POSSIBLE CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Questions will be selected from this list. Some questions may be combined or modified by the Moderator. Based on time limits and other circumstances, only a limited number of questions will be selected by the Moderator. Please prepare for any of the following questions that may be selected and to follow the instructions of the Moderator.

Community Vision

1. What do you believe are the top three (3) issues currently facing our community?

The three biggest issues I see are: **managing growth while protecting our rural character, improving public safety—especially on our roads—and increasing transparency.** Growth is coming, but it shouldn't come at the cost of who we are. We need to plan smart—not just fast. Public safety is also a concern. I want to work closely with the Sheriff's Office to address speeding, vandalism, and the enforcement gaps we've all seen. That means measurable responsiveness, not just reactive policing. And finally, we need to improve how we communicate with residents. Our community should never feel like the last to know what's happening in their own city.

Good leadership doesn't just listen—it acts. And not just after the fact.

2. What is your long-term vision for our community?

My long-term vision is for our citizens' concerns to be more visible—and harder to ignore. I want to see happy families using safe parks, clean roads, and walking paths that actually connect us. I want our landscaping to reflect the pride we take in this place. Most of all, I want our residents to see Marriott-Slaterville the way I always have: as a tight-knit community **that still feels like home**. That means investing in the kind of infrastructure and public spaces that bring people together—and keeping the rural identity that makes us different from every other fast-growing city in Utah.

Public Services and Infrastructure

5. What are your priorities for improving and maintaining roads, sewers, drains, secondary water, and other infrastructure?

Infrastructure shouldn't be an afterthought. I want to see every resident tied into the secondary water system—it's a fairness issue and a cost-saver. Drainage remains a problem, and wind damage has exposed weak points in our system. My priority is proactive planning: updating subdivision standards, keeping up with tech and repair schedules, and working with all five irrigation companies to streamline our systems. We can't afford to wait until things fail to fix them.

6. How will you support our designation as Utah Open Space City with policies that support our rural heritage?

Our rural identity isn't just something to reminisce about—it's what makes this city *this* city. I support the use of conservation easements to protect farmland permanently. We've already invested in those, and I'd continue to do so. Open space means more than just land—it means space to farm, to gather, to breathe. That heritage is our backbone, and I will make sure that every decision—from development to budget—keeps that identity intact.

7. How will you support our community's agriculture programs?

Agriculture is still active in our city—and we need to keep it that way. From the farmer renting city land for cattle to the programs Annie Dunnaway runs at the market, we need policies that don't just allow agriculture, but actively support it. That includes preserving zoning, using city-owned land wisely, and making sure new development doesn't edge farmers out. I want our youth to see agriculture as part of their future—not just a thing of the past.

8. As you know, Marriott-Slaterville has a history of flooding. How will you protect our community in the event of a flood and other natural disasters?

Flooding is part of our history—I've seen it many times, and if we don't respect that, it'll be part of our future too. We need to stay on top of FEMA's updated floodplain maps and make sure development stays *out* of high-risk areas. I will push for proactive updates to our infrastructure and drainage systems—not just patchwork fixes after the fact. We've seen what happens in places that build without caution. My job as mayor is to make sure Marriott-Slaterville never ends up on that list like other communities devastated by flooding and other natural disasters. Preparedness, planning, and prevention are the key.

We don't get to argue with the weather. We *do* get to plan for it ahead of time.

9. How can the community support public safety and first responders?

We already have a strong relationship with the Weber County Sheriff's Office and local fire departments—but we can do more. That starts with regular coordination, clear communication, and making sure they have what they need *before* a crisis hits.

But public safety is also about **prevention**. I want to see us address speeding, vandalism, and enforcement gaps with more than just reaction—we need results. That includes traffic calming measures like rumble strips, islands to break up long stretches of road, and even speed bumps where it makes sense. These not only slow things down, they can help beautify our roads and make them feel cared for.

I also want our roads to be more walkable—safe for families, kids, and anyone using sidewalks or trails. Public safety doesn't start with sirens. It starts with smart design, strong coordination, and leadership that listens.

Safe cities aren't just well-policed—they're well-designed.

10. What is your plan for maintaining our community events, history, traditions, parks, recreation, and public spaces?

This is what makes Marriott-Slaterville feel like home—our traditions, our open spaces, and the way this town shows up for each other. As mayor, I'll protect and grow the events that connect us, while making sure our parks and public spaces are clean, safe, and accessible for *everyone*.

That means prioritizing updates for all-abilities to access—because no one should be left on the sidelines when it comes to enjoying their own community. Whether you're pushing a stroller, using a wheelchair, or out for a walk with your grandkids, these places should feel built for you.

I also believe in celebrating our full story—not just our pioneer roots, but the Indigenous people who were here before us. That history belongs in our community narrative too.

I'll champion investments in recreation, beautification, and accessibility—because these aren't just amenities. They're the places where neighbors become friends, memories are made, and our identity as a city takes shape.

11. Rather than an explanation, just a "yes" or "no" response. Can we get a community cemetery?

Yes.

We have residents who've spent their lives building this community—and they deserve the option to stay here, even in rest. There are people who have asked for this for

years, and I support it fully. It’s not just about burial plots—it’s about honoring legacy and belonging.

Economic Development

12. How do you plan to support local businesses and encourage new businesses to open here?

For Marriott-Slaterville, the right kind of businesses are ones that strengthen our community without overpowering it. That means things like agri-tourism ventures, small markets or bakeries using local goods, trades and fabrication shops, garden centers, vet clinics, or even remote-work coworking spaces. These types of businesses support families, create jobs, and match our rural pace without disrupting it. We don't need big-box everything—we need smart, sustainable businesses that contribute to our economy and keep us unique.

Supporting local business starts with listening—and making sure the city isn't unintentionally getting in the way. I want to review how we permit, how we communicate, and how we use tools like the CRA or Community Reinvestment Plan. I also support buying conservation easements when appropriate, which helps keep farmland in place while still allowing smart economic planning.

My job as mayor is to make sure the city supports that kind of growth, not just the easy, obvious stuff.

13. What role should the city play in promoting job growth and workforce development?

Open doors, clear the red tape, and invest in the kind of town people want to work in—not just drive through.Job growth doesn't always mean big warehouses—it means building a city people want to stay in. That includes supporting trades, apprenticeships, and small business development. We can also work with regional partners and nearby cities to promote industries that make sense for us—ones that fit our identity and values. *Our job as a city is to set the foundation: clean infrastructure, strong internet, open communication, and a clear path for entrepreneurs and workers alike.* Growth without support just leads to burnout and turnover. I want us to grow smarter, not just faster.

