

OMAHA CITY COUNCIL – District 5

Note: Both candidates advance to the General Election

Jeff Moore (Republican)	Question	Rich Pahls (Republican)
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/ Date Filed: 2-19-13. 2/27/2013, 8:34pm, resident of district caller assigned; 3/4/2013, 5:51pm, emailed questionnaire; 3/10/2013, Noon, sent report of extending to March 14 deadline; 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, Morning, 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.DELAYED
Date Filed: 2/25/13. 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	
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. Gearld'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	
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	
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	
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	
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	
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	
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	
No relationships	12 City Business Connection	
My door, phone and email will always be open for all citizens of Omaha, not just my district. I will also be out in the community on a regular basis to see what need to be worked on and to listen to the people of Omaha.	15 Constituents' concerns	
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	
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]: **04 Sustainable Development** , **06 Animals**, **07 Illegal Immigration**, **11 Representative Government** , **13 Homosexual Ordinance-Omaha**, **14 Governing documents**, **18 Political decisions**, **19 DOMA**, **20 Abortion/capital punishment**, **21 Past President** , **22 Anything else?**

See next page to view actual questions asked.

OMAHA MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL Questions

Question Key	Actual Questions asked. “*”d” questions offered as minimums to answer
Date Filed	The date the candidate officially filed with the County election office.
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 Crime	What should the city do to decrease the consequences of gang violence and other crime?
10 Jobs	Even though the unemployment rate in Nebraska is nearly the lowest in the nation, the unemployment rate for some minorities is excessively high. How can the city help in job creation? What specific ideas do you have for jobs?
11 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?
12 City Business Connection	Do you, a family member, or your employer have any business relationship serving the city? Please describe.
13 Homosexual Ordinance-Omaha	*If the people’s petition to rescind the ordinance giving special rights to homosexuals some day appears on the ballot, how will you vote? 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.)	
14 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?
15 Constituents’ concerns	*What plans do you have for remaining aware of your constituents’ concerns and desires?
16 Family	What role has your family played in your seeking this office? In holding this position, how do you foresee it affecting your family?
17 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?
18 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?
19 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?
20 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?
21 Past President	*What key considerations did you use in deciding how you voted for President in 2012?
22 Anything else?	Declare anything else you want voters to know about you.
Extra biographical	Biographical information from what candidates provided the Douglas County Election office and/or other web resources. Candidates are asked to email kathy@voterinformation.org if any information is inaccurate. When known, candidate's website is noted.