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<b>Leirion Baird</b> (Democrat)	<b>Trent Fellers</b> (Republican)	<b>Eugene Carroll</b> (Democrat)
3/28/13, 3:00pm, spoke to, said will see, questionnaire emailed. 4/2/13 emailed 2nd time. 4/4/13, 12:50am, email offering extended deadline. 4/19/13 - another volunteer caller left two messages.	3/28/13, 3:05pm, spoke to and will send by email. 4/2/13, emailed 2nd time. 4/4/13, 12:50am, email offering extended deadline. 4/19/13 - another volunteer caller reported candidate said he will "probably" be replying.	3/28/13, 3:15pm, left message. 4/2/13, 9:30am, returned call, said would look at it. 4/4/13, 12:50am, email offering extended deadline. 4/19/13 - candidate told another volunteer caller that he will not be responding.
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<b>Question</b>	<b>Roy Christensen</b> (Republican)
<b>Contact Info</b>	3/28/13, 3:10pm, said to send it. 4/2/13, emailed questionnaire 2nd time. 4/4/13, 12:50am, email offering extended deadline. ANSWERS RECEIVED 4/4/13, 8:40pm.
<b>01 Biographical</b>	Website: www.royforlincoln.com. I was born in Washington, D.C. On 3 September 1959. I think my father was a professional student because we moved many times when I was growing up. We lived in Virginia, Upstate New York, Utah, Arizona, Indiana, and Idaho. I graduated High School from Highland High in Pocatello Idaho in 1978. After graduation my family moved again to Alabama. From there I went on a two year mission for my church to Chile. I am a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. When I returned my parents had moved back to Arizona. I went to Northern Arizona University. It was there that I met my wife and got married. Our first two children were born there. I also joined the Army R.O.T.C program on scholarship to help pay for school. Upon graduation I entered active duty with the Army. I was a Medical Service Corps officer and served my first three years in Germany. I was a medical platoon leader in the 1/36 Infantry and later served in the Third Armored Division Headquarters. From Germany we moved to Edgewood Arsenal at Aberdeen Proving Grounds Maryland where I was the Detachment Commander and Adjutant for the Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense. From there I went back to school and received my Masters of Science in Audiology from Idaho State University in 1992. My first job as an Audiologist was in Yakima, Washington. After five years in Yakima I had the opportunity to own my own practice in Lincoln. I moved here in early December 1997. In my experience, people make the place. By that standard Lincoln is as good as or better than any other place I have lived. My wife and I have seven children with two still at home. Our first five have all graduated from East High. We have put our roots down here. We have eight grandchildren who all live here.*
<b>02 Motivation</b>	The experiences I have seen my adult children have as they establish themselves as adults has really motivated me. The difficulties they have had motivates me to help make Lincoln a better place. We need good jobs and more of them. Young people may want to stay here because of our quality of life. They can only do so if they can find good jobs. Under employment is a serious problem that we face in Lincoln. City government cannot create these jobs, but it can help create a welcoming environment for job creators.
<b>03 Qualifications</b>	I have leadership experience as an Army officer. I have business experience as an owner of three different businesses located here Lincoln. As a father of seven I have learned how to make hard decisions.
<b>04 Sustainable Development</b>	Sustainable development puts government in the position of picking the winners and losers among business and property owners. It is an attack on property rights. As such I am opposed to this social agenda.
<b>05 City Resources</b>	Taxpayer funds should be focused on the core functions of government. Infrastructure; roads, water and sewer. Public safety; police and fire . If we can focus our spending on essentials first we can create a friendly environment for job creators. CIR reform at the state level is critical for local governments to be able to get budgets under control.
<b>06 Animals</b>	[not answered]
<b>07 Illegal Immigration</b>	Illegal immigration hurts everyone and is most harmful to the immigrants themselves. Folks come here looking for opportunity and because of their legal status they are easily victimized by some unscrupulous employers. Low wages perpetuate a semi-permanent underclass that harms families and burdens communities. The city has few legitimate options in this situation. We are better off staying out of it and letting this be resolved at the state and federal level.