14. How would you handle balancing growth with maintaining the farming heritage and rural character of our community?

If we could leave all the land as-is I'd be happy. The truth is, growth is here, but we don't have to trade our identity for it. I'm in support of cluster subdivisions (which has worked well for us so far) supporting conservation easements, smart zoning, and the general plan that reflects the priorities of our residents.

We can preserve farmland, plan wisely, and grow in a way that still feels like us—not just another suburb off the freeway.

Rural character isn’t just about how far apart the houses are—it’s about connection, independence, and shared values. It’s the feeling that you know your neighbor, that you can breathe a little deeper here. I will fight to keep that feeling front and center.

Community Engagement and Transparency

15. How will you ensure transparency and open communication with residents?

This is personal to me. Too often, people feel like they're the last to know—and that creates distrust. Transparency isn't just about checking a box—it's about creating trust. I want to overhaul how the city communicates with residents. That includes better bulletins, regular social media updates, a possible text alert system, and a simple online portal where people can ask questions directly and get answers fast.

Not everyone uses Facebook, and not everyone reads printed flyers. Good communication means giving people options. And I mean it when I say this: I have an open-door policy. I am genuinely thrilled when I get to sit down with residents and hear what matters to them. That's not a burden—it's the best part of this job. Communication should be clear, two-way, and constant. That's what I'll bring as mayor.

If your mayor isn't available, they're not really leading.

16. What methods will you use to keep the public involved in decision-making?

We need to meet people where they are—not just expect them to find us. I'd implement a multi-layered communication plan: clear city bulletins, a consistent and active social media presence, a text or email alert system for important updates, and an online portal where residents can submit questions or concerns and actually get a response. Not everyone uses Facebook, and not everyone reads printed flyers. Good communication means giving people options. I want residents to feel informed, connected, and never left in the dark again.

You can't build trust if no one knows what's going on.

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17. How will you interact with other elected officials and residents?

With elected officials, I'll be respectful but direct.

I'll work with anyone who's ready to get things done. I'm not here to play political games or preserve power structures—I'm here to serve this community.

I don't need to be the loudest voice in the room to be the most effective. I know how to work with strong personalities, listen when it matters, and stand firm when it counts. *That's something I've done my entire career as an executive producer, managing large teams and high-pressure situations.*

With residents, I operate with an open-door mindset—always have. I'll make sure it's easy to ask questions, get real answers, and feel heard. And I'll go further than that—I'll create new ways for people to be involved in the decisions that affect them. From digital updates to in-person conversations, I want residents to feel connected to their city government, not kept at arm's length.

Leadership isn't about power plays. It's about showing up, listening well, and leading with integrity—even when it's hard.

Budget and Fiscal Responsibility *(Have Capital Investment Plan Handy)*

18. How do you plan to manage the city's budget and ensure fiscal responsibility?

I've studied our Capital Investments Plan—and I'd like more residents to have easy access to it. It outlines priorities, budgets, and timelines. And truthfully, many of the questions I've been asked already have answers in that plan.

I'm not here to nickel and dime smart projects—but I *am* here to make sure every dollar is working as hard as our residents do. I'll review spending with the treasurer, Brent Hales,, shine a light on the capital investments plan, and make it easier for regular people to see what's going on without needing a government decoder ring.

I'll also be looking for outside dollars—grants, partnerships, and opportunities we're missing. Because sometimes being responsible doesn't mean saying no—it means being smart enough to find a better way to say yes.

Financial responsibility means staying informed, constantly reassessing, and never getting complacent. I'm always watching what other successful cities are doing—if there's a better idea out there, I want to find it. Learn, adapt, improve—that's how I lead.

I don't wait for problems—I plan for them. That's how you stay sustainable.

19. Would you consider increasing taxes or fees? If so, under what circumstances?

Nobody *wants* to raise taxes—and I'm not campaigning to do it. But I won't make empty promises just to win votes, either.

Here's the truth: I'd only consider a tax or fee increase if it was tied directly to a clear, necessary benefit—like improved public safety, upgraded infrastructure, or long-term investments that protect our quality of life. And even then, I'd demand community input and full transparency before anything moved forward.

We're a small city with no property tax. That's rare—and we've made it work so far by being smart with what we have. I'd look at every other option first: grants, public-private partnerships, spending cuts, efficiency upgrades. I'm not afraid to say "no" to bad ideas and bloated budgets.

But I'm also not going to let the city fall behind because no one wanted to make the tough call. If a change is needed, I'll explain it, justify it, and give you a chance to weigh in. That's how I lead—with honesty, not spin.

20. How would you plan to keep our community property tax-free going into the future?

By planning like a realist—

Keeping our city property tax-free is absolutely a priority—but it's going to take strategy, not luck. One key move? Diversifying our business base. The more types of businesses contributing to our revenue, the more stable we'll be long-term. That means we can absorb changes in the economy without immediately turning to residents' pockets.

I'll make sure we're maximizing what we already have. That means looking for grants, intergovernmental partnerships, and untapped funding sources. I'm not afraid to go digging for outside dollars before asking locals for more.

And of course, I'll keep a close eye on spending. We don't need to spend less—we need to spend smarter. That's how we protect the way of life we all value—without slapping on a property tax down the road.

21. How will you balance the budget while still providing essential services?

I've balanced large-scale event budgets, failure is NOT an option. You learn quickly how to prioritize, negotiate, and get the most out of every dollar. That's exactly the mindset I'll bring to our city.

I won't cut corners on the services that actually matter—like public safety, roads, water, and emergency prep—but I'll always look for ways to improve how we deliver those services. *Streamlining isn't about doing less—it's about doing it better.*

And I'll involve residents in that process. Because when people know where the money's going and why, they're more likely to support the hard choices. Fiscal responsibility isn't just about the math—it's about trust. And I plan to earn it.

Environmental and Quality of Life Issues

22. What steps will you take to create an environmentally sustainable community?

Sustainability isn't just about going green—it's about not being reckless with what we've been given.

It's smart living, especially in a city like ours where water is precious and open space is gold. I'm not here to slap solar panels on every cow or install windmills on your garage—but I *am* dead serious about protecting our open space, stretching our water, and making sure growth doesn't bulldoze our future.

We'll use conservation easements, keep farmland from getting swallowed by rooftops, and update our infrastructure so it works smarter—not just louder and leakier. This isn't about flashy eco-slogans. It's about leaving something worth inheriting.

I want our grandkids to say "thank you"—not "what the heck were you thinking?"

