

2020 Primary Election

# Voters' Guide

August 18, 2020

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# 2020 Primary Election Voters' Guide Introduction

The League of Women Voters of Laramie (LWVL), in a 50-year partnership with the *Laramie Boomerang*, is pleased to provide you with this Voters' Guide for the August 18, 2020 Primary Election. You may carry it with you into the polling booth on Election Day. There will be another Voters' Guide in October for the General Election on November 3, 2020.

## The Questions

The LWVL selected questions for candidates (four each). They were mailed June 3, 2020 to addresses given when candidates filed (duplicates sent by email if provided). Answers were limited to 100 words, except for the one identical for all races: "What few facts would you most like voters to know about you," which had a 50-word limit. Deadline for responses was June 17, 2020. Those whose responses did not come by the deadline received follow-ups

## The Virus

There was no increase for Congressional salaries in coronavirus aid packages, and to date, no changes in other salaries or stipends given here. A few candidates requested additional time to respond to the questionnaire—short extensions were given, recognizing that there have been unforeseen complications occasioned by this unusual year.

## The Responses

The candidates' statements included here are exactly as submitted, with three exceptions. First, responses longer than the word limit were shortened at the end of the statement to the closest complete thought within the limit. Three dots at the end of a response indicate such a cut. Second, words in all capital letters were changed to lower case, retaining original punctuation and spelling. Third, if responses to a given question had several paragraphs, these were combined into one. Spelling or grammar was not corrected. Candidates were asked to provide a photo; if there is none, the candidate did not provide one. City and State of residence is listed only with Question 1, these are from the "Candidate Roster" on the Wyoming Secretary of State's website. Any candidate who did not respond is indicated in Question 1.

## The Offices

Candidates' responses to a given question are grouped by party and presented in random order that is the same for all four questions. Each section starts with an introduction stating salary, term, and other information about the office. An (R) next to a candidates' name indicates Republican, (D) indicates Democrat. The party listed first alternates from one office to the next.

## The Ballot

The Wyoming Primary Election determines candidates from each party to compete in the General Election. Your ballot contains only the names of candidates of the party you registered with. If you registered as an Independent and live outside Laramie, you will not vote—City Council is the only nonpartisan race. Changing party affiliation is done with a special form submitted no later than 14 days before the election at the County Clerk's Office, or at your polling place on Election Day.

## Other Information

This Voters' Guide also is available online at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org), and on the website of the Laramie Boomerang newspaper. Non-partisan sources can be found online, for example <https://www.youtube.com/user/WYLVV> has videos any of public forums conducted by the LWVL. A search for a candidate's name (plus Wyoming) may produce a campaign website, Facebook page and other information. Be vigilant about fact-checking.

# How to Vote in the 2020 Primary Election

## Albany County Clerk's Office

[www.co.albany.wy.us/clerk](http://www.co.albany.wy.us/clerk)

Phone: (307) 721-2546

Email: [elections@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:elections@co.albany.wy.us)

Office: 525 Grand Ave., Suite 202

Laramie, WY 82070

Hours: M-F 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Voter Registration

If you voted in the 2018 General Election, you are currently registered to vote. If you have moved, have a name change or wish to change your party affiliation, you can make those changes at the County Clerk's Office either in person, by mail, or at the polls on Election Day. Check the Clerk's website for eligibility to register and what you need as documentation.

At the Albany County Courthouse Election Office, accessed at ground level on the northeast side of the Courthouse, you can register and vote in a single visit. Voter registration closes at 5:00 p.m. August 3, 2020, meaning that while you may still make changes to your voter registration, you will have to cast a ballot that same day.

## Voting in Person

Primary Election is August 18, 2020. As in the past, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Polling places have been consolidated this year; you may not be voting where you have in the past. If so, you should have received a postcard about the change. To be sure, check with the Albany County Clerk's Election website. You can only vote in person at your assigned polling location.

## Write-in Votes

Ballots contain space for write-in votes for all offices. For county, state and federal offices, at least 25 write-in votes for the same name are required, including identical spelling, for that person to advance to the General Election if qualified. However, for Laramie City Council seats, just three write-in votes are the minimum needed. In all cases write-in winners must live in the district or ward where they are running and accept the nomination by paying the filing fee at the appropriate office.

## Accommodating All Voters

The County Clerk's Office makes every effort to assure that voters with disabilities of any type are accommodated. For example, there are special voting stations with equipment for the visually impaired, and special parking places are available at polling places (sticker required). The election staff will bring ballots out to cars if notified. Call the Clerk's Office to request special arrangements.

## Absentee Voting

All registered voters are eligible to vote absentee, and absentee voting has begun. If you have an absentee ballot that has not been mailed, send or deliver it to the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse so that it arrives by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you received an absentee ballot by mail but didn't send it in, and now want to vote in person, you may do so on Election Day by going to the correct polling place where the election judges will verify that a ballot has not yet been received by the Clerk's Office, and a new ballot will be given to you.

In June, registered voters were mailed a form to request an absentee ballot. If you requested one but have not received it, contact the County Clerk's Office. You cannot pick up an absentee ballot for another registered voter without a signed form from that person. The Clerk's Office can help with this.



The LWV is a nonpartisan grassroots membership organization with units at the local, state and national level. Its mission is:

**Empowering voters. Defending democracy.**

There are Leagues in all 50 states and some US territories. The League was founded in 1920 when the Women's Suffrage Association changed its name to the League of Women Voters following ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution giving women the right to vote. Despite the name, the League is open to everyone age 16 or over. This Voters' Guide was prepared with assistance of the Laramie LWV and the Wyoming LWV and is posted on VOTE411.org, a website for all US voters. More information is on the League's websites, <https://www.wyominglwv.org> for the Laramie and Wyoming LWV; <https://www.lwv.org> for information about the national League.

# U.S. Congressional Candidates

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### U.S. Senate



**R. Mark Armstrong (R)**



**Merav Ben David (D)**



**Devon Cade (R)**



**Kenneth R. Casner (D)**



**James Kirk DeBrine (D)**



**John Holtz (R)**



**Michael Kemler (R)**



**Yana Ludwig (D)**



**Cynthia M. Lummis (R)**



**Bryan E. Miller (R)**



**Donna Rice (R)**



**Star Roselli (R)**

# U.S. Congressional Candidates

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### U.S. Senate (Continued from previous page)



**Robert G. Short (R)**



**Nathan Wendt (D)**

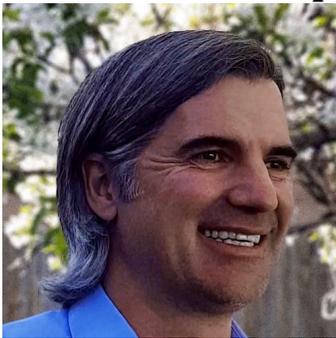


**Josh Wheeler (R)**



**Rex Wilde (D)**

### U.S. House of Representatives



**Carl Beach (D)**



**Liz Cheney (R)**



**Lynnette Grey Bull (D)**



**Carol Hafner (D)**



**Blake Stanley (R)**

# United States Senate

**Term:** Six years; partisan office; no term limits.

**Requirements:** At least 30 years of age, U.S. citizen at least nine years, and when elected a resident of the State from which he or she is chosen (U.S. Constitution).

**Salary:** \$174,000 with some benefits—Congressional leaders receive more.

**Who can vote:** Everyone in Wyoming.

**Note:** The seat held by Sen. John Barrasso does not expire this year.

## 1. What issues in our nation's government are most in need of legislative attention and action? Please explain.

**Kenneth R. Casner (D, Elk Mountain, WY):** Health care, education reform, minimum wage upgrades, re-write on taxes on all levels, term limits, removal of Citizens united, capping PAC inclinations. Then proceeding to the national debt levels by removing subsidies funding for corporations and breaking up corporation monopoly on fair economic growth. Furthermore as a nation we must all pay our own dues, buy introducing a two percent tax on services at all levels of the economy to include congressional jobs and services. Finally: investments markets and banks place three percent of their profits for national debt strictly on all mortgages for new infrastructures in the United States.

**Yana Ludwig (D, Laramie, WY):** Many issues stem from racism, capitalism, patriarchy, nationalism and/or corporate power abuse. So I will consistently ask three questions: How does this affect working class and poor people? How does this affect civil and human rights? How does this affect the climate? These generate policies like: a worker-focused Green New Deal; ending immigration and private prisons; reparations, tribal sovereignty, and rights to protest; innovative community-based policing; disability rights; \$15+ minimum/living wage; reducing military presence overseas and military carbon emissions; abortion and birth control access; worker ownership, strong unions and public banks; marijuana legalization; and student loan forgiveness.

**Merav Ben David (D, Laramie, WY):** The confluence of a global pandemic and economic recession has left more than 44 million American workers unemployed, and many of them uninsured. Medical emergencies are the main cause of bankruptcies, homelessness and hunger in the United States. This is but a preview of what the climate crisis will bring in the next few decades. Right now, we need to provide people with sufficient financial assistance during this crisis, and in the long term, we must reimagine and rebuild our economy, establish universal health care independent of job status, and pass laws that ensure equality for all our citizens.

**Rex Wilde (D, Cheyenne, WY):** Did not respond to this or any other question in the Voters' Guide.

**Nathan Wendt (D, Jackson, WY):** There are several national and Wyoming issues that need leadership from Washington. First, our expensive, poor outcomes, healthcare. We can drastically reduce costs and increase choice to patients through Medicare-for-all-if-you-want it, and other reforms. The nation and Wyoming need to rebuild post-COVID-19 with an economy that works for all - raise the minimum wage, double the pay for public school teachers, and create more three-day weekends. The nation and Wyoming can create thousands of new jobs through clean energy investments - specifically renewable energy and carbon capture. I'll fight for these reforms first because they will directly benefit Wyoming.

**James Kirk DeBrine (D, Evansville, WY):** American's Right to Health Care Not tied to employment. That they Lose if seriously ill. Having Been a Federal worker. USPS NALC Letter-Carrier, fortunate to pick an HMO in Ventura County, back in early '90s. So able to get care for Discovered Terminal Brain Tumor in Newly Wed Wife. Not go Bankrupt! Climate Crisis of less than 10 years to stop. My six year term to try! Prison Reform. All Mail Ballots, safe from Corona, weather dangers, unexpected personal emergencies etc. Eliminate Citizens United. Corps aren't People! Eliminate Voter Suppression of All Sorts! Save USPS! People First!