<b>08 Eminent Domain</b>	Eminent domain should be employed only in very limited situations. These situations must have public interest that is limited to roads and essential infrastructure.
<b>09 City Business Connection</b>	No.
<b>10 Representative Government</b>	The City Council should be more involved in developing the budget and not leave it to the mayor's office to propose.
<b>11 Morality</b>	I think city government should adopt the idea of "first do no harm". The law of unintended consequences seems to operate to full effect when government takes action. Restraint in passing new laws and ordinances should be exercised.
<b>12 Homosexual ordinance</b>	The law should be honored and the issue should have already been put to a vote of the people.
<b>13 Governing documents</b>	Governing document are the City Charter, the Constitution of Nebraska and the US Constitution. I have read them all. Upholding the Constitution means to allow no government action that would reduce individual liberty. I have taken an oath to "bear true faith and allegiance" to the Constitution. I will actively seek to hold all laws and issues before the City Council up to the standard of Liberty.
<b>14 Constituents' concerns</b>	I have been and will remain available to people on a daily basis. I will reach out to neighborhood groups and organizations for input.

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Question	<b>Roy Christensen</b> (Republican)
<b>15 Family</b>	My family is my motivation. My wife and children have been very supportive.
<b>16 Personal/Political</b>	Personal principles and moral character are the only accurate predictor of future behavior. All decisions reflect character and principles either intentionally or unintentionally. This is why it important to elect individuals with proven high moral standards. For counsel I will go to my family, neighbors and most importantly to God.
<b>17 Political decisions</b>	All of our political documents have their roots in the Bible. There are those who dispute this and dislike it. This does not change the reality of history. Moral principles must be the basis for political decisions.
<b>18 DOMA</b>	I have one wife and she has been with me and I with her faithfully all our adult lives. Marriage and families are the foundation of any society. Any assault on marriage is an assault on our society
<b>19 Abortion/capital punishment</b>	I am for individual right and liberty. We all have the right to life and I believe it begins at conception. Those who claim the liberty to kill an unborn child have forgotten that there can be no liberty without individual responsibility. They seek to avoid the responsibility for their choices.
[not answered]	<b>20 Past President, 21 Anything else?</b>

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Question	<b>Meg Mikolajczyk</b> (Democrat)
<b>Contact Info</b>	3/28/13, 4:13pm, sent contact info. 4/1/13, requested questionnaire. 4/2/13 email - on website. ANSWERS RECEIVED as of 4/3/13 8:38pm.
<b>01 Biographical</b>	I grew up near the small town of Union Grove, Wisconsin. In 2008, I earned Bachelor of Science degrees in both Anthropology and Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and in 2011 I earned my Juris Doctor from the UNL College of Law. Following graduation and the successful completion of the bar exam, I started my own law firm with a fellow law school graduate, and together we prioritize providing effective legal services to vulnerable populations who desperately need these services, but struggle to access them. I have made Lincoln my home because of the camaraderie of its residents, the city's emphasis on maintaining green spaces, libraries, and other key services for families, and because it is growing responsibly. Also, it's a town with ample entertainment and culturally enriching opportunities. In 2012 I purchased a home in the Near South neighborhood and aim to stay put in Lincoln. My immediately family includes my mother, Deb, my father, Glen, and my sister Callie, all of whom reside out of state. My significant other, his daughter (and our four dogs), as well as several close friends comprise my "Lincoln family." Please visit <a href="http://www.megforcouncil.com">www.megforcouncil.com</a> to learn more about me and my campaign.
<b>02 Motivation</b>	I have wanted to serve my community as an elected official since moving to Lincoln. The work I do every day as an attorney has further opened my eyes to the specific needs of my fellow Lincolniters; the desire to advocate on a larger scale in order to positively impact the city is my impetus for running this race. The city and its residents-not party affiliation-must be the focal point of the City Council's decision making. I know I will take action in the best interests of the entirety of our community. My priorities of greater sustainability, stronger neighborhoods, more effective public transportation, and responsible business growth make economic sense and benefit all of Lincoln. We can't have it any other way.