23. How can we support our secondary water system to expand service and prevent waste?

Look—our secondary water system isn't a luxury. It's a lifeline. And if we don't treat it that way, we'll be left high and dry—literally. Metering is just the start. We need to get all our resident tied into the system. We need education that actually sticks, leak detection that doesn't take a flood to find, and smarter watering habits that keep our landscapes green *without* draining the system.

I'll work to expand access where feasible and support funding opportunities that help residents without putting extra strain on them.

Our secondary water isn't a backup plan. It's a primary responsibility. Let's manage it like the precious resource it is—before we're left trying to explain why we didn't.

24. How will you address issues like traffic, noise, and neighborhood safety?

From the very first door I knocked on, this was the #1 issue people brought up. I've been researching solutions since day one— I'm ready to get to work. That means working closely with the sheriff's office to close enforcement gaps, *and* looking at permanent fixes like rumble strips, landscaped islands, updating standards on subdivisions and neighborhood design that forces drivers to respect our roads. Safety isn't just a law enforcement issue—it's a design issue. And I'm not waiting around to fix it.

25. What is your position on the City's General Plan? *(Pull out General Plan)*

The General Plan is our balance beam—it helps us walk the line between preserving our space and preparing for smart growth. It's not just a planning document, it's a safety

net. It keeps development out of flood zones, protects our natural resources, and guides how our city grows so we don't end up with a Texas-sized disaster on our hands. I believe in referencing it *consistently*, not just when it's convenient. And if changes are on the table, so are the voices of the people who live here.

FEMA just updated it and extended our floodplains. These are things we need to respect to keep us moving in the right direction.

26. How would you keep our City's designation as a Utah Healthy Community and Tree City USA?

🙂 Well, first—let's agree that being a *Tree City* sounds like something straight out of a Dr. Seuss book, I'm kinda here for it. In all seriousness, these titles mean something. They mean we prioritize clean air, green space, and a community where people can live well—not just exist.

I'll keep us on track by investing in our parks, keeping trees planted and protected, and making sure wellness isn't just a buzzword—it's part of how we design our city. And yes, I'll absolutely fill out the forms and chase the grants. But more importantly, I'll fight for a community where families *want* to get outside, kids have places to play, and everyone from toddlers to great-grandparents can enjoy what we've built—without tripping over a busted sidewalk or being left behind.

27. What does a thriving community look like to you?

To me, a thriving community is where people know their neighbors—because they're outside enjoying the place they live. It smells like BBQ, sounds like kids laughing, and feels like a Saturday morning that makes you want to stay.

It isn't about population growth or how shiny the signage is. It's a place where kids are riding their bikes outside, where sidewalks are actually usable for wheelchairs and strollers, and where no one feels like an afterthought because of their age or ability. It's ramps, not just stairs. Parks that work for *every* body—not just the easy ones to design for.

If we're building a community that's just busy—but not joyful, safe, and inclusive—then what are we even doing? I want us to grow on purpose, not just by accident. I see a future where our families stay, our kids come back, and our community thrives because *everyone* has a place in it.

Leadership and Ethics

28. What past experiences best prepare you for this leadership role?

Aside from being a mother and small business owner. As an executive event producer, when you manage large-scale, high-stakes events across the globe, there's no room for ego or excuses. You learn to lead with a calm head, sharp instincts, and a solid plan. That's been my professional life—handling pressure, building teams, solving problems before they even hit the radar. ***And I'm really good at it.***

But it's not just my career—it's my roots. I was raised in this community. My family has been here since the beginning. I've played in these fields, driven these roads, and now I'm raising my daughter in the same place my grandfather farmed. That gives me perspective and pride—and a deep sense of responsibility to do right by this city.

Leadership isn't just about experience—it's about heart, and hustle, and the courage to raise your hand when something needs fixing. That's me. Always has been.

29. How will you handle conflicts of interest or ethical concerns in local government?

By calling it out. Ethics can't be a gray area. I'll push for clear conflict-of-interest disclosures, transparent contract approvals, and better documentation of how decisions are made. I'm not part of any good ol' boy network, and I don't owe favors to anyone. That gives me the freedom to make decisions that serve the public—not personal agendas. I'll always err on the side of clarity and accountability, because once the public loses trust, it's hard to get it back. I'd rather lead with clean hands than cut corners.

30. What steps would you take to ensure ethical governance?

Transparency is the first step—and not the kind where information is technically public if you dig through a dozen PDFs. I'm talking real transparency, in plain language, shared clearly and consistently.

I'd push for easier access to city records, meeting summaries that actually make sense, and a culture where residents don't have to *ask* the right questions to get the truth—it's already out there.

And personally? I don't play games. I won't make backdoor deals, and I won't protect bad behavior just because someone's been around a while. Ethics isn't just about not doing the wrong thing—it's about *actively* doing what's right, even when it's uncomfortable. That's the bar I'll set. And I'll expect everyone at City Hall to meet it.

Political Philosophy

31. How do you ensure your policies reflect the diverse values of our society?

Inclusion isn't just a slogan—it's a strategy. I want every resident to feel like they belong here, whether their family's been here for generations or they just moved in last year. That means events and communication that reflect our whole population, outreach that doesn't assume everyone already knows the process, and leadership that listens before it decides. I'll create open channels for feedback, elevate underrepresented voices, and make space for new faces at every table. A strong community is one where everyone feels seen, safe, and connected.

Belonging doesn't happen by accident—it happens when leaders make room for it.

32. Can you describe a time when your values influenced your decision-making?

Absolutely. In my line of work, I've had plenty of chances to take shortcuts or do the flashy thing for applause. But I've always believed in doing what's right—even if it takes more time, more effort, or doesn't come with a spotlight. That value has kept me grounded and built trust with every team I've led. I don't cut corners—I build trust. If I can't stand by a decision with my name on it, I am not going to do it. For as long I can remember I was taught to honor my family name and our reputation in this community. A reputation to always do what's right and maintain honestly over a quick buck, or whatever the trade-in is. That's how I lead, how I parent, and how I'll serve as mayor.

I carry that same principle into public service: Do what's right, not what's easy. Every time.

33.What do you believe is the role of government in the lives of its citizens?

To serve—not to micromanage. I don't want government in your kitchen drawers, but I *do* believe in keeping your roads safe, your water running, and your family informed. The role of local government is to protect, support, and create systems that help people thrive—not confuse them with red tape or leave them in the dark. Basically: do the job, do it well, and don't waste anyone's time. It's here to protect your rights, provide essential services, and create a community where people can thrive.

34.How would you handle a situation where your personal values conflict with your constituents' wishes?

That's where transparency and trust matter most. My job as mayor is to *represent you*—and that means listening, learning, and respecting the will of the community.