**Robert G. Short (R, Douglas, WY):** The Deficit, Economic Recovery and Investment. We must work to balance budgets, stop overspending due to government redundancy, inefficiency and bloat, while reducing our tax burden. Wyoming and our nation's bleak financial outlook improves greatly by getting people back to work and producing goods, services and natural resources domestically. We must re-establish our world leading economy through careful consideration of our investments into American infrastructure projects, while incentivizing private investments. We must repatriate stranded capital, and our critical manufacturing sector, through investments into our electrical systems, working to increase raw materials development, consumer goods, agricultural production and transportation efficiencies.

**Devon Cade (R, Philadelphia, PA):** The national debt, but also helping small businesses, and individuals that are most in need, as this pandemic has affected everyone. We must end the gridlock in Washington, and bring back congressional earmarks to create massive infrastructure projects to rebuild America. Having a more open process to getting bills introduced to protect and represent seniors, veterans including national guardsmen's/women, police, and most vulnerable. I will work with all my county party chairman to get needed resources they need.

**R. Mark Armstrong (R, Centennial, WY):** Spending and Debt. The current system of funding agencies the same as the previous budget cycle plus what the agencies believes it needs for the next cycle is typically known as Baseline budgeting. Baseline budgeting has an inherent bias that grows government, and tends to cause government waste. By modifying the budgetary system to a performance based zero sum budgetary system, waste and the debt should be reduced. Wasting the peoples money is disrespectful. If Article 1 Section 10 of the USA Constitution was followed the government would not be permitted to just print money, which may lead to hyperinflation.

**Star Roselli (R, Scottsdale, AZ):** The issues needed for legislative attention are ensuring there is a cost of living increase for Social Security in 2021 for all those in the program currently there is none. Also no mandatory shots for children in school if the parents are against them they can cause health problems of a serious nature. Lastly all those companies who come into the state to drill from far away staes like Texas, Washington State, Colorado drill for natural gas as well as oil and uranium, the people of this state should each receive a small check Wyoming residents need a higher standard . . .

**Donna Rice (R, Casper, WY):** We must work in ongoing support of economic recovery from the pandemic shutdown. Reviewing our supply chain and easing overregulation along with providing incentive programs or tax relief to bring manufacturing home is also imperative. Diligence with regard to national security, support of border security and legal immigration and cybersecurity is critical. Congress needs to look out for our nation's best interests, safety, and the needs of the American people. American jobs, opportunities to thrive in business and community life will help provide a strong future for our children and grandchildren.

**John Holtz (R, Laramie, WY):** I will strengthen America's defense and reduce the deficit. I obtained the first double-digit firm fixed-price contract in the history of the Hughes Aircraft Company; and I was the head of a team to redesign the Army's main battle tank, the M60A3. Hughes made the fire control system; consisting of the laser range finder, ballistic computer and thermal imaging system. I was a Space Systems Operations Officer in the Air Force.

**Michael Kemler (R, Lander, WY):** Did not respond to this or any other question in the Voters' Guide

**Cynthia M. Lummis (R, Cheyenne, WY):** In the wake of COVID-19, it is more important than ever that we enact President Trump's 'America First' agenda. This means bringing the development and manufacturing of essential products back to the United States and to Wyoming, including critical health care supplies. It's essential we get businesses reopened, bolster domestic manufacturing and let people return to work. At the same time, we must support and promote energy production and ensure a fair and transparent regulatory framework. Lastly, it is imperative we cut federal spending and reduce our staggering national debt which has direct and severe consequences for our nation.

**Josh Wheeler (R, Casper, WY):** I believe that our national debt is in urgent need of attention. Yet, instead of addressing our nation's \$26+ trillion-dollar debt; policymakers seem intent on making it worse. This will have grave consequences towards our nation's budget as increased interest payments will crowd out other priorities. It will significantly reduce our capability to respond to the next recession, or national emergency, it unfairly places the burden on future generations, and greatly increases the risk of a financial crisis. Not addressing it will eventually make it impossible to reverse.

**Bryan E. Miller (R, Sheridan, WY):** In no particular order here are a few that need immediate attention: 1) Small businesses and jurisdiction over our national resources as these are critical to the recovery of our economy nationally and here in Wyoming; 2) Immigration, Education and Civil Rights as each of these are marred by federal bureaucracy which inhibits state and federal actions leading to our forming a more perfect union as our US Constitution preamble reminds us is a goal; and 3) Control our nation's debt by changing the way our government works for us, eliminating the tendency of government to rule over us.

## **2. What resources do you depend upon for news and analyses? Why those?**

**Kenneth R. Casner (D):** I use [NPR.ORG](http://NPR.ORG), Wyo Files, Facebook and Tweeter to track national social media, then research using the web browsers and profiles of such news sources. I listen to local radio, and do not watch T.V. News Stations. Now as for Newspapers, like the Boomerang, I find that those outlets are only as good as the publisher, and editor, for they are driven by local funding, which is just as bias as the national outlets.

**Yana Ludwig (D):** I access most news via Facebook and Twitter, including the Casper Star Tribune and WyoFile, my main Wyoming reads. Some of the publications I trust: The Atlantic, Occupy.com, the Guardian and Jacobin. I often tune in to opinion pieces and letters to the editor in the NYT and my local press as food for thought, and value local dialogues. I also have a robust network of grassroots activists around the country and regularly check with them to confirm or contradict media narratives. Fact checking is our friend, and I find these sources to (generally) meet the fact checking standard.

**Merav Ben David (D):** For local news, I follow various sources, such as Wyoming Public Radio, the Laramie Boomerang, the Casper Star Tribune, Wyofile, and others. For national news, I subscribe to the Washington Post and Listen to National Public Radio, and receive news alerts from multiple other news sources. Importantly, I follow up on relevant topics by reading the source materials and by consulting with experts in the field. I have a dedicated campaign staff member for policy research. Her work assists me in identifying important issues and formulating effective policy proposals.

**Nathan Wendt (D):** I seek diverse perspectives to be informed. I value information and wisdom wherever I find it and direct perspectives from everyday people are frequently most valuable. Additionally, each day I read the Casper Star Tribune, Jackson Hole News and Guide, and Wyoming Tribune Eagle. For National news coverage, I read the New York Times and Drudge Report. For world news, I read the Economist. Through my work, I am frequently in contact with policy and business leaders on issues facing Wyoming and have benefited from hearing their perspectives directly.

**James Kirk DeBrine (D):** Local TV Casper News Stations DVR'd each M-F. CNN & MSNBC for Political & Corona News in past. MSN News Links of Articles. Facebook & Twitter Political Posts & Links, from Politically Savvy Supporters & Friends. Late night Talk Shows that Post Video Clips, of Truth! Soon as have enough donations come in. Will add WY Newspaper Subscriptions.

**Robert G. Short (R):** I am a voracious reader who seeks out information. However, the best information I receive concerning issues is by listening to the people of Wyoming. The most thoughtful way of addressing issues is to understand the impacts on the people who you represent. Listening to the people is the only way to understand the impacts. Listening is not accomplished through a select set of trusted advisors, but rather through engagement with people from across the State, townhalls, meetings in the park, meals together, attending church and social gatherings where people can feel secure in expressing their concerns and desires.

**Devon Cade (R):** I review all different news outlets including Wyoming Tribune Eagle, K2tv, Philadelphia daily news, fox news, forbes business journal, the hill newspaper, and rollcall newspaper.

**R. Mark Armstrong (R):** My news sources range from the very liberal Addicting News to the conservative InfoWars; however, most national news comes from AP, and Reuters. I get Local Wyoming news from apps like Wake up Wyoming. I don't have TV and rely on the internet to receive the Sheridan Press and the Boomerang and many other news sources. I listen to the Radio when traveling. The divisions in our nation are promulgated by the diversity and bias in our media coverage. By diversifying my sources of news I try to understand multiple views and find solutions. This leads to smaller government solutions

**Star Roselli (R):** The news resources I depend on are the National Review, Newsmax, Breitbart News. I also read other conservative papers at random to gain a stronger understanding of whats really occurred.

**Donna Rice (R):** I seek news and analyses in a wide variety of places in print and online. News reports from a variety of networks and commentators are available online along with press conferences, speeches, and events at both national and local levels. I also follow conservative newsletters from sources such as Focus on the Family, Family Research Council, and think tanks like The Heritage Foundation. I sort what I read or watch through the values I hold dear and do my best to find truth in the midst of stories that often report the exact opposite viewpoints from one set of facts.

**John Holtz (R):** Various sources of news with a Christian perspective. Using these sources, I was instrumental in placing the carrying of concealed weapon without a permit for Wyoming residents on the Wyoming Republican platform in 2010.

**Cynthia M. Lummis (R):** There are many ways I stay informed on Wyoming issues, the most important of which is talking directly to Wyoming citizens as well as industry and community leaders. I read a variety of state, national and regional publications on a daily basis. I previously served on the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget and frequently utilize their resources, studies and in-depth analyses on key issues. In addition, I have relationships with many Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate and am able to connect with them on a regular basis to stay informed on important issues.

**Josh Wheeler (R):** I cannot honestly give you one mainstream media, or news outlet that I use for a resource. Unfortunately, whether the outlet leans right, or left; they all show bias, rather than being objective. Some biases are more pronounced than another, but the end result is the same. Journalism is dead. In turn, I make every effort possible to obtain the facts, and issues of most concern; from the majority of the Wyoming constituency's will, and from the American people outside of our state.

**Bryan E. Miller (R, Sheridan, WY):** I read papers and journals from organizations with views across the political spectrum. I listen to both talk radio and public radio as well as watch local news, television, and all of the major cable network news channels. I prefer to do my own research, corroborate analysis, thereby uncovering sources of bias as statistics all too often only tell the story the writer wants them to tell. I prefer seeing the raw data to baseline an issue relying as most Americans do today on public sources. I review reports from several tax, economic, judicial, and international relations organizations as well.

### **3. What do you think of the financial relief measures taken by Congress so far, and what legislation would you support to help the nation now?**

**Kenneth R. Casner (D):** I feel it was wasteful and poorly thought out in all areas. Taken the scope of the money spent it should have been placed on the table and divided within the realm it was truly needed for the working classes of America. Adjusting such funds based on tax returns of 2018 and 2017 as over medium to average a one year installment for people making average medium wages. Excluding those making a wages in the top thirty percent of National wage scales. They in my opinion need no money, for they survive on investments and bonuses.

**Yana Ludwig (D):** There was far too much bailing out of big businesses, and not nearly enough direct aid to working and poor people. Most offensive were bailouts to large companies (including at least one fossil fuel company) that took bailout money, then immediately filed for bankruptcy and requested that money go to executive bonuses, rather than supporting their employees. I support single payer healthcare; rent, utility and mortgage relief measures; releasing detained immigrants and non-violent offenders who are particularly vulnerable; aid to businesses working to change their business models to be more ecologically friendly and pandemic safe; and direct aid to hospitals.