<b>03 Qualifications</b>	1. Through my legal practice, and as a mentor and volunteer, I am in touch with the needs and strengths of Lincoln's core neighborhoods, its youth, and its most vulnerable populations. Lincoln will not reach its potential if it fails to provide the services and support these communities need, which are the same services that attract young families and new businesses. 2. I am action-focused. I understand that there is no start-up training for City Council members, and I am ready to dive in, learn what I need to know, and work with tenacity to get things done in the best interests of Lincoln. 3. I am a small business owner who knows how to stretch a dollar and still offer high-quality services. We must have new energy and ideas at the City Council level, and that's what I will bring to office if elected.
<b>04 Sustainable Development</b>	In an era of continuous budget shortfalls and concerning environmental conditions, green policy makes sense for our economy, our community, and our future generations. The entire proposition put forth in UN Agenda 21 is that all people the world over should take stock of their lifestyle choices and reevaluate practices in order to conduct themselves more responsibly, whether that responsibility be in the form of spending habits, caring for our earth, running businesses, or how we interact with our own communities. Further, the argument that UN Agenda 21 cuts against American sovereignty is completely false and somewhat silly - the Agenda itself is a non-binding agreement that holds less authority than any treaty we have signed into as a country. It is confusing to me why an Agenda from the United Nations which simply offers suggestions on how to combat some of our most pressing global issues, like overpopulation and environmental concerns, could become so controversial. People and nature need to exist with one another or the entire globe will fail.
<b>05 City Resources</b>	First and foremost, I plan to bring my strong analytical skills to the table and make reasonable and responsible decisions based on all data available on any given topic. My aim will be to encourage services and programs that positively impact most Lincolniters and/or those Lincolniters most in need. Protecting key services will be my major priority, as budget cuts have the more dire effects on our most vulnerable neighbors and community members. I plan to focus much attention on both public transportation and continuing to foster strong neighborhoods by way of encouraging and incentivizing home ownership for young families and low-income folks. I want to explore creative means of achieving these goals without having to raise taxes. For example, if we can partner with groups like Neighborworks and increase home ownership in some of our blighted areas, the property values in those neighborhoods increase which will generate higher revenues from taxes without the tax rate itself increasing. The rise of property values is a great thing because it indicates that our neighborhoods are thriving and that the quality of life for our fellow Lincolniters is exceptional. I will not say that I will never vote to raise any taxes in Lincoln because to do so is completely irresponsible. I can guarantee that I will make every decision based on the best interests of all of our citizens.
<b>06 Animals</b>	Lincoln is a great city for pet owners, largely due to the amount of space we have for owners and pets to enjoy their time with one another. Although it would be a lower priority issue, I would like to explore the addition of 1-2 new dog parks in other parts of the city. These spaces help create community as well as provide a healthy play space for our four-legged friends who may spend most of their days in apartments or in homes without adequate yard space. I am open to learning concerns Lincolniters have involving pets and animals in the city and exploring how we can address these concerns by the least restrictive means possible.

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Question	Meg Mikolajczyk (Democrat)
<b>07 Illegal Immigration</b>	I require more information on this topic before I can take any stance on this issue. I have grave concerns about how our services are or could be limited to this population of individuals, particularly when said services are aimed to benefit children living in our community. I would like to enter a dialogue with knowledgeable individuals working and/or living within this delicate issue. I feel strongly that this is an issue best left to our state legislature.
<b>08 Eminent Domain</b>	Eminent domain is only to be used in the most dire of instances and I am a strong proponent of private ownership of property (see my comments on initiatives to encourage property ownership amongst young families and low income folks). While it is true that a large bundle of rights comes along with property ownership, there is also a "bundle of responsibilities" that is not often discussed in the law. Landlords have responsibilities to their lessees to keep the spaces rented in livable conditions and all property owners have responsibilities to their neighbors to not create situations which may be deemed a nuisance. But, in instances where a family is struggling in all aspects and financial penalization would exacerbate the problem, then I support an approach of teaching self-reliance through education about home ownership and accompanying responsibilities would address the core issues.