I don't have to agree with every view to represent people fairly and honestly. If my values differ, I won't hide it—but I *will* show up, listen hard, and make space for public input before making a decision. I trust this community to have real conversations. And I trust myself to lead with both backbone and humility no matter the situation.

35. What measures would you take to foster unity in the community?

I'm not waiting around for people to come to City Hall—I'll meet them where they're at. I plan to host neighborhood chats in driveways, parks, and pavilions. Casual settings, real conversations where we talk, listen, and maybe argue a little—but always walk away better for it.

Because that's where connection starts—not with formality, but with showing up.

I don't believe in "us vs. them." I believe in *we*. And I'll lead like it. You can't force unity, but you can absolutely create the conditions where it grows.

I won't sit on a pedestal. I sit on lawn chairs with residents. That's how you build "we" instead of "them." You can't fake unity, but you *can* spark it—with laughter, a little humility, and leaders who aren't afraid to pass the microphone (or the brownies).

36. How do you plan on addressing the needs of minority and other vulnerable populations within our community?

First: by acknowledging they're here, they matter, and they deserve to be seen in city decisions. It starts with showing up and listening. Too often, those voices get left out because no one thought to ask. I plan to ask—often. I'll make sure our meetings, resources, and decisions reflect *everyone* who calls this city home. From translation to transportation to program access, if something's creating barriers, I want to tear it down. Inclusion isn't a side project—it's part of the blueprint.

37. How do your core values align with the universal rights and constitutional freedoms of individuals?

My values are rooted in fairness, freedom, and accountability. I believe in your right to speak, to believe, to gather, and to be treated equally under the law. But I also believe those freedoms aren't just for show—they come with a responsibility to stand up for one another. I'll protect those rights fiercely, and I'll lead in a way that shows respect isn't optional—it's foundational.

38.Can you provide an example of a compromise you've made that reflects a balance in values?

Absolutely. In my professional life, I've worked with teams where everyone came in with strong opinions and louder voices. My job was always to get results—without bulldozing anyone. One project involved conflicting client visions, let's say champagne taste with a

beer budget. So I brokered a plan that honored both sides by redefining success around shared outcomes, not ego.

I stood firm on my core values—respect, fairness, and quality—but found creative ways to bring people together. That's the kind of leadership I'll bring to City Hall.

39.What is your stance on the separation of powers within our local government?

It's essential. Separation of powers keeps our local government balanced and our decisions accountable. As mayor, I won't overstep or micromanage the city council—I'll work *with* them, not around them. I respect roles, but I also believe residents deserve unity of purpose and clear direction. So while the powers may be separate, the mission is shared: serve the people, not personal agendas.

40.How would you represent constituents with opposing views to your own?

Easy—I'd represent them *honestly.* Respect doesn't require agreement. I'm not here to build an echo chamber. I've had real conversations with folks who don't agree with me—and I've come away with better ideas because of it. My job isn't to win every argument—it's to listen, build trust, and make informed decisions that reflect what's best for the whole city. I don't back down from hard conversations—I believe they're where progress begins.

Policy and Legislative Priorities

41. What are your top three (3) policy priorities for the upcoming term?

1. Protecting our rural character while managing growth.
Development is coming whether we like it or not—but we get to decide *how*. I'll fight for thoughtful planning that protects our open space, honors property rights, and keeps our city from losing the heart that makes it special. We'll honor what's been.

2. Public safety—especially on our roads.
From day one of this campaign, I've heard concerns about speeding,and enforcement gaps. I'll work closely with the Sheriff's office, push for traffic calming measures,I'll bring measurable responsiveness, not just reactive policing.

3. Transparency and community input.
You shouldn't need a decoder ring to understand what your city is doing. I'll overhaul communication—better website, community updates, and even old-school neighborhood chats with snacks. Your voice will shape the decisions being made. **That's not a slogan—it's a promise** and the most important thing in this campaign.

42. What policies do you propose to improve community education and outreach in the operation of local government?

Right now, getting information from City Hall feels like trying to decode a treasure map—minus the treasure. That has to change. I'd start with a complete overhaul of our website so you can actually *find* what you're looking for without six clicks, three PDFs, and a prayer.

But here's the bigger shift: I'm not going to wait for you to come to City Hall—I'm bringing City Hall to you. That means regular newsletters in your mailbox and inbox, neighborhood chats (bonus points, it'll involve food), and quick, plain-language updates.

If residents don't understand what's happening at City Hall, that's not your fault—it's ours. And if I'm mayor, I'll make sure you never feel like you're piecing together rumors to know what's going on in your own city.

43. What technological advancements can we make in the community?

First off, we need to overhaul the city website—right now it's more scavenger hunt than service. I'd modernize it to make it easier to navigate, search, and actually use. I also want to explore the implementation of a user-friendly app or portal where residents can report concerns, get real-time updates, and access city info without clicking through 14 links and praying it loads.

And let's get creative—I'd love to partner with local students in journalism, IT, or political science to help cover meetings, summarize decisions, and keep the community in the know. This is about more than shiny tools—it's about connection. Tech should make life *simpler*, not more frustrating. I plan to use it to bring the city closer to the people it serves.

44. How do you propose to address affordable housing?

Right now, we have some buffer from aggressive state mandates since we're under 5,000 residents—but that doesn't mean we should ignore the issue. I believe we can get ahead of it by exploring smart, local solutions. That includes things like using city-owned housing, mixed-use options like apartments above businesses—similar to what we see on 25th Street—and accessory dwelling units where it makes sense. All of that can support affordability *without* packing in high-density developments that don't fit our rural feel.

We can protect our rural values *and* offer housing options that don't price out our own kids.

Growth is coming. The question is whether we shape it or let it shape us. I plan to lead with planning—not panic.

Affordable housing isn't one-size-fits-all. We can protect our values and still be proactive.

45. What is your position on residential development?

I've watched open fields become cul-de-sacs and I'm not here to stop people from selling their land - it's their right.

But I am here to make sure what comes next respects what's always been. That balance matters to me because I've lived both sides of it.

(Development should never outpace infrastructure, period. I support residential development that fits our General Plan, respects rural character, and doesn't drain our water, roads, or emergency services. That means slowing down where needed and standing firm with developers when projects don't align with our values. I've watched farmland turn to rooftops in my lifetime—and not all of it made sense. Growth is fine. Bad growth isn't. I'll make sure residents—not developers—are the ones being prioritized.)

Accountability and Transparency

46. How will you ensure transparency in your decision-making processes?

Involving residents means more than just posting a meeting notice. I'll bring in community feedback earlier in the decision-making process—before things are set in stone. I support surveys, open houses, town halls, and online portals where people can weigh in. I'll also be proactive about explaining *why* decisions are being made—because when people understand the "why," they're far more likely to engage in the "how." You can't govern from a bubble—and I won't.