**Merav Ben David (D):** The passage of the CARES Act is an important first step in addressing the needs of people and of small businesses. Unfortunately, it is insufficient - congress should approve the HEROES act as well, as it will improve the situation for many American households. Additional

laws may be needed if the resurgence of the pandemic continues to suppress economic recovery. Any legislation should include strict measures of oversight. Lessons learned from current legislation can be used to prepare our nation for the upcoming climate crisis, by expanding renewable energy sources, creating job guarantee programs and investing in science and technology.

**Nathan Wendt (D):** To date, more than 110,000 Americans have lost their lives because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. These Americans left before their time, and many were unable to spend their final hours with family. The economic fallout is dire. I give Congress positive marks for their bipartisan action taken to provide financial relief for American families. I would go further and focus on ongoing direct payments to Americans until the pandemic has ended and the economic recovery begins.

**James Kirk DeBrine (D):** 3)The 1,200 C.A.R.E fund to Americans. Was a GOOD THING! But lack of oversight to Make Sure small Businesses Received Help. Over the Money grabbed by Big Chains, etc. Was a Boondoggle! Delayed their needed help. Also even those Small Business Entrusted to Pass on money to their Furloughed/Laid Off Employees? Another Boondoggle! No Americans should Lose Homes, Shelter, Bankruptcy, Medical Care. Transparency & Number Crunching & Wisdom I will make sure done. America Is Americans!

**Robert G. Short (R):** The response to date has been mixed in my view. While I applaud the effort and intent, the execution has been a somewhat disappointing. When we have the people who need help the most being left without that critical aid, we have failed. When we load these kinds of programs with pork that is directed to States which have recklessly imperiled their own wellbeing through poor decision making and lackadaisical financial concern, that indicates a selfish desire to garner votes for reelection rather than looking to help people feed families. We can do much better without career politicians in Washington.

**Devon Cade (R):** It hasn't been enough for individuals, and direct payments were great and needed. Congress should act pay substantial payments to Americans, and have China pay for it. As the next Senator my ranchers, teachers, veterans, seniors, will finally have a voice. I will work with Senator Barrasso, and Governor Gordon to getting this done for our state. My office will maintain an open-door policy and open process to get bills introduced, passed, and supported.

**R. Mark Armstrong (R):** The government shutting down the Trump economy is very concerning. The financial relief given to individuals of \$1200 was appropriate, the millions given to corporations is concerning. The additional riders placed on the relief bill was extortion. The increase of Trillions in the debt could lead to hyperinflation. Unelected regulators promulgating rules that have the force of Law is very concerning. Two legislative solutions to solve these problems are 1) be a bill the requires legislation to be a single issue, and 2) remove the power of regulators to right Law. I've made this suggested change to WY Title 35-4-101.

**Star Roselli (R):** All the money the feds continue to print 3 to 4 trillion dollars since Jan is going to cause hyper inflation in the next few years the shadow banking system is bankrupt they are playing catch up by printing. Gold is the system needed taxes must be lower to create wealth as well job incentives for advanced college learning for anyone willing also remove the estate tax! Any moneys that have been taxed once should not be taxed repetitively.

**Donna Rice (R):** In general, financial relief has been handled well. Of concern is continuing relief that acts as a disincentive to bringing back American business and getting workers back in the

workplace. We need to review unemployment insurance extensions and adjust maximum amounts to no more than 80% of a worker's normal pay. Tax relief or incentive programs to encourage employers to bring the workforce up to full speed quickly would also be good. Continued relief packages that keep the American workforce from returning for work are not good practice nor are they in the best interests of the American people.

**John Holtz (R):** An ineffective attempt to solve a problem that requires a gyroscopic analysis, that may lead to hyperinflation. I was one of the youngest judges in Wyoming history and helped establish the Circuit Court system of today which gives me greater insight to solve the problems of today.

**Cynthia M. Lummis (R):** The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on our nation and state. While I have concerns over the impact some relief measures are having on our staggering national debt, I recognize the pandemic sent industries into freefall, forcing many Wyoming small businesses to close and our unemployment rate to skyrocket. To get our economy back on track, we must reduce overly burdensome regulations on business, bring manufacturing and production of critical goods and services back to the United States and continue pro-growth tax policies that enable the private sector, and the critical jobs and revenues they provide, to thrive.

**Josh Wheeler (R):** I think it is still too early to make an accurate assessment of Congress's relief measures and its overall effectiveness thus far. I was not against sending a lifeline to the American worker, and to small businesses due to the impact it had on them caused by the coronavirus, and any future legislation proposed should be targeted towards maintaining support for the American worker and their families until we can get the economy back on track.

**Bryan E. Miller (R, Sheridan, WY):** The financial relief measures taken by Congress have proven to be ineffective in helping US workers and bolstering our economy. I believe the COVID-19 issue is real as it has impacted many lives across our nation and the world. However, it has been cast as a pandemic equal to that of the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic and has fallen short of even a nationwide pandemic. I proposed a different solution from day one based on loan and credit payment delays thus avoiding the additional nearly \$10 Trillion added to our national debt; debt to be passed on to our children.

#### **4. What few facts would you most like voters to know about you?**

**Kenneth R. Casner (D):** I bring to this election twenty years of experience in Wyoming politics, I learned in my first four outings that Representation is a myth. I learned all levels of Wyoming Government the promises and the responses which has led this States position today. I'm now ready for the National level.

**Yana Ludwig (D):** I came to Wyoming for love and stayed for the public schools and public lands. I am a local community builder, activist, award-winning author and policy geek. I unapologetically advocate for working and poor people, young people, and marginalized populations, including the LGBTQIA+ community (of which I'm part).

**Merav Ben David (D):** I was raised on a small family farm, which I managed after my father passed away. I'm a military veteran and hold a Ph.D. in Wildlife Management. I have studied the impacts of global change on ecosystems for 30+ years, and have taught wildlife ecology at UWYO for 20+ years.

**Nathan Wendt (D):** My parents met while working on a ranch in Jackson in the sixties. Wyoming has been core to my identity my entire life. I care deeply about Wyoming's future and I'm ready and eager to lead a new chapter.

**James Kirk DeBrine (D):** I Swore an Oath to the Constitution 3 times. As a USPS Letter Carrier. & Twice as a 2009 & 2010 U.S. Census Worker in Johnson County WY. I'm Early retired. 100% Time to Be Run & Then Being U.S. Senator for WY. 15yrs a Wyomingite till Die.

**Robert G. Short (R):** I have worked in many industries including, energy, health, materials science, manufacturing, electrical design, defense, agriculture, retail, hospitality, construction, communications, and others. I speak Japanese. I am a devout husband and father. I tirelessly support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, defend all life, religious freedom, and free speech and am fiscally conservative.

**Devon Cade (R):** I have worked as an executive in construction, law enforcement, and a CEO. I love the great outdoors, and my passion to serve our nation in the US Senate. Please provide my campaign and I all the positive feedback and policy suggestions at [www.VoteDevonCade.com](http://www.VoteDevonCade.com)

**R. Mark Armstrong (R):** Running a business since 1993 that interacts with government bureaucrats daily, gives me a great understanding of the problem. I've attended Colorado School of Mines, University of Wyoming and Stanford, and I know how to fix the problem. To know more about me and my family heritage (Corbett Gym) see <http://www.rmarkarmstrong4ussenate.com>.

**Star Roselli (R):** I will always be pro life I am serious about raising the standard of living for all Wyoming residents and for protection of private property I want all residents of this state to enjoy cheaper energy! And for a choice in schooling of their children.

**Donna Rice (R):** I am a mother and grandmother concerned about the legacy we are creating for generations to follow. All of our children and grandchildren deserve to inherit a prosperous and free America. Wyoming values are the best of what this country has to offer. They need to be heard in Washington.

**John Holtz (R):** I am an Eagle Scout and a member of the Christian Legal Society. I was president of the Delta Gamma chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Wyoming.

**Cynthia M. Lummis (R):** I'm proud to be endorsed by U.S. Senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso, Gun Owners of America, Susan B. Anthony List, among many others. My statewide campaign committee includes over 70 community leaders from all 23 Wyoming counties. My grandson, Gus (2), has also officially endorsed his Grandma for Senate.

**Josh Wheeler (R):** I am a citizen, not a politician. I will work for the people, and by the people. I am a veteran who cares deeply about our state, and our nation. My allegiance is to the Wyoming/American people; not a party. The people are the rightful masters over government.

**Bryan E. Miller (R, Sheridan, WY):** I'm Wyoming raised with strong Conservative Ethics and Republican Values. I'm a product of Wyoming, ranch hand turned hometown ranch owner, a small business owner, retired Air Force Lt. Colonel, combat pilot, and experienced leader. I believe in God, the US and Wyoming and will support and defend them, always!

# United States House of Representatives

**Term:** Two years; partisan office; no term limits

**Requirements:** At least 25 years old, U.S. citizen at least seven years, and live in Wyoming when elected (U.S. Constitution)

**Salary:** Same as for the U.S. Senate

**Who can vote:** All Wyoming voters

**Note:** Wyoming has one Congressional District—one U.S. Representative

## 1. What issues in our nation's government are most in need of legislative attention and action? Please explain.

**Blake Stanley (R, Banner, WY):** Did not respond to this or any other question in the Voters' Guide.

**Liz Cheney (R, Casper, WY):** Our nation faces a number of critical challenges on both the domestic and international front that require congressional action in order to protect our country for future generations. In terms of work that needs to be done for Wyoming, I believe we need to continue pursuing policies that President Trump has championed that encourage de-regulation, economic growth, energy development, and more independence for the people of our state at home. Abroad, we need to continue to rebuild our military, crack down on malign actors like Iran, Russia, and China, and champion freedom by maintaining peace through strength.

**Carl Beach (D, Saratoga, WY):** Healthcare continues to be a major issue to focus on in the United States, but in rural communities and states such as Wyoming, the need to address a general lack of access to healthcare as well as lack of funding for rural hospitals and clinics is specifically important. Adopting a universal healthcare system would provide all citizens with more equitable access to healthcare and benefit rural areas. I support adopting a single-payer healthcare system in the US that would eliminate or minimize fees, deductibles, and copays for essential care and services, including dental, vision, reproductive, long-term care, and mental health.