<b>09 City Business Connection</b>	I have no contracts with the city nor do any of my family members. I support the Charter Amendment because I hold that the utmost transparency between government and its citizens is the only way a government can best serve the needs of its people. The optics of Councilmembers holding contracts with the City of Lincoln are terrible and invite Lincolnites to form distrust in our local government. Councilmembers are like the Board of Directors to the City and thus, should avoid conflicts of interest at all turns. As an attorney, this issue is black and white for me - I would never advise a client serving on the board of a corporation to form a contract that he or she would financially gain from.
<b>10 Representative Government</b>	First and foremost, the City of Lincoln must listen to its residents in order to create effective, informed policy. Yes, politics are always involved, but they should not be the driving force behind the City's next steps/missteps. I will disagree with a proposal or decision when it conflicts with my core beliefs and what I know about my community, and I will compromise when doing so is in the best interests of the majority of Lincolnites. If all City elected officials do the same, we will have Lincoln on a very positive trajectory. As a councilwoman I will aim to have open, honest conversations with the executive branch of our city government as well as with my fellow councilmembers and constituents, which is the best approach to achieving success for our city as a whole.
<b>11 Morality</b>	Being an elected member of the Lincoln Council is a HUGE responsibility and one that I would never take lightly. If chosen to represent all of Lincoln, then I must exemplify the above statement in both word and deed. Peace, order, and general well-being are possible if we prioritize maintaining the services our residents, especially vulnerable populations, need to thrive. This means tough decisions about both policy and spending; however, if we consider the end goal-again, peace, order, and general well-being-then making these decisions shouldn't be all that hard. Further, as this statement applies to all of our fellow community members, I will maintain a focus on treating all Lincolnites with fairness, dignity and respect, regardless of age, religious affiliation, race, gender, socioeconomic status or sexual orientation. To successfully move forward as a city, all of our citizens need to be on an equal playing field.
<b>12 Homosexual ordinance</b>	I am a strong advocate and ally of the LGBT community. I work tirelessly to better understand the issues individuals within this community are struggling with and then attempt to provide legal services to assist in overcoming the hurdles currently in place. I will not back down from ensuring that all Lincolnites achieve fairness and equality in employment opportunities, housing, etc. I take offense to the statement of this question which suggests that members of the LGBT community would be achieving "special rights" by way of an ordinance which simply puts them on equal footing with their heterosexual counterparts. We, as a community and as a culture, need to shift the way we view this ordinance and realize that our city will only thrive when we cooperate and collaborate as a community, eradicate lingering prejudices, and aim to achieve fairness for all of our citizens.
<b>13 Governing documents</b>	As an attorney, I have exceptional statutory interpretation skills and have experience working with local city ordinances, state statutes, and federal law, as well as all levels of case law. I am comfortable working within the bounds of governing documents such as charters, by laws, and corporate governance documents.
<b>14 Constituents' concerns</b>	I thrive on connecting with my community, be it through volunteering at Community Action, mentoring LPS students, or working side by side with vulnerable children, families, and adults through my legal practice. During my campaign, I have enjoyed immensely knocking on doors, making calls to voters, and attending neighborhood association meetings throughout Lincoln. If elected, I will continue to do the same during my term of service in order to stay in touch with the people who matter most, our neighbors. I won't always be able to change exactly what they want changed, but I will do my very best to keep their voices and ideas front and center. I plan to maintain a presence at neighborhood association meetings when possible. I have been dreaming up other ways for me to remain engaged with the constituents if I am a councilwoman, but I have yet to finalize what those means of engagement look like.
<b>15 Family</b>	My family has supported me from day one with my campaign. Prior to my announcement, my parents always encouraged me to be involved in my community, which my track record clearly demonstrates. To my immediate family, my running for City Council was just the next step in a natural progression for me. I am responsible to them and to my clients first, and I understand the balance it will take to fulfill both my role in their lives and my role as a City Council member. Having been an involved student and community advocate during my time as an undergraduate and as a law student, and now as a business owner, volunteer, and mentor, I am adept at finding and maintaining a healthy life balance while making sure no individual or organization that relies on me is shortchanged. Further, I am excited to be a positive female role model for all of the young women in the community with whom I currently mentor, previously coached, and/or include in my "Lincoln family".