If your leadership plan doesn't include the public, it's not leadership—it's control.

47. Can you provide examples of how you've been accountable to your constituents in the past?

I've built my entire career on being accountable. As an executive producer for high-stakes events, I manage timelines, budgets, and a revolving door of strong personalities—and the buck always stops with me. I've shown up for this city in personal ways, too: through direct conversations with neighbors, jumping in when things needed fixing, and now running for mayor because I believe our residents deserve someone who doesn't just listen—but acts. I'm not hard to reach, I don't hide behind jargon, and if something goes sideways, I'll own it and fix it. That's what accountability looks like.

I don't deflect. I don't delay. I deliver.

48. How would you respond to a scenario where your actions as a candidate come under scrutiny?

I respond to scrutiny the same way I respond to pressure—head-on. I don't duck questions or hide behind vague language. If I've made a mistake, I'll own it. If the criticism is unfair, I'll clarify it. And if it's just political noise, I'll stay focused on the work. I've led projects where millions of dollars and reputations were on the line. *I don't flinch when things get intense. In fact, that's usually when I do my best work.*

If you're afraid of scrutiny, you're in the wrong job. I'll stand in it and lead through it.

49. How do you plan to keep constituents informed about legislative developments?

By actually telling them. In real time. In ways that make sense.

I'd start with simple, consistent communication: meeting summaries in plain language, regular email or text updates, and an overhauled website that puts key info front and center—not buried in PDFs from three months ago. I want residents to feel informed

before decisions are made—not after they hear about it from a neighbor or a Facebook rumor mill.

I also plan to launch a portal where residents can ask questions, leave comments, and see answers—because communication shouldn't be a one-way street. When I'm mayor, you won't have to chase city updates—they'll come to you.

50. What is your position on whistleblowers and their protection within government?

Whistleblowers keep systems honest—full stop. If someone sees something unethical or illegal and has the courage to speak up, they should be protected, not punished. A healthy city government encourages accountability from the inside out. I would support clear channels for reporting wrongdoing and protections for anyone who uses them. If you're doing things the right way, whistleblowers aren't a threat—they're a safety net.

If someone's scared to tell the truth inside city government, that's a leadership failure. I won't allow that.

51. In what ways can constituents hold you accountable?

First of all—ask me anything. I'll be showing my work.

I'm committed to regular updates, public Q&As, and clear channels where you can reach out directly and actually get a response. I want to create a portal where questions aren't just submitted—they're answered and shared. I'll also push for more digestible summaries of council meetings so residents know what's happening without needing a decoder ring.

But more than tools, it's about trust. And frankly—nearly everyone in the room already has my personal phone number. I'm not hard to reach. If I say I'm going to do something—you'll see me do it. And if I mess up? I'll own it. That's how I lead, and that's what you can expect from me.

52. What is the role of the media in local government?

The media—local media especially—plays a critical role in keeping people informed and holding government accountable. I welcome that. We need more clear communication between residents and leadership, and media can help bridge that gap. But the city also needs to be proactive—not just reactive. I'll work to make sure facts are available before misinformation spreads. If you lead with honesty, you don't have to fear a headline.

53. How do you plan to measure and evaluate your success in office?

I don't just want to make decisions—I want to make a difference.

I want people to say, “She changed the tone.” That under my leadership, local government became something people actually *trusted*—because it was transparent, responsive, and rooted in connection. That residents didn’t just feel informed—they felt seen, heard, and valued.

Here’s how I’ll measure it:

- **Did communication improve?** Are we reaching more people, more often, with fewer barriers?
- **Are we acting on community input—not just collecting it?** I’ll track what changes based on what residents say, and report back clearly.
- **Is our infrastructure actually improving?** Are roads safer, parks more accessible, and investments being made where families feel them?
- **Are people choosing to stay—or better yet, come back?** If our kids want to raise their own families here, that’s a win.

And beyond the metrics? It’s in the day-to-day. A full park. A neighborly wave. Fewer complaints, more conversations.

54. What strategy will you implement to respond to public concerns and criticisms?

You can’t fix what you ignore. I’ll respond to public concerns directly—through open Q&As, responsive messaging, and regular communication that actually explains the “why” behind decisions. I don’t take criticism personally—I take it seriously. That means listening, adjusting when needed, and always circling back to close the loop. When people feel heard, they’re more likely to engage. And when they don’t? That’s when trust erodes. I’ll make sure no concern gets swept under the rug.

You don’t build trust by being perfect—you build it by being available.

55. What initiatives will you take to ensure that you are accessible to your constituents?

First off, I’m already accessible—you’ve seen me at your doors, your events, and honestly, a whole lot of you already have my personal number saved in your phones. I don’t just show up when it’s convenient—I *stay* available. That won’t change if I’m elected.

As mayor, I’ll host regular “Ask Me Anything” sessions, offer digital office hours, and keep a true open-door policy—not just at City Hall, but in neighborhoods too. I want to bring the conversation *to you*—over food, in a park, or on someone’s front lawn. Let’s gather casually, talk about what’s working, what’s not, and what you care about most.

56. How will you gather feedback from the community regarding their needs and concerns?

I want residents involved early, often, and meaningfully—not just at the end when decisions are already made. I'll hold regular town halls, online Q&As, and small-group forums where people can speak freely. I also want to make sure people *understand* what's being proposed—because clarity leads to confidence. I'll meet people where they are:

- **In-person town halls** and **pop-up chats in parks, driveways, or wherever people naturally gather.** You shouldn't need to schedule childcare and a formal outfit to have a say.
- **Online Q&As** and **comment portals** so folks can weigh in on their own time, in their own words.
- **Short, simple surveys**—texted, emailed, even dropped off on your porch if needed—with clear follow-up on how your input shaped the outcome.
- **"Neighborhood Briefings"** where I take updates and questions *to* each part of town, not just wait for you to come to City Hall.

It's not real visioning if only a handful of insiders are in the room. Let's open the doors wider—and leave them open.

Community Engagement

57. Can you give an example of how you have supported a community project in the past?

When something matters to the people in my community, I don't wait to be asked twice—I jump in. Just this past July 4th, I was asked to step in and chair the city parade—on short notice and not only did it go smoothly, we're already working on updates to improve the flow and festivities for next year.

That's the kind of involvement I bring: hands-on and community-focused. I don't wait for a title to take action—I take action because I care. Whether it's a parade, a cleanup, or a city decision, I show up, I deliver, and I don't disappear when the spotlight's off.

