



A **non-partisan** resource to give Nebraska voters the **information they need** to make an informed decision when voting.
A non-edited opportunity for candidates to state their position **in their own words**, online for **free**.

LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL – District 4

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Note: Order of responses is generally alphabetical, but is changed sometimes for better use of space.

Questions Key:

Contact Information	Gambling-city	Eminent Domain
Biographical	Police	Abortion-City
Motivation/Qualifications	Accountability	Personal story
Roads	Ordinances	Decision making
Development Taxes	Electric power	Anything else
Property taxes	Sustainable Development	

(Contact Information) - Details of when we inputted the candidate's responses, including attempts to establish contact and other communication.

Mairead Safranek	4/19/15, ~3pm, spoke with candidate and emailed questionnaire. 4/20/15, left message. 4/24/15, 12:57pm, sent text asking for update. 5/1, 3:12pm, left phone message.
Carl Eskridge	4/19/15, ~3pm, left message. Evening candidate called back, questionnaire emailed at 10:30pm. 4/24/15, 1pm, left phone message. 5/1, 3:13pm, candidate said was really too busy, wish it had come sooner.

(Biographical) - Please include biographical information , e.g. family members, church affiliation, employment, etc. you consider important for voters to know and/or reference your website.

Mairead Safranek
Carl Eskridge

(Motivation/Qualifications) - What has motivated you to seek this office? What do you hope to accomplish? What three qualifications do you bring to this office? . (continued next page)

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(Roads) – Discuss your view on the Bypass potential. If you favor it, say why and what you would recommend for paying for it. If you are against it, what would you recommend for traffic control?? (continued next page)

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(Development Taxes) – What ideas do you have for pursuing development without increasing taxes? On balance, do you perceive tax increment financing net positive or net negative for Lincoln? Describe.

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(Property taxes) - The overwhelming sentiment during the governor’s race was that property taxes in Nebraska are too high. Yet there is little to nothing a governor or the state can do about high property taxes. Do you think the office you are running for could manage a property tax cut? If so, what items?

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(Gambling-city) – Discuss the pros and cons of government having more revenue from gambling.

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(Ordinances) – What city ordinances would you like to change? What should the city do about the sexual orientation ordinance the people overturned with a referendum in 2012?

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(Police) – Is the police force adequate? If not, what would you recommend to ensure that there is complete police protection?

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(Accountability) – What would you recommend for measures of accountability and transparency in city government? Please be specific and list examples.

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(Electric power) – Other communities in the state have an elected board for the power utilities. Do you oppose or support Lincoln continuing with a mayor-appointed board? Why?

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(Sustainable Development) – Officially Lincoln has dropped its association with ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives.) Do you agree or disagree with that decision? Should initiatives begun under that former authority be maintained or discontinued?

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(Eminent Domain) - Describe your thinking on eminent domain and private property rights

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(Abortion-city) - Even though many voters would like to know your personal position on the abortion issue, for this race, would you support the city funding Planned Parenthood?

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(Personal story) - Please briefly describe a situation where you had to stand alone for what you thought was right when the momentum was pushing the other way. What was the result?

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(Decision making) - To whom/what will you go for counsel in decision-making?

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(Anything Else) Declare anything else you want voters to know about you.

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