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Please complete questionnaires by 3/4/2019 and return to chair@lpepc.org.

1. What is the legitimate fundamental purpose or function of government?

To make sure people don't screw over other people

2. What should your role be in carrying out the purpose of government?

Making sure the voters are listened to and that what they want to see happen in their city happens within reason (ie it doesn't hurt a bunch of people)

3. What are your thoughts on term limits for city council members?

I have mixed feelings... part of me thinks it's good to have term limits so that new people can get in, but part of me thinks that if someone is doing an awesome job and people want to keep electing them, then term limits would be bad.

4. Do you support the use of eminent domain? When is its use appropriate?

Not really. Unless there is some sort of life altering emergency and even then I think that the idea of the government coming in and just taking someone's land/property is wrong and messed up.

5. Should elected officials be required to recuse themselves from making decisions/legislating on issues where they have potential conflicts of interest?

YES!

6. Should businesses, individuals, or entities that donate money to government agencies, campaigns, or candidates be excluded from consideration for bid opportunities or committee appointments?

YES! The only possible exception *MAYBE*, is if it is a family member or a small(like under \$100)donation, but even then.... The possibility of unfairness and corruption is still there and that's not good.

7. Should elected officials recuse themselves from decisions and/or appointments for those they have a direct or indirect business or personal relationship with to include relative, business partner (current or past), and campaign donors.

Yes. Even if they aren't trying/wanting to play favorites or corruption, it still will appear that way so it's best to eliminate all doubt.

8. What are your plans for facilitating economic growth in the region?

I plan to build our city's infrastructure, tech, housing, etc so that we can compete with other cities and companies will want to move here, rather than us having to bribe them to move here.

9. Do you support the concept that central planning is necessary for the long term viability of our city?

I'm not sure

10. Do you support TABOR? Why?

Yes. I think it is important to let the voters decide what they do or don't want to happen to them/their money/their city.

11. How will you reduce the city budget and/or the tax burden on its residents?

Trim fat, stop wasteful spending, remove unneed expenses, etc

12. What are your thoughts on tax incremental financing?

I don't know

13. Do you support the City for Champions initiative?

No. I think that spending tax dollars on things like stadiums and museums is wasteful. If those things are so needed and will be so profitable then why aren't private investors/companies building them

14. What can be done to address rapidly rising housing costs (for both renters and buyers)?

Build more housing ASAP! Supply and demand.... We have more demand then supply, so if we up the supply then housing costs will stabilize/go down.

15. What are your thoughts on gun control, to include gun free zones? Under what circumstances should the right to bear arms be restricted?

I am pro-2nd amendment and I own a couple guns myself. However I am also pro-not letting psychos have guns. Gun free zones rules aren't followed by "bad guys" so it leaves "good guys" who followed the gun free zone rule, unarmed and at risk. I don't know what the solution is for

the gun issues.... I know that people should have the ability to protect themselves and that people should be able to not live in fear that someone who is unstable will get their hands on a gun easily. I'm not sure what the solution is for the whole gun situations, but I am willing to look at all the possibilities and work to find one that protects people and protects gun rights.

16. Do you support the re-implementation of red light cameras? Why?

No. They're illegal, dangerous and don't work.

17. What is your plan for reducing and preventing violent and property crimes?

Hire more cops so they can patrol more and have more of a presence and hire more judges/cops/staff/etc so that we can actually prosecute crimes, and thereby hopefully prevent many by letting criminals know they won't get away with them.... Cause right now the justice system is so over worked and under staffed that many criminals are "let off the hook" because we can't afford to process their case. This causes future criminals to not be fearful of getting caught and so they are more willing to commit crimes.

18. What is your position on allowing the sale and use of marijuana for recreational use within city limits?

I personally don't care and we could use the tax money, however it is not my decision as Mayor... it is the voters/residents of Colorado Springs decision as this is their city, not the Mayor's city.

19. What is your plan for improving traffic flow in areas that often become congested?

I'm not 100% sure. I want to look into adding more buses, altering the timing of traffic lights and other possible solutions and see what will work best for us and then present the info to the voters and ask them what they want to do.

20. What are your thoughts on reducing lanes for autos to create/widen bike lanes, "lane dieting"?

There are more cars and people needing to use cars then bikes. If we're going to put bike lanes on roads then we should do it on roads that aren't at or nearly at capacity. I think that improving the trails and widening sidewalks would be better then lane dieting.