58. How can you support suicide prevention and mental health in the community?

Mental health matters in *every* community—including ours. I support partnerships with local health providers, schools, and the county to make resources easier to find and use. I also want to destigmatize asking for help—because no one should feel alone here. Our city can do more through awareness campaigns, better communication of services, and even small things like safe spaces at events or support programs for teens and seniors. When we invest in mental health, we invest in connection—and that saves lives. If you know me at all I advocate for having a therapist just about every day. When we don't use our resources we limit our success.

59. How can you support the Youth Council and engage youth in the community?

We're lucky to already have a strong Youth Council—and I want to take that even further. I'd love to involve them more directly with the mayor's office and city council, so they get real insight into how decisions are made and what leadership looks like from the inside. That kind of hands-on experience empowers them to lead now—not just someday. I'm also open to more youth-focused service opportunities, mentorships, and events that let them shape their own city. Young people bring fresh ideas—we just have to give them the room to speak.

60. How will you support local businesses and entrepreneurs in your constituency?

Small businesses are the heartbeat of this community- the reason we don't have a property tax, our service providers, and in many cases, our neighbors. I know firsthand what it takes to run one, and I know the challenges that come with it.

As mayor, I'll work to streamline communication between the city and business owners, support resources that help entrepreneurs launch and thrive, and advocate for thoughtful development that brings in foot traffic while keeping our rural charm intact. I

also want to highlight and celebrate our local businesses more often—through city events, social media, and community partnerships.

If you've got a dream and the grit to build something here, you deserve a city that's cheering you on—not slowing you down with red tape or silence.

61. How would you facilitate community dialogues on disagreement and contentious issues?

You don't solve division by avoiding it—you solve it by creating space for honest, respectful dialogue. I'd host regular town halls and feedback forums with clear guidelines that promote real discussion—not yelling matches. I also want to create pathways for input *before* decisions are finalized, so people feel they've actually been heard—not just humored. We may not always agree—but under my leadership, you'll always have a seat at the table and a chance to shape the conversation.

People don't need to agree on everything—but they do need to feel respected.

62. How will you involve experts and professionals in the decision-making process?

Good mayors don't work in silos. I'll bring a collaborative mindset to the table—one that looks for shared wins, not turf wars. I do it everyday in my professional life, that's part of my success.

From water usage to traffic, we face regional challenges that don't stop at city borders. I'll build relationships with other leaders, show up to the conversations that matter, and make sure Marriott-Slaterville isn't just represented—we're respected. We may be a smaller city, but we deserve a strong voice at the table.

63. In what ways will you contribute to the history, cultural, and social vibrancy of the community?

First, we need to stop treating our community celebrations like calendar fillers and start making them *the* thing people mark their calendars for. I want our city events to be so good you regret missing them—and so inclusive that everyone feels like they belong.

That means food trucks, music, laughter, history, and a little hometown sparkle. I want to honor our traditions but breathe new life into them. Let's celebrate who we've been *and* who we're becoming.

I also want to highlight the full story of this place—including the Indigenous history that came long before our city's founding. That kind of respect and recognition makes us stronger as a community.

To me, social vibrancy means you know your neighbors, you show up for local events, and you feel proud to live where you live. That doesn't happen by accident. It happens when leaders actually prioritize connection—and I absolutely do.

If you're looking for someone who knows how to plan a party *and* preserve a legacy—I'm your girl.

64. How do you plan to use technology to enhance communication with residents?

Our communication tools need a serious upgrade—and I'm ready to lead that overhaul. First, I'd look into developing a city app and fully redesigning our website to make it user-friendly, intuitive, and mobile-ready. But I also want to get creative: I'd love to involve local students—those studying journalism, political science, or media—to help cover meetings and publish clear summaries and updates. It's a win-win: they gain real-world experience, and our residents finally get consistent, understandable communication. A city can't claim transparency if people can't even find the information.

Personal Background and Qualifications

65. What past experience do you have serving or volunteering for Marriott-Slaterville City?

I may not have sat on city council or on the planning commission, but I know how to get things done- and how to work with people who don't always agree.

One example? I stepped in to chair our city's July 4th parade with little notice—we didn't just pull it off, I immediately started planning improvements for next year. That's my style: move fast, learn fast, and build better.

While I haven't held elected office, I've spent my career managing large-scale projects where logistics, planning, and public-facing impact all collide. I've also become relied on as a transportation specialist—not because I sought it out, but because no one else wanted the headache. So I took it on, figured it out, and got good at it. That's who I am. I don't shy away from the hard stuff—I step in and turn it into a system that works. I'll bring that same energy to city leadership. No ego, no drama—just results.

If it's a mess no one wants to touch—give it to me. I'll turn it into something that works.

66. Can you discuss your educational background and how it has prepared you for public office?

I earned my Associate's Degree and a two year professional certificate in Event Management—basically, a crash course in juggling chaos, managing expectations, and making the impossible look effortless.

Event producers are part logistics wizard, part crisis negotiator, part diplomat—and every bit of that translates into public service. You learn to communicate clearly, adapt quickly, and keep things moving even when the power goes out or the keynote speaker misses their flight, connect with an embassy to get a rowdy attendee out of a foreign jail, and work through a hurricane watch.

Sure, I don't have a PhD in political science—but I do have real-world training in how to lead under pressure, build consensus, and get results when it counts. And if you've ever tried to coordinate vendors, permits, talent, and fire marshals at the same time, you know I'm more than qualified to handle city government.

67. What personal or professional experiences do you think make you qualified to serve?

What this city needs is someone who knows how to solve problems, manage chaos, and bring people together. That's what I've built my entire career doing.

I've led high-pressure, international events where failure is never an option and excuses don't fly. I've managed tight budgets, clashing agendas, and deadlines that don't care how tired you are. I know how to keep a cool head, rally a team, and deliver.

And personally? I've lived the Marriott-Slaterville experience from every angle: growing up here, raising my family here, and walking these fields with people who care deeply about what happens next. I don't just understand this place—I *am* this place.

So no, I haven't sat on the same committees for 30 years. But I have real skills, real commitment, and a fire to make this city even better. That's the kind of qualification I'm bringing to the table.

68. How have you demonstrated leadership in your previous roles?

Leadership isn't about volume or titles—it's about stepping up when things get tough and bringing people with you. I've made a career out of doing just that.

As an executive event producer, I've led teams under intense pressure—navigating last-minute changes, high-stakes clients, and nonstop logistics across multiple time zones. I'm the one people call when something feels impossible and all eyes are watching. I don't just organize—I *lead*. I make tough calls, solve hard problems, and make sure the work gets done while keeping people on board and respected.

