

LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL Questions

Question Key	Actual Questions asked. “*”d” questions offered as minimums to answer
Contact Info	Contact Information - ranging from the details of when we inputted the candidate's responses, to attempts to establish contact, to if we still need a volunteer caller, to if the candidate is unopposed and therefore not on the list to contact.
01 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.
02 Motivation	*What has motivated you to seek this office? Is there a key issue you hope to address?
03 Qualifications	*What three primary qualifications do you bring to this office?
04 Sustainable Development	* Discuss how the sustainable development presented in the UN Agenda 21 comprehensive plan can be a benefit or detriment to the citizens. What do you believe should be the government's role in establishing green policy?
05 City Resources	*What specific plan do you have for making the best use of taxpayer dollars? For example, what priority would you put on zoning, business incentives, personnel management, etc.? Should each year's budget include funding for future retirements?
06 Animals	What are the hot button issues concerning animals/pets in the city?
07 Illegal Immigration	What are your convictions regarding illegal immigration? What role do you believe the city should play in dealing with this issue?
08 Eminent Domain	*Describe your thinking on eminent domain and private property rights.
09 City Business Connection	Do you, a family member, or your employer have any business relationship serving the city? Please describe.
10 Representative Government	What do you recommend for efficient interplay of the responsibilities of the executive (mayor) and legislative (city council) branches of city government in serving the constituents each is elected to represent?
11 Morality	Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Lincoln City Charter includes this statement: "The city shall...make such ordinances...for maintaining the peace,...preserving order.....promoting the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, morals and general interests...of the inhabitants of the city..." What will you do to follow these requirements?
12 Homosexual ordinance	What is your view concerning the people's petition to rescind the ordinance giving special rights to homosexuals? In your opinion, what should be required to qualify for special rights?
(These last questions we ask regardless of what office is being sought. You may not think these relate to your office, but how you respond to these controversial questions might help the voter know how you would respond to other controversies in office.)	
13 Governing documents	What do you see as the major governing documents for this position? Have you read them? What does it mean to "uphold the Constitution" in the position you seek?
14 Constituents' concerns	*What plans do you have for remaining aware of your constituents' concerns and desires?
15 Family	What role has your family played in your seeking this office? In holding this position, how do you foresee it affecting your family?
16 Personal/Political	To what degree should an office holder's personal principles be reflected in political decision making? To whom/what will you go for counsel in decision making?
17 Political decisions	Is it appropriate to use the Bible or other religious writings in making political decisions? If so, what would you use? If not, why not?
18 DOMA	The Department of Justice has refused to uphold the Defense of Marriage Act. What is your personal view on this legal irregularity? What is your personal view on the Defense of Marriage Act?
19 Abortion/capital punishment	*What definition do you give for each of these terms: pro-life, pro-choice. Which is your view and to what level of conviction do you hold that view? Some say capital punishment is a pro-life issue. What is your perspective?
20 Past President	*What key considerations did you use in deciding how you voted for President in 2012?
21 Anything else?	Declare anything else you want voters to know about you.