**Carol Hafner (D, Box Elder, SD):** Economic health is an outgrowth of a healthy population. Coronavirus19 ravages those most financially insecure with limited and/or low quality health care access, statistically impacting racial minorities and Indigenous Peoples populations. A single payer Medicare for All, the sooner the better, will benefit everyone as a public health endeavor. George Floyd's death, igniting worldwide outrage, has spurred action to address military style policing out of control. Stop the funding, overhaul the broken system to instead invest in social services and education. A rehabilitative focus, not a prison pipeline instead of prisons/services for shameless shareholder profits is a win.

**Lynette Grey Bull (D, Fort Washakie, WY):** I'm addressing issues of public lands, law and order, education, and LGBTQ, but with COVID-19 having laid bare structural inequities within healthcare, we can no longer hide from the reality of our broken system. I support VP Joe Biden's pragmatic approach to fixing our health care crisis. A just energy transition is vital; an evolution leaving no-one behind, and we need food security plans so no rancher/farmer must destroy produce or stock due to pandemic-related devastation on the food industry. We can imaginatively legislate to feed people, save the restaurant sector and support ranchers/farmers in one inclusive action.

## 2. What resources do you depend upon for news and analyses? Why those?

**Liz Cheney (R):** I speak regularly with local officials in Wyoming, my constituents, industry providers and leaders, as well as federal officials including those in the Trump Administration and my colleagues in the House and Senate. I read, watch, and consume a variety of news sources including local Wyoming News outlets both print and radio, as well as more national platforms like Fox News, Daily Caller and an array of other outlets to help inform me.

**Carl Beach (D):** Although I follow various news outlets and newspapers mainly online, I am a person who likes to go to both primary and secondary source material to keep fully informed on issues concerning Wyoming and the nation. This means seeking out studies, articles, data, and other forms of evidence to formulate positions and policies that are backed by sound reasoning and judgment.

**Carol Hafner (D):** I subscribe to a multitude of daily news briefings, domestic and international recaps including Congressional legislation updates. I read several national and local Wyoming newspapers; Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, US News A.M., Washington Politics A.M., Indian Country Today for Indigenous People world news. For national/international monetary happenings, I listen to Bloomberg reports. Among the subject specific resources I read; Washington Post Coronavirus updates, STAT medical research/science news, The Appeal for Criminal Justice and Incarceration, Prison Policy Initiative, Above the Law legal news, Just Security, Time Politics and more!

**Lynette Grey Bull (D):** I share news, opinions, and possible legislative fixes to problems with friends and colleagues from across the political landscape. I get my news from multiple news channels and am careful to live outside that bubble where propaganda is presented as news. I feel strongly that social media is best used for selfies and pet videos, not as a source for “news.” I believe that if you want to know about an issue and become educated, speak with people who are being directly impacted by that issue. A Member of Congress should be a listener first and a talker second.

### **3. What do you think of the financial relief measures taken by Congress so far, and what legislation would you support to help the nation now?**

**Liz Cheney (R):** Parts of the CARES Act have been crucial to creating a path towards economic recovery as well as provide lifesaving resources for healthcare workers and hospitals in Wyoming and across the country. In particular, the Paycheck Protection Program saved jobs for small businesses in our state, the Provider Relief Fund provided key aid for providers that needed it, and Economic Impact Payments gave resources to Americans during a time of economic uncertainty. I believe we should follow a measured approach moving forward as our country reopens and we take steps to defeat the virus.

**Carl Beach (D):** The financial relief measures were necessary but flawed. The lack of oversight and transparency, complicated loan forgiveness, an overreliance on banks that privileged established or large-scale customers, and finally, a minimal stimulus check did not provide enough relief for the small businesses and individuals who needed it most. Instead, a direct subsidization of payroll or workshare program for all businesses and companies who needed to reduce working hours would be the most beneficial. Such a system is simpler, alleviating the two-step process of receiving unemployment benefits. Combined with more robust stimulus checks, this program would stabilize the economy.

**Carol Hafner (D):** I support CARES monies to assist small businesses bridge the current lockdown so they can survive the present. I am outraged to learn big businesses have exploited loopholes to money grab these funds from those who have legitimate need. Those caught doing this should immediately repay the monies with their names announced to the public. Prior to receiving monies, names and identifying information should be made public. No secrets. How monies are utilized should be reported to ensure appropriate usage. Problem: businesses occupancy limitations. Full capacity is needed. Unsure if fact was lawmakers oversight is significant for profitability.

**Lynette Grey Bull (D):** I was disappointed with the federal government's first coronavirus relief package: Secretary Mnuchin may consider a small business to have 500 employees, but he clearly hasn't been to Wyoming. Our small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities, they are sole traders, store and salon owners who employ fewer than 10 people. Instead of bailing out multi-nationals in a stimulus package, we must offer an open hand to our neighbors so they can make it through this economic disaster, which is why I advocated for the Wyoming Business Relief Grants Program and am committed to monitoring its disbursement and results.

#### 4. What few facts would you most like voters to know about you?

**Liz Cheney (R):** I am committed to working and fighting for Wyoming in Congress. I believe in strong conservative principles and have a track record of championing free markets, restoring our liberties, securing our country, and defending our constitutional rights. I will continue to do that as your Representative in Washington.

**Carl Beach (D):** I was born in Rawlins and raised in a small community outside of Saratoga. I worked my way through college and ended up with two BAs, a MA, and a MS. I have been an international teacher for the past 15+ years and have lived in 7 different countries.

**Carol Hafner (D):** I come to you with an open heart, educated mind, highest ethics, prioritizing democracy, health of our families, our environment. No "Big" money owns me. "United" States means all working together, equal opportunity, treatment for all including compliance with UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Much more: [carolhafner.com](http://carolhafner.com).

**Lynette Grey Bull (D):** I'm a Native American woman running on inclusivity for all Americans, bringing respect and understanding into political discourse. I reach across aisles to achieve results; recently working with Governor Gordon on the MMIW crisis. I've worked at state and federal-level, tribal government, and proudly provided research/data to the United Nations.

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**Daniel Furphy (R)**



**Jackie Grimes (D)**



**Craig A. Malmstrom (R)**

## Wyoming House Districts



**Cathy Connolly (D-HD13)**



**Marc Homer (D-HD13)**



**Gustave Anderson (R-HD14)**



**Matthew Burkhart (R-HD14)**



**Katrina Cox (R-HD14)**



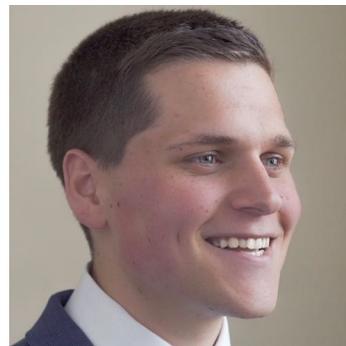
**Chris Culross (R-HD14)**



**Joel H. Defebaugh (R-HD14)**



**Trey Sherwood (D-HD14)**



**Alexander Simon (D-HD14)**

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**Lawrence G. Struempf (D-HD46)**



**Joey Correnti IV (R-HD47)**



**Dee Garrison (R-HD47)**



**Julie McCallister (R-HD47)**



**Jerry Paxton (R-HD47)**

# Wyoming Senate

**Term:** Four years; partisan office; no term limits.

**Requirements:** At least age 21, U.S. citizen, and reside within their District at least one year.

**Salary:** \$150/day of work or travel during legislative session and for committee meetings; plus per diem allowances of up to \$109, less if the meeting is in the Senator's community.

**Who can vote:** Only residents of a given Senate District.

**Note:** Parts of Albany County comprise three Senate districts, each with one Senator: SD9, SD10 and SD11. The only Albany County seat available this year is for SD 10. Candidates must live in their district. Seats held by Sen. Chris Rothfuss (D, SD-9) and Sen. Larry Hicks (R, SD-11) do not expire this year.

## **1. What issues in the State of Wyoming are most in need of attention and action? Please explain.**

**Craig A. Malmstrom (R, SD-10, Laramie, WY):** Wyoming needs new high paying jobs. As your Wyoming State Senator, I will apply my three decades of experience in the private sector for all residents living in Wyoming. I will bring new companies to the Wyoming economy and add jobs to the existing markets of: manufacturing, shipping, transportation, construction, retail, entertainment, and technology. I will create new jobs; allowing residents to raise families, own homes, and drive our economy simultaneously funding local city, county and state government programs.

**Daniel Furphy (R, SD-10, Laramie, WY):** The top issues are: 1) Find solutions to our state revenue decline of approximately \$1.5 billion and keep K-12 education and the University of Wyoming from major cuts. 2) Assist businesses in our state after the difficult economy from COVID19, in order to maintain jobs for our citizens. 3) Stimulate our economy and create jobs through new technologies. 4) Support our hospitals and health care institutions including mental health during this challenging period. 5) Work to keep the State's Investment Portfolio strong in order for the earnings to support our citizens. 6) Support Agriculture and keep food supply safe.

**Jackie Grimes (D, SD-10, Laramie, WY):** Economic diversification and health care. Wyoming's overreliance on energy extraction revenue puts the state at risk as those industries near financial collapse and bankruptcy. In addition, thousands of people will be unemployed and need assistance. We have no plan of action to pay for public services that have already had budgets cuts and that are guaranteed by the state. Wyoming has the nation's highest health care costs. People who lost their jobs will need help with those costs and we still have not expanded Medicaid coverage, which will cost the state more than \$1.3 billion over the next decade.

## **2. Because Wyoming continues to face major reductions in extractive energy revenues, what specific changes do you favor for increasing state revenues or decreasing state expenditures, or both?**

**Craig A. Malmstrom (R, SD-10):** I do not support decreases in State expenditures. I will grow the economy for the State of Wyoming and all of its residents in every existing sector and will create new high paying jobs that come with benefits, such as: medical insurance, 401K matching, paid vacation, time off, and sick leave. All residents of Wyoming will thrive under my term of service as a State Senator.

**Daniel Furphy (R, SD-10):** We need to decrease expenses, consider revenue increases and support new technologies. The Governor has already asked State agencies to develop new budgets with a 20% cut. The University may be asked to consider reductions as well as the school districts. I am not supportive of cuts here. Several sources of Revenue have been considered including an increase of sales taxes or property taxes. Neither of these made it through the Legislative Revenue Committee. The only tax that has passed both houses has been the Lodging tax. New technologies such as Carbon Capture may make our minerals valuable again.