And when no one else wants to take on the messy stuff—like transportation planning, emergency logistics, or complicated vendor negotiations—I step in and *own it*. Not because I have to, but because I care about getting it right. That's the kind of leader I am—and it's exactly the kind I'll be as mayor.

69. What inspired you to run for office, and how does that motivation influence your current approach?

Because I love this city- I could really just stop there.

I have felt called to this since I was 12years old. I have lived all aspects of this city. I believe it's time for a new kind of leadership. One that listens more than it lectures. One that isn't afraid of transparency, accountability, or a few uncomfortable conversations.

I'm running because I want to make a difference. I want my daughter to grow up in a place that's safe, connected, and proud of what it stands for. I want residents to feel heard, informed, and included—not left guessing about decisions that affect their lives.

70. Can you share a specific instance where you overcame a significant challenge?

How about being an event producer when the entire *event industry* shuts down.

During COVID, everything I did professionally came to a screeching halt—and suddenly I had clients with contracts, venues with cancellations, and teams wondering what was next. I had to completely pivot overnight: moving in-person programs to digital platforms, rewriting playbooks on safety protocols, and inventing new ways to connect people across time zones and screens.

There was no roadmap—but I didn't wait for one. I built it. I created a virtual tradeshow, supported my clients and kept events *moving*. That chapter pushed me harder than anything else in my career—and I came out of it sharper, more creative, and even more solution-focused.

That's the kind of leadership I'll bring to city government: steady in a crisis, flexible when things change, and always focused on delivering for the people counting on me.

71. What are the most important lessons you've learned from your time in public service or previous roles?

That no amount of planning beats the ability to adapt—and that leadership means listening first, talking second.

In my career, I've learned that people don't just want solutions—they want to know they've been heard. They want clarity, they want follow-through, and they want to see that you *care* about the outcome, not just the optics.

I've also learned that the tough jobs—the ones nobody wants—are often the most important. I've taken those on. I've handled tense negotiations, pressure-cooker timelines, and logistical nightmares with a calm head and a let's-get-it-done attitude. And I've learned that the best way to lead is with respect, curiosity, and a refusal to settle for "that's just how it's always been."

That mindset will follow me straight into the mayor's office.

72. Can you provide examples of how you have worked collaboratively with various groups?

Part of what's made me successful is knowing how to build teams. I bring people together with different strengths and skill sets—and I let them shine.

Mayors don't have to know everything, but they *do* need to be smart enough to ask the right people and do their due diligence. I'll reach out, pull in experts, and make sure we're represented in regional conversations. I don't just show up—I come prepared, with the right voices at the table.

Leadership isn't knowing it all—it's knowing who to ask, and actually listening.

73. What qualifications set you apart from other candidates?

I'm not running on the same resume as everyone else—and that's exactly the point.

I haven't spent years on a commission or board—I've been out in the world, solving high-stakes problems for real clients. I've built a career on delivering results under pressure, managing teams and budgets, and keeping things on track when everything's on the line. That's not theoretical leadership—it's the real deal.

I'm also not afraid to say, "I don't know, but I'll find out." I surround myself with smart people, I do my homework, and I don't stop until the job is done right. I bring new energy, a collaborative mindset, and a deep-rooted love for this city—plus a fresh perspective that's long overdue.

When it comes to this city, No one offered me a seat at the table, I simply pulled up a chair and took up space.

So if you're tired of the same recycled answers from the same small circle, I'm your candidate. I don't just talk about change—I *am* the change.

74. How would foster a sense of community and belonging?

Small-town feel isn't just about how far apart houses are—it's about the way people treat each other. It's about waving to your neighbor, knowing your mayor, and seeing families gathered in parks and porches.

I'll foster belonging by making this city feel more like a front porch than a fortress. That means:

- **More community events** that are actually *fun*, welcoming, and reflect the people who live here—not just the same old checklist year after year.
- **More face-to-face time**—not just behind a podium, but side-by-side at park cleanups, food truck nights, and backyard chats.
- **Clear, consistent communication** that doesn't leave residents guessing or Googling acronyms. When people know what's going on, they feel like they're part of it.

I want people to feel like they belong here—not because they've lived here forever, but because they're *seen, heard, and included* in what comes next.

75. Could you talk about a significant policy change or initiative you were involved with?

While I haven't held elected office, I've spent my career managing large-scale projects where logistics, planning, and public-facing impact all collide. One example? I stepped in to chair our city's July 4th parade with just over a week's notice—and didn't just pull it

off, I immediately started planning improvements for next year. That's my style: move fast, learn fast, and build better.

In my career, I've also become what you might call a transportation specialist—not because I sought it out, but because no one else wanted the headache. So I took it on, figured it out, and got good at it. That's who I am. I don't shy away from the hard stuff—I step in and turn it into a system that works. I'll bring that same energy to city leadership. No ego, no drama—just results.

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76. How many hours each week can you devote to the City?

As many as it takes—and then some. This isn't a side hobby for me. I'm fully invested in this community, and I've structured my professional life to give the mayor's office the time, focus, and energy it deserves. This role requires flexibility, responsiveness, and real commitment—not just checking a few boxes on a Tuesday night.

And let's be honest—if you want someone who clocks out at five and waits for problems to solve themselves, I'm not your girl. I show up. I follow through. I answer the call—literally and figuratively.

This city raised me. I'm raising my daughter here now. You better believe I'm going to give it everything I've got.

Vision for the Future

77. Where do you see our community in the next ten (10) years, and how do you plan to contribute to that vision?

My long-term goal is simple: I want Marriott-Slaterville to remain a place people are proud to call home. That means planning ahead instead of scrambling, protecting our rural identity while still preparing for thoughtful, managed growth, and making sure city decisions are made with our residents—not just for them. I want our kids to grow up with safe roads, beautiful parks, a place for all abilities and the same tight-knit community feel I had growing up here. This isn't just a job to me—it's a personal investment in the future of a place I deeply love.

Long-term planning takes more than vision—it takes someone who's willing to do the work.

78. What long-term strategies do you have for sustainable development and growth?

Sustainability is smart management—plain and simple. I support low-water landscaping on city property, energy-efficient upgrades where they make sense, and policies that keep our air and water clean. We don't need flashy green slogans—we need practical steps that save money, protect resources, and make the city more resilient. I'm not interested in performative policy. I'm interested in measurable impact. Sustainability is part of fiscal responsibility, and I'll treat it that way.

Sustainability isn't a trend—it's good stewardship. And it's overdue.

