

1. Name & office you are seeking: *

Brandi Atanasoff
Missoula Mayor

Private Property Rights

2. What does "support for the rights of private property owners" mean to you? *

Supporting the rights of property owners means that we do not purposely go against the legal rights of property owners when making choices.

3. Can you think of an example when the city government should NOT fully recognize private property rights? *

When two private property owners have issues, like how tall their neighbor's house can be, then one property owner's rights will be overlooked. The tall building changes the value and views of the other person's property, but the rights to the height of the building are with the property it is built on. Government watches over the people that live within communities to best help the community thrive. If a community doesn't thrive the destination is not as great.

Housing Affordability, Availability & Non-discrimination

4. What are your thoughts about Accessory Dwelling Units? *

Accessory dwelling units are great places for your Mother-In law when she visits, your kid when they need to restart their life, or a renter that helps you pay the mortgage.

5. What are your thoughts about Short-Term Rentals? *

Short term rentals allow families that have two homes in two different locations to pay the mortgage on both while getting the benefit of living in two places.

6. What are your thoughts on market-rate housing and development? *

Key West has many retailers that can not open because the town did not watch the balance of price and workforce liability, which led to losing it's workforce. It makes the town feel gross and sleazy because there are less people living there that enjoy their lives.

7. What action can the City take to help with housing affordability and availability? *

This is Montana. Putting caps on rental price increases and other techniques are often seen as going against private property rights. Montana supports personal freedoms and often votes against creating structures that limit them. Housing affordability is controlled by the choice of the private land owner that owns the rental, and realtors who decide what the ethical price of a property is. Giving money to corporations that only need to keep the price down temporarily puts this on the next generation to absorb.

8. REALTORS® believe in fair housing policies, anti-discrimination and opportunity for all. What does "fair housing" mean to you, and can you give an example of it? *

Fair housing means that everyone has equal access to housing. An example: a billionaire can buy a house and so can the person working in a grocery store full time.

Infrastructure & Transportation

9. There are many planned infrastructure projects in Missoula. What is one that hasn't been addressed that you'd like to see and why? *

I think Missoula is full of ambitious leaders and they have covered everything well. The town looks beautiful. I have no desire to be a specialist in infrastructure. The position of Mayor is to support everyone being great at what they do, not to do everything for them.

10. What are the biggest opportunities Missoula has in infrastructure and transportation when it comes to housing and growth demands? *

Missoula has some cutting edge designs around how the infrastructure connects everything within. I look forward to watching the town's leaders in this field shine.

11. What is your position on connecting the City sewer and water to communities outside the current City limits? *

It is necessary. Many of those communities are still sitting over water tables that still have traces of arsenic within. Especially out by Stone Container. Missoula supports Environmental Protections and education so that no other community experiences the health issues caused by using arsenic improperly.

Economic Development

12. What do you see as the primary challenges in Missoula's Commercial Real Estate development? *

Navigating the balance of development without pricing out the workforce needed to thrive.

13. Which stakeholders would you contact as trusted sources on topics of economic development? *

The Missoula Organization or Realtors has been a great tool for the town and has continually contributed information when needed. I would start by reaching out to your organization to learn about the knowledge you have in the areas you specialize in.

14. What is your definition of a "healthy real estate market" from both a commercial and residential point of view? *

A healthy real estate market is one that is moving and functioning. Pricing property too high so that it doesn't sell keeps transactions from happening more frequently. People are more likely to buy and sell if the prices make them feel free to.

Taxation & Fiscal Responsibility

15. Share your thoughts on real estate property taxes and some options the city could explore to demonstrate fiscal responsibility that might alleviate property taxes. *

The city could decrease the amount it spends on non-essential items.

16. What would you do as an elected official to demonstrate fiscal discipline? *

If elected I will regularly show how the choices made within city government benefit the population.

Community Engagement & Governance

17. Share a few current community issues where you think collaboration with REALTORS® would benefit the greater community. *

There are currently issues within the homeless population that were created by the desire to compensate for the price increases in town. People are being raped nightly without being able to stop it, people have reported the shelter having trafficking groups controlling people within, and people have reported having gangs jump each other and leave each other for dead to control the management of the homeless population. I am currently talking to the population daily about how they can not use violence to get housing. This is here because someone sent out press releases about our shelters to make the town look caring after the price increased substantially. It needs to be cleaned up. The people that came are part of violent groups that look for this exact environment. This should be your next project. None of these people were here before. They have lived their lives surrounded by violence and they are being preyed on with propaganda trying to get them to start a war for housing. We don't need to be doing this. The shelter acceptance needs to cease. Urban camping needs to be banned, and better structure around the outlets we have to keep people from being homeless needs to be pushed. If the funds that exist to help people through adversity are protected and used right, coupled with making sure prices for workforce housing are ethical, there would not be people ending up in this environment. Right now everything has crashed and it can only be fixed by walking through what was made for people to feel better about the price increase.

18. What organizations in the community are your "go to" for building strategies in commercial development and housing? *

If elected as Mayor I would support the work of the many specialists in this town that love this topic by listening to them and cheering their work on.

19. Do you volunteer in the community, and if so, where? *

Currently I volunteer talking to all the violent offenders that were told they could use violence to force the town to give them housing. I spend a couple of hours every day talking to people in the homeless community about what their choices are, how the town will actually respond to these ideas, and what they actually can do to get back up after adversity. In the past I have volunteered at Sunday Streets, Missoula Food Bank, The University of Montana's African Studies 40th Anniversary, The University of Montana's International Festival, National Coalition Building Institute's Inclusion building workshop, teaching art classes at Missoula Public Library for kids, and putting together a street party to shift the environment of our neighborhood after a double homicide.

Please answer the prompt below:

20. Treasurer's Name, Address, Email Address & Phone Number *

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21. Will you accept PAC contributions?

☐ Yes

☒ No