**Jackie Grimes (D, SD-10):** I favor implementing a progressive tax system in order to equitably distribute the tax burden throughout the state. Flat tax rates are disproportionately punitive to low-income individuals. In Wyoming the top 25% make more money than the bottom 75% and the top 40% take home over 70% of the income. The legislature has made substantial program cuts over the last decade which mainly hit the working class in their pocketbooks. It's time to focus on revenue generation and it is time for upper income earners to contribute to the state's financial challenges.

### **3. What concerns do you have about voter access, election monitoring, and vote auditing in the November 3, 2020, General Election, if any? Please explain.**

**Craig A. Malmstrom (R, SD-10):** I support a fair and honest election. I believe that the Secretary of State should make sure that proper background investigations are done on all State Election Officials and support staff. To help support social distancing during the election, I fully support mail-in balloting being made available to all Wyoming residence. Mail-in balloting will also ensure that everyone living in the State of Wyoming will be able to fully participate in the next election.

**Daniel Furphy (R, SD-10):** I serve on the Legislative Corporations Committee and we have worked with the County Clerks in several committee meetings regarding the security of absentee ballots and the issue of voter fraud. I am confident of the process they follow to keep this type of voting safe. It is unknown at this time if physical voter access will be allowed. If it is, then safety precautions will be required and appropriate election monitoring will be followed. The timing on changing party affiliation continues to be discussed.

**Jackie Grimes (D, SD-10):** My biggest concern for the general election is the reduction of voting locations and the ability of voters to cast their votes. While Wyoming offers absentee voting options, many may not take advantage of requesting a mail-in ballot in time. Should COVID-19 have a more intense second wave during the fall, there is the possibility that many vulnerable individuals will have to choose between their constitutional right to vote and their health. A better approach would be to send ballots to all registered voters. The military has used this system for generations without problem. This is how the President votes.

### **4. What few facts would you most like voters to know about you?**

**Craig A. Malmstrom (R, SD-10):** On the day of my election I will apply all my education, work experience, and private sector contacts to bring new high paying jobs to all Wyomingites. I am a resident of Wyoming; this is my home and where I raised my family.

**Daniel Furphy (R, SD-10):** I have served two terms in the House of Representatives, serving on three committees, Mineral and Economic Development; Corporations and Public Subdivisions; and

Capital and Investments. I am a Laramie native, elected to City Council, Hospital Trustee, with 40 years in banking, plus economic development in Laramie and Albany County.

**Jackie Grimes (D, SD-10):** I have worked in mental health, public education, and banking during my professional career. My family owns a small business here. We have two young children. We know the struggles of raising a family and running a business, and we are invested in making this a wonderful place to live.

## Wyoming House of Representatives

**Term:** Two years; partisan office; no term limits.

**Requirements:** Same as for the Wyoming Senate.

**Salary:** Same as for the Wyoming Senate.

**Who can vote:** Only those living within a given House District.

**Note:** There are five House Districts in Albany County, all seats are up this year. Candidates must live in their district. No Republican filed for HD-13; no Democrat filed for HD-47.

**1. What issues in the State of Wyoming are most in need of attention and action? Please explain.**

**Marc Homer (D, HD-13, Laramie, WY):** I'm in this race to transform our Democratic delegation into a force that is taken seriously at the legislature, and is positioned for implementing real, progressive change. I will fight for my HD13 neighbor who is dedicated to caring for her elderly mother and disabled husband yet ineligible for Medicaid. Inspired by the multi-generational push to make the Pilot Hill Project a reality, I will protect public-lands and plan for a sustainable future. I will continue to fight for children, equality, and our most vulnerable. I will work with our business community to strengthen Wyoming's economy and empower Albany County!

**Cathy Connolly (D, HD-13, Laramie, WY):** While revenue concerns are addressed in question-2, immediate attention to the health and safety of our communities due to COVID-19 must be a priority. Policy solutions must put the needs of our neighbors and communities first, and must look to our future needs and vision for the state. Critical legislative issues include maintaining and enhancing educational opportunities for all including UW, reforming our criminal justice system, and improving access to high quality and cost effective health care. Investment in community based early childhood education, innovative mental health and substance abuse services, and Medicaid expansion must be explored.

**Alexander Simon (D, HD-14, Laramie, WY):** Wyoming faces three primary issues in need of immediate action: 1. Brain-drain. We can solve this by expanding the pool of good paying jobs, raising the minimum wage, and investing in non-profit and non-traditional business infrastructure. 2. Education-funding. We need to expand where we are gathering the revenue to pay for education so it's more immune to those who wish to cut spending. 3. Responsible diversification. The introduction of new energy technologies—renewables, natural gas, nuclear reactors, research subsidies into thorium reactors, and the possibility of expanding tech jobs are just some ideas which I think have some merit.

**Trey Sherwood (D, HD-14, Laramie, WY):** The most pressing issues are the state's revenue shortfall, economic recovery, lack of good paying jobs, and the need to correct social inequalities. To address these, we must adopt equitable revenue enhancements (tax reform), revisit the Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming (ENDOW) strategy to diversifying the economy, and give women, LGBTQ and BIPOC a seat at the table. By listening to the needs of the underrepresented, we become allies in the shared goal of building a culture of civility and collaboration so all Wyomingites have equal opportunity to contribute to the social and economic fabric of the Equality State.

**Matthew Burkhart (R, HD-14, Laramie, WY):** Wyoming needs to maintain a healthy economy while protecting our western heritage and the lifestyle residents enjoy. Economic diversification and development of viable career opportunities across energy production, technology, agriculture and service industries is essential to allow the next generation of Wyoming citizens to continue to call Wyoming home. Wyoming's educational system must focus on STEM, vocational and agricultural curriculums, reward teachers who give our students the love of knowledge, and support education of the whole child. Tourism and outdoor recreation continue to grow and should be encouraged in a manner that still allows residents to enjoy their Wyoming solitude.

**Gustave Anderson (R, HD-14, Laramie, WY):** Small business growth, agriculture processing, and manufacturing are keys to maintaining our economic health. While addressing public financial challenges as businesses are now, we must give business owners confidence and support to grow and create jobs. Local government control is important and giving communities the freedom to manage themselves is crucial. We have untapped opportunities in the agricultural processing industry that can keep value-added money in the state and diversify our supply chain. Growing the advanced manufacturing sector is important to maintain value in a global supply chain, so we need a continued focus on vocational and technical/apprentice training.

**Joel H. Defebaugh (R, HD-14, Laramie, WY):** The Legislature needs to listen to folks who know how to enhance our revenue sources, ensure quality education in our classrooms, and expand access to technology statewide. Any action taken with our residents to help flatten the continual boom and bust will help future generations stay in Wyoming. Education in classrooms and trades is the best way to build a stronger economy. Expanding infrastructure for technology can attract startups and other companies to move to Wyoming. Wyoming's future must include the voices of young people so they have a stake in the continued growth and success of our state.

**Katrina Cox (R, HD-14, Laramie, WY):** My first priority is economic development; facilitate WBC's mission and ensure they are adequately funded to provide grants and loans to viable small businesses in the state as they restructure and crawl out of the COVID-19 pandemic, and attract manufacturing and technology companies to our great state. My second effort is on Education, creating environments where our teachers have freedom in the classroom, and improving college exam scores. We need to address the issue of Medicaid expansion for those that don't have coverage, and assist our hospitals, and medical professionals burdened by those without coverage. Additional info @[www.kat4wyorep.org](http://www.kat4wyorep.org)

**Christopher Culross (R, HD-14, Laramie, WY):** All eyes are on our economic crisis right now. I firmly believe the state's money does not belong to me, nor does it belong to the legislature. It belongs to the people of Wyoming and should be managed with this in mind. We must also ensure the government does not infringe on our rights. I will staunchly defend our individual rights, especially the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> amendments. Serving more than two decades in the Air Force, I learned

followership, teamwork, and leadership. I faced challenges head-on in my career and will apply these skills to face these challenges alongside Wyomingites.

**Jean Anne Garrison (D, HD-45, Laramie, WY):** The structural revenue decline forecasted to be \$1.4 to \$1.7 billion across the next biennium, which is driven by declines in energy production, challenges our ability to fund major areas of state operations (e.g., education, health care, etc.). Sales and use taxes also will decline by as much as 25%-30% over the next three years. The anticipated shortfall to the general fund is \$877 million and the shortfall to education accounts funded outside the general fund (K-12, some UW/community college) is around \$630 million. This fiscal reality shapes what can be done in all other areas.

**Karlee Provenza (D, HD-45, Laramie, WY):** Lawmakers have failed to decrease our state's reliance on the mineral industries. Now, as these industries become rapidly less and less capable of providing jobs and funding our state budget, we need to diversify our economy and our tax structure—now. Wyoming can't wait for another boom to come along and save us. Our communities will not survive without good schools and healthcare access, and they won't be able to grow new businesses without public infrastructure to support them. The fossil fuel mining industries have long supported those things, and they simply won't anymore.

**Roxie Hensley (R, HD-45, Laramie, WY):** The combined economic challenges resulting from depressed energy prices, reduced demand for coal and the pandemic are easily the issues which will be front and center for the foreseeable future. There will be tremendous pressure to take the easy way out and search for "revenue enhancements" which is a disingenuous phrase meaning "tax increases". Simple economics illustrates that taxes of all kinds have a negative impact on economic growth. It is shortsighted to rely only on taxes to overcome the projected budget shortfall. The responsible, if painful, solution is to reduce spending, otherwise known as living within your means.

**Lawrence G. Struempf (D, HD-46, Laramie, WY):** Covid19 is a catalyst which has impacted our economy and identified weaknesses in our healthcare and equality. It is critical that we manage the spread and treatment of COVID19, ensuring that all infected, receive affordable care. We need to work and build our economy in areas like data centers, wind farms, and small businesses. The future of Wyoming and Albany County are dependent on the success of our economy. We need to ensure a quality education for our children., limiting the cuts to education. We need to take action about the racial, gender, and other inequalities in our state.

**Tim Chesnut (D, HD-46, Laramie, WY):** Healthcare for both physical and mental needs are essential for all citizens. The pandemic has magnified the lack of affordable health care across the state. Many Wyomingites have no local options for basic health needs, and most must travel hundreds of miles, often out of state, to receive any kind of specialty care. We face a mental health provider crisis with few having access to any mental health professionals. The State Hospital is under-funded and under-staffed with patients waiting months for a bed that the state is required to make available within 72 hours after initial commitment.

**James Jackson (R, HD-46, Laramie, WY):** The population of Wyoming largely resides in rural areas. If we want to catch up with the rest of the country, we need to start with expanding our infrastructure and resource capabilities to Wyomingites in rural areas of the state. Water, power, natural gas, fiber optic internet, and cable should be available to reach all households in our great state. COVID-19 has changed the world and having these resources available to all will give more opportunity to our residents to work from home and have home businesses.