<b>16 Personal/Political</b>	I am very consistent in my core beliefs. With that being said, I believe fully in the concept of the marketplace of ideas and that everyone should have a spot at the table to discuss their viewpoints. Thus, my goal as a City Council woman would be to give as many voices as possible the opportunity to speak their mind on a topic. I would consider all concerns and analyze supporting evidence to determine the best course of action for the city. I will not be swayed by party politics or following the popular proposal if said proposal erodes away at the equality and fairness of all citizens. I will operate fairly and responsibly with my decision making and again, welcome many conversations along the way.

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Question	Meg Mikolajczyk (Democrat)
<b>17 Political decisions</b>	It is our core beliefs that create the framework through which we navigate the issues we grapple with as elected officials. With that being said, quoting to a specific religious text in order to support one's argument for a course of action as an elected official is completely inappropriate and may border on unconstitutional if it is the main motivation for proposing some course of action. Religious affiliation and spiritual practices are very personal and individualized, so while they are instructive to a person's moral compass, religious texts should not be offered as evidence in support of or against any governmental act. I firmly believe that respect shall be given to all religious affiliations and I would never want to put myself or any fellow council members in a situation where we are endorsing or the optics suggest we are endorsing any one religion over another.
<b>18 DOMA</b>	The legal irregularity stems from the act itself, not the failure of the Department of Justice to uphold DOMA. The matter is before the Supreme Court of the United States and is a federal issue. With that being said, this statute has caused a plethora of issues for same-sex couples and their families. Again, I would emphasize the need to maintain equality and fairness for all of our friends, family, neighbors, colleagues and Lincolniters. The Defense of Marriage Act, if nothing else, is an administrative nightmare that I have struggled to navigate in my legal practice. The end effect of DOMA in Nebraska is that same-sex marriages perfected in other states cannot be undone in Nebraska, which means that same sex marriages now have the most permanence within our state. This causes couples with irreconcilable differences consternation, as they lose their ability to form meaningful relationships in the future that may be recognized legally in other states. And, on the opposite end of the argument, I doubt it was the State of Nebraska's intention to elevate same sex marriages to our most protected relationships, since the state also has a Constitutional Amendment stating that marriage is to be between one man and one woman.
<b>19 Abortion/capital punishment</b>	My views on abortion and capital punishment have no bearing whatsoever on my ability to be a strong Councilwoman. Personally, at this point in my life, I do not think I could undergo an abortion. However, that's me. I can't begin to understand what some women are going through or how their pregnancies came into being, so I do not feel as though it is my place to impose what my course of action would be upon other women. Women should be able to make that choice individually, based on their own set of circumstances. The criminal justice system is not failsafe. Thus, we learn all the time that inmates on death row should be exonerated due to the discovery of new evidence, particularly DNA evidence. Perhaps my biggest concern with the death penalty is that the State creates the job of "professional killer" when it hires someone to perform the lethal injection. In one of my anthropology courses in college we examined the psychological effects an "executioner" undergoes and it concerns me that the State would put someone in that position. Further, I do not think the death penalty prevents future acts as it does not serve as a deterrent to other criminals. It is an expensive proposition for the State to take on and our tax dollars could be used in other ways - perhaps providing rehabilitation and services to at-risk folks and previous offenders. BUT AGAIN, these are not issues that I think should even be considered at the City Council level.
<b>20 Past President</b>	When I vote in a Presidential race, I look for a person who is sensitive to the fact that not everyone has the same opportunities to become successful and that, as a whole, we have to look out for one another. I do not want a President who cannot relate to our most vulnerable populations. I do not want a President who is insensitive to issues effecting women, minorities and the LGBT community. I do not want a President who will favor the 1% of our nation over the 99% of us. I had (and still have) grave concerns regarding the Medicare/Medicaid discussion and the cutting of funding in a time when our country's Baby Boomer generation is aging into the "senior citizen" demographic. I want someone to lead our country who is in tune with climate change and wants to shift the focus from foreign oil dependency towards wind energy at home.