79. How will you ensure that future generations inherit a prosperous and healthy environment?

Quality of life is about feeling like this place works for *you*. It's about meeting your neighbors on the sidewalk, letting your kids run safely in the park, and knowing there's space for *everyone*—no matter your age or ability. I'll invest in inclusive parks, trails, events that build connection, and infrastructure that works quietly in the background. This city should feel welcoming, accessible, and safe. I want people to feel proud when they say, "I live in Marriott-Slaterville."

Quality of life shows up in the little moments—and those deserve attention.

80. Can you articulate your goals for innovation and how you plan to keep our community competitive?

Prosperity doesn't just mean profits—it means people want to stay, raise families, and invest in the community. I want businesses here that bring value—not just revenue. Think: a local café where neighbors gather, a feed store that's been part of the town for

decades, or a trades shop that gives the next generation a place to work. Long-term prosperity starts with choosing the kind of growth that fits our identity—and makes us proud to live here, not worried we're losing what matters.

If growth means losing who we are—it's not prosperity. It's just expansion.

81. In what ways will you work to make your vision for the future an inclusive?

Inclusion starts by actually listening to the people who live here—not assuming we already know what everyone wants. I'm not interested in top-down decision-making. I want to hear from residents, face-to-face, about what's working and what's not. That means showing up in neighborhoods, hosting casual gatherings with food and real conversation—not just public hearings that feel more like performances.

I'll also keep pushing for parks and public spaces designed for *all* abilities, and I'll prioritize clear communication—because feeling included starts with being informed and seen.

My vision for the future isn't one-size-fits-all. It's about building a city where *everyone* feels like they belong—and where they actually have a voice in shaping what's next.

I'll also overhaul how we share information. Our city website needs help—it's clunky, outdated, and hard to navigate. I'd like to redesign it, launch an app, and use multiple formats to reach people of all ages and abilities. When people don't know what's happening, they feel left out. Let's fix that.

82. How do you plan to balance economic, social, and environmental objectives in the long run?

This isn't an either/or. Smart leadership balances all three by planning holistically. Economic goals? We grow businesses that fit our city and keep dollars local. Environmental? We protect open space, conserve water, and plan infrastructure that doesn't cost us more down the road. Social? We build parks and sidewalks, support mental health and safety, and make this a place families can thrive. I won't chase short-term wins that leave long-term damage. I'm here to lead with a full picture in mind.

If the budget looks great but the community feels worse—we've missed the point.

83. What are your thoughts on preparing our community for the challenges of the future economy?

The future economy isn't waiting for us to catch up—we've got to be proactive, not reactive. That starts with diversifying the kinds of businesses we support here, so we're not overly dependent on any one industry. When one sector slows, the whole city shouldn't suffer.

We also need to plan smarter—investing in infrastructure that makes it easier for businesses to thrive and for families to stay rooted here. That means thoughtful development, reliable internet, and community spaces that double as resources for learning, innovation, and connection.

And I'm a huge believer in making sure our young people see a future *here*. Let's build partnerships with schools, entrepreneurs, and trades to get kids thinking not just about college—but about launching careers, businesses, and futures right in their hometown.

We're not a big city, and we don't need to be. But we *do* need to be ready. And I'm here to help make sure we are.

84. How will you address the changing demographics and needs of our community in your strategic planning?

Representation starts with listening. Not just to the loudest voices, but to the ones who don't always come to meetings or post online. I'll prioritize outreach to every part of the city, with clear communication, informal community chats, and an open-door policy that isn't just symbolic—I mean it. I'm not running to represent a small group. I'm running to represent the whole city—whether someone's lived here 80 years or 8 months. If it matters to you, it matters to me.

If everyone doesn't feel represented, something's broken. I'll fix it.

85. What infrastructure investments do you believe are critical for our future prosperity?

Safer roads, inclusive parks, and smarter growth planning are my top priorities. Those are the things residents see and feel every single day.Flooding isn't theoretical—it's personal for this city. We've lived through it.

I'll work with the irrigation companies, public works, and state agencies to make sure our infrastructure is modern, maintained, and mapped. We need better drainage in known trouble spots and clear enforcement to prevent illegal fill or blocked culverts. I'll also push for better coordination between developers and the city when it comes to runoff and water flow. Prevention is cheaper—and smarter—than recovery. Let's not learn that the hard way.

We don't need another flood to remind us we should've fixed this already.

86. How do you intend to incorporate feedback from your constituents into your future plans?

Our community is changing—families, retirees, young professionals—and our leadership needs to reflect that. I'll make sure we plan for walkability, safe roads, accessible parks, and events that connect *everyone.* I want to hear from more than the

usual voices. That means inviting in younger families, seniors, renters, and longtime residents alike. Planning shouldn't just serve who's loudest—it should serve everyone who lives here, even if they've never stepped foot in a council meeting.

If our policies don't reflect our people, we're not leading—we're gatekeeping.

87. How do you plan to preserve the agriculture, culture, and historical heritage of our community as the community grows?

This city was built on agriculture—literally. I'm raising my daughter in the same fields my grandfather farmed. I'll fight to preserve open spaces, protect legacy farmland, and ensure development doesn't erase our identity. I support acquiring conservation easements, expanding trail systems, and keeping land available for community parks—not just rooftops. I also want to honor our full cultural history, including the Indigenous people who came before us. Preserving our character means looking backward and forward at the same time—and leading with both respect and restraint.

Preserving land isn't anti-growth. It's protecting what makes us worth growing.

88. What policies will you promote to foster a safe, livable, and vibrant families?

First, safety has to be more than a buzzword. I want real results—partnering with the Sheriff's office for better enforcement, slowing traffic with smarter road design, and making sure families feel safe letting their kids ride bikes or walk to the park.

Second, I'm committed to making our public spaces more accessible and inclusive. That means parks designed for *all* abilities, not just the standard blueprint. Our sidewalks and trails should connect—not divide—our neighborhoods, and every family should feel welcome and seen in those spaces.

And finally, I want our events, celebrations, and city communications to reflect the families that live here—busy, hardworking, connected. That means making sure the things we plan are worth showing up for, and that decisions are made with families in mind, not behind closed doors.

Because at the end of the day, this city should work for the people raising the next generation—and I'm here to make sure it does.

89. "Since we incorporated 25 years ago, what have you done to improve our city and be involved in it?"

I haven't been on a committee—I've been in the community. I grew up in this city. I've watched it change, I've lived in the middle of that change, and now I'm raising my daughter in the same fields my grandfather farmed. That's not theoretical involvement—it's real, lived investment.

Some people want to count hours in meetings. I count conversations with neighbors, showing up for community events, and paying attention when others weren't. I didn't need a title to care. I've been here, rooted in this place, contributing in ways that don't make the council minutes—but *do* make a difference.