**Ocean Andrew (R, HD-46, Jelm, WY):** Opportunity: We should encourage small business ownership and entrepreneurship. A big problem small businesses face is over-regulation by a government that has been bought and paid for by large corporations. Large companies can more easily comply with heavy regulation, and they lobby for it in order to protect themselves from innovative small businesses. I want to ensure we do not have this problem in Wyoming. Liberty: I prioritize fighting for the rights and values our country was built on. The government is too involved in our daily lives and I hope to roll that back in whatever way I can.

**Joey Correnti IV (R, HD-47, Rawlins, WY):** The fact that the Legislature oversees revenue and appropriations does nothing to address the issue of inappropriate/inefficient departmental expenditures throughout state government. Efficiencies must be found in departmental expenditures; otherwise blind cutting of the overall budget will surely impact the people that the tax contributions to the state are intended to reach. Wyoming must have an elected Attorney General and the Office of the State Auditor must be made an independent entity and brought out from under the Governor's office. No new or increased taxes or fees! We must fix spending first! Water Rights = Life and Death in Wyoming!

**Jerry Paxton (R, HD-47, Encampment, WY):** The most pressing issue facing our state is balancing the budget in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. The numbers are still unclear but estimates range from a 555 million to a 2.8-billion-dollar deficit. We must also be aware of the potential for additional impacts from the virus if we should see another upward movement in the number of cases. A select committee will be working on recalibration for our K-12 schools. The potential for change in the educational delivery system is certainly on the table.

**Dee Garrison (R, HD-47, Bairoil, WY):** State Revenue—budget; Lucrative jobs—professions in state; Urging more women to vote especially younger women.

**Julie McCallister (R, HD-47, Rock River, WY):** Public Lands, Wyoming has some of the most spectacular public lands, camping and hiking trails, hunting and fishing, and simple vast open spaces on earth. Wyoming also has amazing oil and gas resources which are and should continue to be utilized as fully as possible. Small business growth and support: Wyoming is small business. Remove state auditor's office from the Governor's office. Expand the auditor's office to have ability to enforce upon other regulations/ administrative agencies.

**2. Because Wyoming continues to face major reductions in extractive energy revenues, what specific changes do you favor for increasing state revenues or decreasing state expenditures, or both?**

**Marc Homer (D, HD-13):** My agenda focuses on helping Laramie businesses recover without placing additional burdens on them, creating jobs, protecting funding for UW and ACSD#1, and other vital services. I will support equitable taxes with bipartisan cosigners, because only majorities can pass bills at the legislature. I propose grants and loans for stimulating local manufacturing, small businesses, Native American businesses, and the arts. I support measures to stimulate growth and revenue in the sustainable energy sector, agriculture, and technology. I support reorganizing law-enforcement and the juvenile justice system, focusing on restorative justice; simultaneously reducing costs, increasing public safety, and improving social services.

**Cathy Connolly (D, HD-13):** A careful evaluation of our revenue streams is necessary to address the current economic bust. Taxes are necessary to fund education, school construction, roads, infrastructure, and other needed services. Economic diversification, without changing our tax structure, will not increase our revenue base. Wyoming's current taxation scheme must begin to mirror other states to remain competitive and grow. Increasing sales tax and mill levies must be examined, as should a state income tax on corporations and individuals earning over \$250,000. Consolidating government entities such as school districts and examining means to centralize procurement of goods could create needed efficiencies.

**Alexander Simon (D, HD-14):** I am not in favor of decreasing state expenditures whatsoever—wherever there is waste, fine, cut it out—but Republicans have been screaming about wasteful aspects of programs forever without actually being able to find the waste to cut out. The truth is this—they can't cut enough spending to balance the budget, and they're probably going to force through taxes that hurt the middle and working class. Raise taxes on fossil fuels, raise taxes on luxury properties, raise taxes on corporations—leave people, small and family businesses alone.

**Trey Sherwood (D, HD-14):** Heading into a recession, it is clear our revenue structure is unstable. We are subsidized by mineral taxes and residents do not pay for the full cost of public services. A combination of strategic cuts done with input from agency leadership and equitable revenue enhancements, like removing sales tax exemptions, are critical to maintain our quality of life. According to the Wyoming Taxpayers Association, a 3-person family with an income of \$60,000 and a home valued at \$200,000 pays \$3,180 in personal taxes but receives services that cost \$27,050. Without tax reform, efforts to diversify our economy will not be successful.

**Matthew Burkhart (R, HD-14):** Wyoming must have a lean and efficient government focused on providing residents essential services. State entities capable of generating revenue should determine the extent of operations possible without general funds. Residents should acknowledge that funding reductions may come with reductions in the level of services; a favorable alternative to increased taxes. Local mill levies should be capped and restricted to funding essential services. Growth in tourism, multiple-use recreation and new areas of technology, rare earth minerals and wind energy brings new money to our economy but must happen responsibly, sustainably and respectfully of public and private lands and Wyoming residents.

**Gustave Anderson (R, HD-14):** As we contend with the coming budget challenges we will have to identify how to strengthen and diversify funding sources, while encouraging economic and small business growth. As the governor has already eluded to, we will see reductions in spending, though we need to do this while maintaining critical services such as infrastructure and education. But the most important and tool we have is getting creative on how we spend, maximizing the efficiency of all funds. Wyoming has Grit, we need to use it to find new solutions.

**Joel H. Defebaugh (R, HD-14):** The State has been in a budget crisis for the greater part of the last decade. We have seen cut after cut across the entire state. One area that can no longer tolerate cuts is our education systems. We need to educate the youth so that they can create jobs and contribute to Wyoming's growth. Our young people are going to use technology and innovative skills in agriculture, energy, tourism, and other trades to grow business around the state. At the current rate of budget shortfalls, no options should be left out of the discussion for revenue generation.

**Katrina Cox (R, HD-14):** Our goal should be to increase state revenues through economic development. We will not substitute lack of royalties from mineral extraction and fossil fuels overnight. New business development and bringing in new corporations is a grand endeavor. We

need to be strategic and this will entail a combination of tax initiatives, land, loans and grants. We will continue to make hard decisions on budget cuts. Some programs are protected through endowments (Hathaway for example), while others will face reductions. UW needs to improve student enrollment, we need to scrutinize the brick-and-mortar investments, and the lack of people investment.

**Christopher Culross (R, HD-14):** To increase revenues, we must promote and recruit commerce that mutually benefits businesses and, especially, Wyoming. Increasing or creating taxes is not the answer. To decrease expenditures, we must get back to basics in state government and spending. Just as families nationwide are experiencing an economic downturn and tightening their belts, so must we. It is more important than ever that we efficiently and effectively manage the people's money. As military police, a recruiter, and an emergency management superintendent, I collaborated to make difficult decisions during funding challenges. I will make tough decisions with common sense while putting Wyomingites first.

**Jean Anne Garrison (D, HD-45):** I believe we need honest discussions about the difficult tradeoffs we face given Wyoming's fiscal environment. The legislature has addressed economic shortfalls by reducing expenditures and resisted increasing revenues. While we should look at expenditures, I believe there is little fat to trim in the budget. Increasing revenue must be on the table. I would start by looking at excise taxes (e.g., sin taxes, fuel taxes), a corporate tax to level the playing field, and look at sales tax options that provide flexibility for our squeezed municipalities as well as state funding without ending the food exemption.

**Karlee Provenza (D, HD-45):** Wyoming cannot cut its way out of a \$1.5 billion deficit. We need new sources of revenue. But we need to restructure our tax system in a way that doesn't overburden working families. There are many out-of-state corporations operating in Wyoming right now that demand things like roads, police, and fire departments, but do not pay state taxes to help fund them. There are also many very wealthy people who unfairly use Wyoming as a tax haven. No one has the magic answer to closing our budget shortfall right now, but these seem like good places to start.

**Roxie Hensley (R, HD-45):** Wyoming has a supervisor/subordinate ratio of 4:1, highest in the Nation. This was the result of policy designed to use energy revenues to create jobs. In the absence of energy revenue, it is unlikely that this policy can continue. I would favor reducing this ratio through attrition reducing both current expenditures and future retirement and health costs. We should also examine all discretionary spending in an effort to reduce waste, duplication and delaying capital expenditures until the economy improves. On the revenue side, we should steadfastly support small business growth by aggressively reducing regulatory burdens allowing small business to thrive . . .

**Lawrence G. Struempf (D, HD-46):** It is important that we continue to work with our current revenue streams while building new ones and protecting our environment.

I am in favor of developing more new wind projects, such as the Rail Tie Wind Project.

I am in favor of working to bring data centers and other technical businesses to Laramie.

I am in favor of a minimal state wide income tax of 2%, which would be the lowest in the nation. I

am in favor of cutting subsidies to multinational corporations and ensuring that those who profit from Wyoming, contribute to Wyoming's economy.

**Tim Chesnut (D, HD-46):** When the Wyoming legislature refuses to even consider increasing revenue to help balance the state budget it is a disservice to the citizens of Wyoming. Wyoming has faced multiple 10-20% across the board cuts since the 2008 recession and It is the poor, the elderly and the students that have been hurt the most. Cuts still need to be made but Increasing property taxes is the most equitable way to raise revenue. With the surge in alternative energy projects on agricultural lands it is time to reassess how hybrid properties utilizing both agricultural and industrial uses are taxed.

**James Jackson (R, HD-46):** Wyoming is the largest coal producer in the country and we need to continue to be the leader. For Wyoming to assist in the increasing of state revenue, more businesses need to be recruited to the state and we need to prevent our younger population from leaving. As more jobs will be transferring from a workplace to at home, Wyoming needs to take advantage of this and be able to provide 21<sup>st</sup> century connectivity for our residents.

**Ocean Andrew (R, HD-46):** There is nothing good about what was done to our economy by the shutdowns. People are struggling, especially those who worked for the small businesses that were most directly targeted by the actions of the state. Because of our economic situation, now would be the worst possible time to increase the tax burden on our citizens and businesses. The good news is that we don't have to drown Wyomingites in new taxes to solve this situation. I see this loss of revenue as an opportunity to clean up inefficiency within our state agencies.

**Joey Correnti IV (R, HD-47):** Decreasing state expenditures must be focused on mandatory end user level line item expenditure reporting. We cannot know what to cut if we don't know how much is being spent on what line items. Seeing as we are in a state wide hiring freeze, nor it the time to eradicate and defund all vacancies in every department across state government. Finding the necessary efficiencies in the current state programs is the key focus, not shutting down programs. We can do better with what we already have and be more responsible with what the taxpayers contribute to the state.

