefit of consolidation of services. I would support a joint City/County study, using city staff, not paid consultants, to determine if such an action would be in the best interest of all parties.

Richard Stettler

Education:

BS-Accounting, BS-Finance, MAcc - Tax

1.
I enjoy serving and solving problems. My continued service has brought me to this next level.

Occupation:
CPA - Event Production

2.
TOPS committee member, 4 years; President of TOSC, 3 years. Ability to work with teams and build coalitions.

Colorado Springs resident:
15 + years, off and on since 1977

3.
Listening - communicating with as many citizens as possible.

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4.
Planned sustained growth. Lets plan before it's built. Roads. Infrastructure. Open Space.

7.
We don't have the resources to watch everyone's water use. Rationing, if needed, should be based on the number of people in household, not lawn size.

5.
It's a natural part of the evolutionary process. Economics of scale will help us do more with the same money.

8.
The fair distribution of scarce resources, not just water, but other items as well, i.e. roads, public transportation, trails and open spaces, and jobs.

6.
Provide equal distribution of the tax dollar spending throughout the community. Support cultural diversity and celebration.

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