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1. Name & office you are seeking *

Shawn Knopp / Mayor of Missoula

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 Mayor, what specific policies would you pursue to address the community's housing shortage? *

Offer incentives to build affordable housing IE reducing fees and quicker permitting process
Work with partners to acquire land to build affordable housing on
We have a very large gap in housing between the low income housing and the median house price. We need to fill the gap or we wont have our kids staying in Missoula and we wont have the workforce to sustain Missoula

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

Increase density where it makes sense
Reduce red tape in the permitting process
Reduce the amount of time it takes to approve a development

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 Mayor what would you do to encourage people to live within the City? *

Make it safer/ Missoula is only safer than 7% of all US cities
Make it affordable
Increase community involvement by listening to the community and working with them to show that I want to work for them and every dollar spent should benefit the Majority

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? *

Currently there are districts taking almost 1/2 and up to 2/3 of the property tax revenue and at least 1 that has been extended past the 15 year Norm out to 40 years. We need to reduce that amount and the term. It should be used for people who need it and it needs to stay local! Its frustrating watching money awarded and then a year after the project is completed, the recipient sells off the property and leaves town.

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

It Boggles the mind to even have to have these discussions/ We are all human beings on this earth! Why is that not reason enough to treat people with dignity and respect

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? *

Essential services would be top priority! Those are the services we have to provide. Beyond that we have a debt obligation, A hole we need to dig out of! Our debt payment equals our police budget. Beyond that we will have a balanced budget with out a so called shortfall!

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

I would support a resort tax if we could find a way that Missoulians did not have to pay. I might support a state sales tax, If we did away with income tax or Property tax.

9. As Mayor what do you believe should be the top three priorities for the City? *

Safety in the city
Housing
Transparency and Accountability

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

Common Sense/ Experience/ Life is not knowing all the answers its about admitting when you dont , but knowing where to find the answers

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

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

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