**Jerry Paxton (R, HD-47):** If the financial picture for the state continues on the track that it is on now we will need to look at both expenditures and revenue. The Governor has ordered all state agencies to cut 20% out of their budgets. We must also look for efficiencies in the Education budget. A corporate income tax was proposed two years ago but did not pass in the Senate. It is time we take another look at this tax as it has minimal impact on the taxpayers of Wyoming. We must also explore the possibility of a hike in sales tax.

**Dee Garrison (R, HD-47):** Having spoken to several current legislators it appears there is some conflict in this area. Main concern is to not hurt our citizens but still keep a balanced Budget.

**Julie McCallister (R, HD-47):** Reduction in state expenditure needs to be the focus of budget adjustment to changes in energy revenue. Payment of state royalties to the state by companies need to be paid on time, on a monthly basis. While unknown for certain; revenue will decline, and programs will face cuts. Good past fiscal accounting would be useful in making these choices. There is shockingly little fiscal accounting done in the state of Wyoming, its simply inexcusable for a taxpayer to not have quick, access to how and where their tax dollars are being spent. This form of needed accountability is essential.

**3. What concerns do you have about voter access, election monitoring, and vote auditing in the November 3, 2020, General Election, if any? Please explain.**

**Marc Homer (D, HD-13):** Your vote counts! The Albany County Clerk is working to ensure equal access to voting, and I advocate for the strict application of social-distancing guidelines for in-person voting during the 2020 primary and general elections. Due to the pandemic, there will be fewer polling places, so I encourage everyone to vote absentee or at the County Annex. Absentee voting will contribute to the health and safety of our most vulnerable citizens, and to the integrity of our elections. For the sake of our Democracy, we in Wyoming should remain vigilant throughout this presidential election cycle and its immediate aftermath.

**Cathy Connolly (D, HD-13):** We should be proud of our election process in Albany County. We have emphasized easy access to voting and the polls. However, in the wake of COVID-19 and the need for attention to social distancing, we must assure that early and absentee voting methods are encouraged. Individuals should be allowed to register to vote easily and without requiring notarization. Caution should be taken in terms of restricting polling places with a particular emphasis on ensuring that disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, including those on the Wind River reservation, have easy access to voting.

**Alexander Simon (D, HD-14):** My primary concern is that we are still requiring people to request an absentee ballot—this is absurd. If the Wyoming Democratic party can manage to send out ballots to tens of thousands of registered Democrats, why can't our secretary of state do the same with every registered voter? It is in the best interest of the powers-that-be to ensure voting is not easily available. They want there to be a barrier to entry in the political process—there is almost zero voter fraud occurring anywhere in our country and so it is not something I am concerned with.

**Trey Sherwood (D, HD-14):** Free and fair elections are a fundamental part our democracy. I have faith in our election process and am grateful Wyoming residents have a choice to vote early, by mail, or register the day of. These options provide citizens with flexibility in exercising their right to vote. I commend the staff at the Albany County Clerk's office and the Wyoming Secretary of State's office for making it easy to request an absentee ballot, especially in the era of Covid-19. Vote safely Wyoming!

**Matthew Burkhart (R, HD-14):** Wyoming voters must feel that every vote made counts and is counted. Making the polls accessible to all legally eligible Wyoming resident voters is a community responsibility; one that is shared by each of us, regardless of party affiliation. I feel Wyoming's election system, the volunteers assisting and the state, county and local employees running the elections do an admirable job and that they have the best interests of Wyoming at heart. Voter registration and absentee ballot drives must be conducted fairly and equitably; every Wyoming resident who can legally vote should be given the opportunity to cast a ballot.

**Gustave Anderson (R, HD-14):** Wyoming has a robust and proven absentee ballot voting system and ballots can be requested by phone, mail, email, in person, or online. Additionally, we have just over six weeks of early voting, causing me few concerns with voter access. County Clerk offices do a great job but will have added pressures this year regarding election monitoring. We have a great staff in Albany County and I have complete trust in their ability to manage the elections.

**Joel H. Defebaugh (R, HD-14):** I do not have any concerns. I know our communities will do their best to ensure safety for all voters in local polling places and for those who choose to vote with an absentee ballot. If there are concerns, they should be raised early and as often as necessary with local election officials. Local officials should have all the resources of the state behind them to

ensure a free and fair election process. However Wyomingites choose to cast their ballot, I encourage all to exercise their right to vote.

**Katrina Cox (R, HD-14):** If you can't get to the polls, then there should be impartial transportation mechanism to get there. If you can't get to the polls, consider planning ahead with an absentee ballot. I am not in favor of vote-by-mail. I am in favor of showing a state ID, military ID, US passport, or driver's permit to vote. We require an ID at the bank, liquor store, back up a credit card, college registration, buy a car, license a car, I don't think this is an inconvenience. Additional info @www.kat4wyorep.org

**Christopher Culross (R, HD-14):** I do not have any concerns about the voting process at this time. We have a variety of opportunities to make our voices heard, including early voting and absentee voting starting July 2<sup>nd</sup>, as well as Election Day voting. The voters have received information from the Secretary of State regarding absentee voting and the Albany County Clerk regarding dates for the 2020 Primary and General Elections and the location of polling places.

**Jean Anne Garrison (D, HD-45):** I am confident in our voting process in Wyoming and believe public officials will do all to ensure a safe and honest election. I am a strong supporter of mail-in-voting and am pleased that the absentee ballot option has been advertised so widely in Wyoming. Across the country, I am concerned that long lines and wait times may suppress voter turnout. We should always remain transparent and vigilant as confidence in the voting system is essential for our democratic process. To get an absentee ballot or to better understand voting rules/procedures, contact the Albany County Clerk's Office at 307-721-2541.

**Karlee Provenza (D, HD-45):** The coronavirus pandemic isn't over, and we will likely see an influx of cases this November as the weather turns. Wyoming's absentee voting for registered voters and same-day registration at the polls makes voting in Wyoming accessible to many. But the pandemic makes registration more difficult for those who are at higher risk of COVID-19, because Wyoming lacks many registration options that are common in other states. So, voters who have been purged and people who have not voted before will face an unnecessarily complicated task if they feel it's unsafe to register and vote in person.

**Roxie Hensley (R, HD-45):** All voting is controlled at the State level and I believe that Wyoming has an excellent track record in providing safe, accessible and fair elections. Wyoming was the first state to allow women to vote when it was unheard of elsewhere. Wyoming was the first to allow women to stand for election and elected the first female judge and the first female Governor. Wyoming has no history of voter suppression or election fraud (unlike many other jurisdictions). I have every reason to believe that this history of free and fair elections will continue in 2020.

**Lawrence G. Struempf (D, HD-46):** I believe that accessible and accurate voting is critical to any voting system and for all elections. It is important that everyone has the ability to mail in their votes during this pandemic, to ensure the sick and elderly are able to vote, without fear for their lives.

**Tim Chesnut (D, HD-46):** The state is unwilling to use the \$50 million that the federal government has allocated for voting access in Wyoming. With aging voting infrastructure and no plan to help county clerks have a uniform voting system Wyoming will continue to struggle with both security and accuracy. It is amazing the job that the County Clerks across the state have done keeping Wyoming's elections fair and accurate, but if we wait too long to replace outdated voting machines we will be unable to rely on the Clerks to maintain speedy and accurate election results.

**James Jackson (R, HD-46):** . I have confidence in the way that Wyoming operates its elections. I feel there are ways to improve voter turn-out and still maintain integrity within the system. For our upcoming election, I have no major concerns. I realize that with COVID-19, things have changed dramatically. Wyoming already utilizes absentee/mail-in voting, and I expect that will continue through the pandemic.

**Ocean Andrew (R, HD-46):** I understand the skepticism associated with widespread mail-in voting, especially during an election of such magnitude, which is why I am proud to say that I trust the integrity of Wyoming's electoral process this year. There is a difference in both security and efficiency between mail-in voting and absentee voting, and our state has pursued a reasonable course of action by expanding access to secure absentee ballots.

**Joey Correnti IV (R, HD-47):** I am concerned that rural polling places across Wyoming are being shut down by county clerks that somehow misinterpreted the “directive” from the Secretary of State and taking it as a license to ignore statute and disenfranchise the residents that don’t “Live in the city” over COVID-19 fears. I have worked successfully to re-open 2 rural polling places in Sweetwater County and luckily there have been no issues with the outstanding efforts of the Carbon County Clerk and her staff in keeping rural voters enfranchised. There seems to be an indirectly forced “Vote by mail” mandate of rural Wyoming happening.

**Jerry Paxton (R, HD-47):** I have faith in the system Wyoming has set up for elections. The Secretary of State has worked closely with election officials in every county to make sure they have all of the necessary training and equipment to conduct a fair election. I have not heard any concerns from my constituents about restricted access to voting.

**Dee Garrison (R, HD-47):** Need to make sure residents and new residents know how to register to vote and are encouraged to vote.

**Julie McCallister (R, HD-47):** The Secretary of State elections office, and especially each counties clerk is dealing with the current protocols in place for voting due to COVID-19. House District 47 is a large district, rural and vast it has always presented certain challenges in voting. It covers three counties, and three different county clerks who have all worked to try to provide the best options to constituents on and prior to voting day. Care needs to be taken by everyone, county clerks, election judges, and every voter to set the correct opportunities, and accessibility to vote safely and correctly future elections use.

#### **4. What few facts would you most like voters to know about you?**

**Marc Homer (D, HD-13):** My hero is Azize Homer, an amazing woman and scientist; our beloved children make us proud. Laramie educated, UW graduated, I served Wyoming seven years as Kids Count Director, seven more teaching in Turkey. Watch my documentary, “Your Neighbor’s Child”, YouTube, to see my effort to reform Wyoming’s justice system.

**Cathy Connolly (D, HD-13):** Black. Lives. Matter. While our community has much to be proud of, I am committed to continue to work towards justice and equity. (23/50)

**Alexander Simon (D, HD-14):** I never had any intention of running for office. I do not enjoy the public spotlight. The only reason I ended up where I am today is because I realized if I did not advocate for a better future for Wyoming no one else would.

**Trey Sherwood (D, HD-14):** I am passionate and hard working. I believe listening, collaboration and empathy are key leadership skills. With 15 years of experience serving the Laramie community, supporting small businesses and growing the economy, when elected, I will be an informed visionary as we work to build a resilient Wyoming.

