

OMAHA CITY COUNCIL – District 5

Jeff Moore (Republican)		Question	Rich Pahls (Republican)	
2-25-13		Date Filed	2-19-13	
2/27/2013, 8:34pm, resident of district caller assigned; 3/4/2013, 7:46pm, emailed questionnaire; 3/10/2013, Noon, sent report of extending to March 14 deadline; 3/12/2013, 3:54pm, reminder email; 3/13/2013, 9:40pm, ANSWERS RECEIVED.	Contact Info	2/27/2013, 8:34pm, resident of district caller assigned; 3/4/2013, 4:30pm, yes to doing questionnaire. 3/4/2013, 4:45pm, emailed questionnaire; 3/10/2013, Noon, sent report of extending to March 14 deadline; 3/13/13, 9:30am, resent message attaching another questionnaire asking for receipt confirmation. 3/14/2013, 6:02pm, reminder email asking for 3/14/13 deadline; 3/14/2013, 7:26pm, candidate verified receiving questionnaire; 3/19/2013, 10:30pm, reminder phone call. Candidate says he's very busy right now and since both candidates go through the Primary he is planning to skip right now and answer the questions in time for the General Election. 4/11/13, 11:30am, though busy willing to look at it again, gave 4/16 deadline. 4/19/13, 2:03pm, candidate said he thought it had been sent. April 21, 2013, 9:47 PM ANSWERS RECEIVED. Note: Candidate would have had opportunity to view opponent's responses.		
My name is Jeff Moore and I'm a Republican candidate seeking the City Council seat in the 5th district. I am a lifelong Omaha resident. I graduated from Gross Catholic High School and then received a Journalism degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I have been married to my high school sweetheart Geri for almost 25 years. We have one son, TJ who attends Creighton University. I have been actively involved in St. Gerald's Catholic Church for many years. I am a State Farm agent and have been a small business owner for almost 24 years.		01 Biographical	Visit www.PahlsforOmaha.com	
I am running for City Council because I love the city of Omaha and want to make it even better. I believe that we can and should run government in a more business-like manner.	02 Motivation	As I knock on doors and talk to people about the issues facing Omaha what I hear repeatedly is concern about taxes and city spending. These seem to be concerns shared by Omahans regardless of where they live in the city. During my eight years in the State Legislature, I voted consistently to balance the state budget without increasing taxes even in a difficult economy when tax revenues dropped significantly below projections. At city hall, we must set spending priorities, ensure efficient delivery of city services and work to roll back the tax increases from recent years.		
Being a small business owner, I know how to stay within a budget and how to make tough decisions; I will bring a common sense approach to being on City council. I also believe that the only way to do things is the honest way.	03 Qualifications	My nearly thirty years of experience as a school administrator, community volunteer for numerous organizations, and eight years of service as a state senator in the Nebraska Legislature.		
[not answered]	04 Sustainable Development	I am generally opposed to a top-down approach of government mandates concerning sustainability, green policy or any kind of social agenda.		
I think that as citizens, we have to make tough decision in our everyday life. We should be doing the same in government. I want what is best for Omaha and we have to continue to develop our business community because it certainly helps with jobs and tax dollars but at the same time we have to make sure that we are financially responsible to the rest of our commitments.	05 City Resources	First, we must prioritize city spending and keep the tax burden low. We need continued reform of police and firefighters pensions in a way that recognizes their vital service while protecting taxpayers. Job growth is the economic engine for our city, and we need a city planning department that works with job creators. Crime isn't just a problem in one part of the city; we need to ensure adequate police staffing and resources to provide protection and respond quickly to emergencies all across Omaha. And, we must consider road and infrastructure needs as we anticipate future growth of the city.		
[not answered]	06 Animals	[not answered]		
[not answered]	07 Illegal Immigration	[not answered]		
I believe that Eminent Domain is at times necessary but it should be used as a last resort if negotiations have broken down and the property is necessary for the betterment of Omaha.	08 Eminent Domain	The city's authority to use eminent domain should be reserved for extremely limited use and only after efforts at negotiation have been exhausted.		
I believe that we have to get back to having the community more involved in preventing and solving crimes. Our fear of losing another family member, neighbor or friend has to exceed our fear of working with the police. More community watch programs and having our police officers work more personally within their jurisdictions would help.	09 Crime	[not answered]		
The city can help by keeping taxes down so that businesses can put more money towards hiring additional employees. The city can offer some incentives for starting a business in areas of high unemployment.	10 Jobs	[not answered]		
[not answered]	11 Representative Government	13 Homosexual Ordinance-Omaha	14 Governing documents	15 Constituents' concerns [not answered]
No relationships		12 City Business Connection		[not answered]
My family has known that I've wanted to run for office for many years and they have encouraged me. They understand that it is a position that is held in high regard and that it will come at times with criticism and interruptions to our lives and they understand that.		16 Family		[not answered]
How else do you make decisions unless you base them on your personal principles? I believe that my principles are what will get me elected. In making decisions, I will seek counsel from family, friends, other council members and experts within that decision making situation.		17 Personal/Political		[not answered]
[not answered]	18 Political decisions	19 DOMA	20 Abortion/capital punishment	21 Past President
married, Spouse: Geri, #of children: 1, High School: Gross Catholic, College: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Degrees: BS - Journalism, Church: St. Gerald's Catholic, Employer: State Farm, www.MooreforOmaha.com		Extra biographical	single, #of children: 2, High School: Downs High School, College: Fort Hays, Kansas State, University of Nebraska, Degrees: BS, MS, EdD, Church: St. Stephens Catholic, Professional Associations: Millard Business Association, Employer: Retired School Principal (Millard), http://www.pahlsforomaha.com/	