<b>21 Anything else?</b>	I am, through and through, a Democrat. But, what is important when selecting candidates for this election is not party affiliation, but rather ability to give a voice and credence to the opinions and concerns of all Lincolniters. I am well adept to do this, as my job, every day, is to assist a wide variety of Lincolniters in their struggles. As the only candidate with a legal background, I interpret statutes, ordinances, and the Constitution on a daily basis. I am a skilled negotiator and often make compromises for the betterment of the whole. THESE are the qualities that embody a solid and successful city council woman. I am open and honest and willing to have the tough conversations with anyone who wants to share an idea. I am a fast learner. I am compassionate. And, above all, I love the city of Lincoln and know I am the right person for City Council.

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Question	Mark Whitehead (Republican)
<b>Contact Info</b>	3/28/13, 11:20am, spoke to and he will respond. 4/2/13 emailed 2nd time. 4/4/13, 12:50am, email offering extended deadline. 4/6/13, 12:45pm, reminder email sent. Monday, April 22, 2013 4:09 AM - candidate said it should be up today. Wed, 24 Apr 2013 11:40am, ANSWERS RECEIVED. Note: Candidate would have had opportunity to view opponents' answers before responding. 4/25/13 - candidate emailed to say would finish missing questions soon.
<b>01 Biographical</b>	I was born and raised in the Lincoln area. Have been involved in a Lincoln business for most of my life of which I am now an owner along with my two sisters. I am married the Chris, and have two daughters (Katie 12, Maddie 15) Website: <a href="http://www.whiteheadforcitycouncil.com">www.whiteheadforcitycouncil.com</a>
<b>02 Motivation</b>	I felt our city government had raised too many taxes, isn't investing enough in streets throughout our community, needed to become more open and honest with citizens, and that our city council needed a small business perspective that I can offer.
<b>03 Qualifications</b>	1) I've served on several boards and commissions including the Nebraska Environmental Quality Council; 2) My retail business serves customers throughout Lincoln and I have a good understanding of the concerns of people across our city; and 3) My experience successfully managing a small business gives me a perspective that the city should serve the taxpayers instead of the other way around, and I can bring that perspective to how our city is managed.
<b>04 Sustainable Development</b>	I disagree with the city adopting the Agenda 21 regulations. I think Lincoln can work toward being good stewards of the environment and we should respect and protect our environment, but not at the expense of our economy and jobs. I'm proud our company was the first private company to win an environmental protection award from the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District for our wetlands protection project near I-80 and 27th Street.

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Question	Mark Whitehead (Republican)
<b>05 City Resources</b>	I've said I will bring a small business perspective to city hall, and that includes doing what countless Lincoln businesses and families have done in recent years and that is to tighten our belts and become more efficient. City government needs to work harder to do more with less and not treat taxpayers like a piggy bank they can call on whenever city dollars run low. One specific place I think we should focus taxpayer dollars on is our roads throughout our community.
<b>06 Animals</b>	The main issues I've heard in talking with people is pet waste. People need to be responsible pet owners and clean up after their pets or else that waste will make it into our storms sewers and public waterways.
<b>07 Illegal Immigration</b>	Personally I feel our country needs to get its own borders under control. There is little the city can do regarding illegal immigration because the federal government has made it clear through legal actions and its own non-enforcement that the federal government is the only level of government that can deal with illegal immigration.
<b>08 Eminent Domain</b>	Private property rights should be protected and respected by our city government. Eminent domain should be a last resort with a high threshold required to prove there is a vital public interest in obtaining private land or property.
<b>09 City Business Connection</b>	Yes. In January my family's company was awarded a contract to provide fuel to the city of Lincoln's motor vehicles. We were the low bidder and saved the community approximately \$20,000 over the next lowest bidder. Our company was the only business based in Lincoln with our workforce Lincoln residents.
<b>10 Representative Government</b>	The Mayor's position should be to administrate our local government in the most effective and efficient way possible. The city council's job is to listen to their constituents (in the case of an at-large council member it would be the entire city) and bring those concerns to legislating our city laws and regulations. The city council can provide direction for and policies for the administration to implement.
<b>11 Morality</b>	I'll vote and govern according to the principles outlined in the City Charter, as well as listen to the people. On certain issues it may be appropriate for the entire community to vote in order to establish a majority vote deciding our community standards and policies.
