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Respondent

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Anonymous

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### 1. Name & office you are seeking \*

Dave Bell, City Council Ward 5

### 2. New development activity has an impact on home cost, access and ultimately affordability. In 2019 the City of Missoula Office of Housing and Community Development presented a city housing policy outlining several private and public sector regulatory reform and development incentives. As a Council Member, what specific policies would you pursue to address the community's housing shortage? \*

I don't have any policies in mind and look forward to learning more.

### 3. Missoula is currently undergoing zoning "*code reform*"; what three changes would you propose for the update? \*

I am aware of this process and feel now is the time to listen. I have heard that permitting is pricey and often takes to long for developers who opt to leave town.

### 4. A quarter of Missoula's workforce lives outside Missoula County. It is estimated that the lost property tax from commuters is in excess of \$6.6 million per year. As a member of the City Council what would you do to encourage people to live within the City? \*

There are hundreds of reasons to live in the City of Missoula. This is why it's so popular. From my perspective our services are strong and our recreational and event options are vast. We bought our home in 2017 and if we were looking to purchase or rent in todays market we would be forced to look outside of the City.

### 5. State Law provides for tax increment financing (TIF) and urban renewal districts. TIF is used within urban renewal districts to combat blight and promote economic development. However, critics of TIF say that these urban renewal districts can be in place for many years, and TIF diverts property tax revenue away from schools and local governments. What changes to TIF statutes would you recommend, if any, to respond to citizen concerns? \*

Yes, I have heard these concerns and comments during public comment before at City Council. The frustration voiced has far out weighed public approval from what I have witnessed. I don't understand TIF enough and this is one of several reason to be more involved and understanding of the large picture.

### 6. Do you support the City's anti-discrimination ordinance? How would you support Fair Housing for all in Missoula? \*

Undecided. I have not had time to review the ordinance in its entirety.

7. Property taxes are the primary source of funding for Montana cities. The City of Missoula's property tax rate has steadily increased over the last decade, putting additional financial pressure on the cost of housing. Given limited funding opportunities how would you prioritize city services? \*

Yes, my family and neighbors have felt the brunt of increased taxes to mortgage payments. Clean water, efficient waste management, safe roads, schools, and well prepared first responders are top priority.

8. What, if any, local option tax(es) would you support? \*

Undecided

9. As a member of the City Council what do you believe should be the top three priorities for the City? \*

Stewardship, collaboration, and innovation. We have to maintain the things that work for us while listening and learning what does not work and discover how best to introduce solutions that are sustainable and on budget.

10. Given the upcoming zoning code reform project, what are the two to three resources that you will use to make informed decisions? \*

It's too early in the process for me. The point of this project seems, in part, to discover what resources are available to help us make informed decisions.

11. Treasurer's Name, Address and Phone Number \*

Undecided

12. Will you accept REALTOR® Political Action Committee campaign contributions? \*

☒ Yes

☐ No

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.