<b>12 Homosexual ordinance</b>	I personally oppose the ordinance because it creates one more special protected class of individuals in our society and could cause more unfounded lawsuits against employers. I've never discriminated in my own business and don't think anyone should discriminate. As to this specific issue, since opponents were able to get the required number of signatures to prevent the ordinance from becoming law, the city council should either vote to repeal the ordinance it passed, or else put it on the ballot to let the community decide this issue.
<b>13 Governing documents</b>	The U.S. Constitution is the overriding document of law that every citizen should strive to uphold, but the primary governing document for a city council member is our City Charter. I have read both.
<b>14 Constituents' concerns</b>	I plan to continue listening to people throughout the community and will attend community events in all parts of the city. I would like to get fellow council members to hold periodic town hall "listening sessions" to make it easier for citizens to share their thoughts on city policies.
<b>15 Family</b>	I have the support of my wife Chris and both of my daughters. I've been a busy, active person all of my adult life and I'm confident I can put in the required time and effort in serving the citizens of Lincoln as well as continue being a good husband and father to my family.
<b>16 Personal/Political</b>	An elected official's life experiences help shape the foundation on which they make decisions. They seek and receive support from people and organizations who share their core beliefs. Some of the people and organizations that I share these beliefs with are the Faith Community, LIBA, The Realtors Association and the Home Builders Association. But, as a city council member for everyone in the city, I would look forward to input from all who care to share their views with me.
<b>17 Political decisions</b>	I am a Christian, and the Foundation that the Bible gives me will help to shape my opinions and decisions in all aspects of my life.
<b>18 DOMA</b>	DOMA was voted on by a vote of the people and should be respected.
<b>19 Abortion/capital punishment</b>	Pro-life means to protect the sanctity of life. Pro-choice means the ability to choose which fetuses are allowed to be preserved up to birth. I am pro-life. Capital punishment should be used as a punishment for the most heinous crimes for convicted criminals who have no respect for the lives of their victims and will be a threat to take the lives of others, even in prison.
<b>20 Past President</b>	I voted for Mitt Romney, and did so because I shared far more common views with him than his opponent.
<b>21 Anything else?</b>	[not answered]

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Question Key	Actual Questions asked. “*’d” questions offered as minimums to answer
<b>Contact Info</b>	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.
<b>01 Biographical</b>	*Please include biographical information, e.g. family members, church affiliation, employment, etc., you consider important for voters to know and/or reference your website.
<b>02 Motivation</b>	*What has motivated you to seek this office? Is there a key issue you hope to address?
<b>03 Qualifications</b>	*What three primary qualifications do you bring to this office?
<b>04 Sustainable Development</b>	* 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?
<b>05 City Resources</b>	*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?
<b>06 Animals</b>	What are the hot button issues concerning animals/pets in the city?
<b>07 Illegal Immigration</b>	What are your convictions regarding illegal immigration? What role do you believe the city should play in dealing with this issue?
<b>08 Eminent Domain</b>	*Describe your thinking on eminent domain and private property rights.
<b>09 City Business Connection</b>	Do you, a family member, or your employer have any business relationship serving the city? Please describe.
<b>10 Representative Government</b>	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?
<b>11 Morality</b>	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?
<b>12 Homosexual ordinance</b>	What is your view concerning the peoples' petition to rescind the ordinance giving special rights to homosexuals? In your opinion, what should be required to qualify for special rights?
<b>(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.)</b>	
<b>13 Governing documents</b>	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?
<b>14 Constituents' concerns</b>	*What plans do you have for remaining aware of your constituents' concerns and desires?
<b>15 Family</b>	What role has your family played in your seeking this office? In holding this position, how do you foresee it affecting your family?
<b>16 Personal/Political</b>	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?
<b>17 Political decisions</b>	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?
<b>18 DOMA</b>	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?
<b>19 Abortion/capital punishment</b>	*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?
<b>20 Past President</b>	*What key considerations did you use in deciding how you voted for President in 2012?
<b>21 Anything else?</b>	Declare anything else you want voters to know about you.