**Matthew Burkhart (R, HD-14):** I've lived in Albany County for 25 years. I hold a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from UW and work in the Atmospheric Science Department as a Research Scientist. Encouraged by my loving wife and children, I serve our community as a volunteer firefighter, EMT and search and rescue member.

**Gustave Anderson (R, HD-14):** I have experience working in public and university education, the energy industry, information technology, economic development, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing. I have ownership in multiple small local businesses creating jobs here in Laramie. My *experience* in critical industries to Wyoming's future and my *commitment* is in action and local investment.

**Joel H. Defebaugh (R, HD-14):** I will put in the work. I have a sincere faith in our democracy and an even greater faith in Wyoming. I strive to live by the Code of the West and will continue to do so as a Representative for House District 14.

**Katrina Cox (R, HD-14):** I am a wife, mother and business woman with experience in education and healthcare. Starting the Tutoring Club in Laramie during the 2008 recession, I emerged and expanded to Cheyenne and Greeley providing income to over 130 part-time employees. I enjoy golf, tennis, fly fishing, LHS Plainsmen and UW athletics.

**Christopher Culross (R, HD-14):** I am not a politician. I am offering a conservative voice for Laramie. As a retired combat veteran, I own a small firearms manufacturing business. While I progressed through the ranks, I forged strong leadership and communication skills and perfected my ability to work collaboratively to develop lasting solutions.

**Jean Anne Garrison (D, HD-45):** I am a longtime Wyomingite, a graduate of UW and 20 year resident of Laramie. I'm a political scientist, have been an administrator at UW and currently head the Office of Engagement and Outreach. I am on the board of Laramie Main Street and served on Laramie's Strategic Planning Committee.

**Karlee Provenza (D, HD-45):** I am an expert in the American legal system, the product of a working-class family, and a community advocate. I have fought to demand a better justice system in Albany County, and I will fight just as hard so that Wyoming families can have healthcare access and good jobs.

**Roxie Hensley (R, HD-45):** 5th generation WY ranch family, entrepreneur, business owner, educator, and advocate for children. Graduate of Rawlins HS, UW Business College and UW Law School. Believes strongly that WY children are our future and that we must build a strong economy that provides economic opportunity for all.

**Lawrence G. Struempf (D, HD-46):** I grew up and worked on a cattle ranch in central Wyoming. I earned a Masters in Management and a Doctorate in Education. Since 2003, I have taught for LCCC and raised a family. As a Leader in the community, I have worked hard to help the people of Laramie.

**Tim Chesnut (D, HD-46):** For 20 years as a County Commissioner I have been able to bring people together even during heated debate. I hope that my ability to work with people of both parties without making things personal or taking things personal is a quality I hope to bring to the legislature.

**James Jackson (R, HD-46):** I am a 20-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a current student at the University of Wyoming. I believe that education should be continuous at all levels and listening to those with new ideas is important in growing and improving our community.

**Ocean Andrew (R, HD-46):** I am running because I am passionate about protecting our Wyoming way of life. My beautiful wife and I were married just over a year ago and we have a newborn daughter named Isla. I will work to preserve Wyoming's freedom for our state's future generations .

**Joey Correnti IV (R, HD-47):** I am running for Representative to House District 47 because I have a proven record of leadership, logistical experience, and service to our state and nation. I am unapologetically liberty minded and constitutionally focused. I'm not going to Cheyenne to make friends; I'm going to Cheyenne to make things right!

**Jerry Paxton (R, HD-47):** I am a fifth generation Wyomingite with a background in agriculture. I served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman. I have two degrees from UW. I spent thirty-four years as a teacher and a school principal in Encampment. I have two daughters and four grandchildren.

**Dee Garrison (R, HD-47):** First and foremost I believe in our constitution and state rights. I have experience as a lobbyist for state employees. It is important that our elected officials reach out to their constituents and listen.

**Julie McCallister (R, HD-47):** I moved back to Wyoming in January of 2000. It was coming home for me. I am a strong defender of second amendment rights. I have a Bachelors of Political Science, and Master's of Public Administration from University of Wyoming. I am a avid hunter, and defender of public lands.

# Albany County Candidates—Wyoming Primary

## County Commission Candidates:



Sue Ibarra (D)



Terri Jones (R)



Robert "Bob" Kersey (R)

## Clerk of District Court Candidates



Jennifer Hanft (D)



Stacy Lam (R)

## Albany County Commissioner

**Term:** Four years; partisan office; no term limits; expiration years are staggered.

**Salary:** \$30,000 plus some benefits.

**Who can vote:** Everyone in Albany County.

**Note:** One seat is up for election this year. The seats held by Pete Gosar (D) and Heber Richardson (R), do not expire this year.

### 1. What issues in Albany County are most in need of attention and action? Please explain.

**Robert "Bob" Kersey (R, Laramie, WY):** Many of the issues and problems in Albany County revolve around property owner's rights. Zoning and enforcement of zoning laws can greatly effect property values. Growth of our city and county will happen. Therefore, planning to meet the needs of that growth is essential. Albany County has a need for skilled and unskilled labor. If we wish to attract and grow businesses, we need to have the right persons available for employment. Improvement of vocational skill training could help grow this pool of people needed to fill the available jobs.

**Terri Jones (R, Laramie, WY):** Funding will certainly be reduced from both the State and Federal coffers. Albany County is concerned, how this will affect operations and services to the residents and taxpayers. Albany County relies heavily on grants to fund projects the public wants and needs. I believe the grant matches will increase substantially as a result of diminished fossil fuel taxation and expenses of COVID-19. Drug and alcohol abuse continue to rise. I work closely with the Specialty Courts providing diversion for clients, allowing an opportunity to learn and become functioning members of our community. Our Specialty Courts are Nationally recognized for excellence!

**Sue Ibarra (D, Laramie, WY):** Protecting our drinking water is essential. I support strengthening county zoning laws to eliminate further nonconforming development within the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone and installing monitoring wells for early detection of contaminants. With lower state revenues, our county's budget will require more efficient spending. I will work with county and city personnel to identify ways to reduce redundant costs and services without compromising those services. Robbie Ramirez' death is a tragedy. I support measures toward transparency and accountability in law enforcement. Because we are still living in a pandemic, all residents should follow the guidance of health professionals

## **2. How would you address the conflicts over the Casper Aquifer?**

**Robert "Bob" Kersey (R):** Clean drinking water is perhaps our most important resource. The key to maintaining clean drinking water is through mitigation of threats to the aquifer. There certainly are conflicts between groups in regards to proper mitigation. People are passionate when it comes to protecting our water, as they should be, and common ground must be found. I truly believe the biggest threat to the aquifer is the Interstate-80 corridor; primarily the potential of a tanker truck spilling its load over the recharge zone. I believe finding a feasible way to contain such a potential spill must be a priority.

**Terri Jones (R):** Let's look at what everyone agrees on. We must have clean drinking water for our families. The years of highest pollution of all varieties were from approximately 1868 when the Union Pacific Railroad arrived until 1973 the formation of Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality. The greatest threat to the Casper Aquifer is the I-80 corridor through Telephone Canyon with pathways into the Casper Aquifer. I have begun conversations with WYDOT to begin steps for mitigation caches for the possibility of hazardous spills in Telephone Canyon. Our community can come together, working toward the common goal; Keep the Casper Aquifer Clean.

**Sue Ibarra (D):** I'm troubled by the majority of county commissioners' apparent disregard for protecting our drinking water and for those scientists and professionals who have identified ways to protect that water. I'm committed to a fair process where the public will be respected when providing input. I strongly support implementing the recommendations of the Casper Aquifer Protection Plan for monitoring wells and will work with the city to get this done. The Tumbleweed gas station is a threat to our clean drinking water under its grandfathered status. I support strengthening the county's zoning resolutions now.

## **3. What concerns, if any, do you have about new development for rural subdivisions, wind farms, transportation, and industry in our county? Please explain.**

**Robert "Bob" Kersey (R):** Development of rural subdivisions, wind power generation facilities, transportation and industry must be controlled to the point at which infrastructure will safely and practically allow. Water and proper waste disposal must be available to support any development

and must comply with existing regulations. Access roads to and from development sites must be sufficient to handle traffic loading and comply with existing dust and weed control regulations. The county's ability to provide emergency services, such as fire protection, EMT services and law enforcement, will be a challenge. Traffic loading on the 2-lane portion of Highway 287 south of Laramie is concerning.

**Terri Jones (R):** I believe developers need to know what is required at the first inquiry, allowing accurate planning and no surprises through the project. Consistency throughout the project, the rules at the time of application apply throughout the project, allowing accurate cost projections. Public comment is important to allow a sharing of ideas and thoughts. Private property rights must be protected in all development. When a development project is controversial listening and understanding the concerns of all sides is important in finding a balance. Albany County needs development to add tax base for our property and sale taxes funding schools and services.

**Sue Ibarra (D):** There are rural areas that can be developed to allow for increased availability of affordable housing. Development in these areas should foster a rural environment, function with available infrastructure, and prevent undesirable impacts to surrounding land. Because of lower mineral revenues, the county will need to explore the possibility of new industry, such as alternative energy development. Solar and wind projects might be such choices. The Tie Rail Wind Project would generate much needed county revenues. However, proposed additions to the zoning regulations (minimum distance and lighting requirements) should also be considered.

#### **4. What few facts would you most like voters to know about you?**

**Robert "Bob" Kersey (R):** I am not a politician – I am a chemist. I would like to serve Laramie and Albany County from a common sense approach. I moved to Laramie more than 25 years ago. I have enjoyed raising my children here and cannot think of a better place to live.

**Terri Jones (R):** As your current county commissioner, I am thankful I grew up in Albany County, I know the people, their concerns. Over the last 3.5 years a lot has been achieved, acquisition of the Pilot Hill Project Land, Courthouse North Entrance, New Airport Terminal and maintaining safe water starts the list.

**Sue Ibarra (D):** My experience serving on elected and non-profit boards and volunteering with community service organizations has given me a deep appreciation of our county's many challenges. I will work hard to ensure that Albany County remains a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

## **Albany County Clerk of District Court**

**Term:** Two years (normally four); partisan office; no term limits.

**Salary:** \$85,000 plus some benefits.

**Who can vote:** Everyone in Albany County.

**Note:** Because of Janice Sexton's resignation, this election is to finish out the 4-year term.

#### **1. Why are you running for this office?**

**Jennifer P. Hanft, Esq. (D, Laramie, WY):** My reason for running for the Clerk of the Albany County District Court is to ensure access to justice for all Albany County residents, regardless of income or education. While I don't believe Albany County always needs this Office to be run by an attorney, in recent years, the Wyoming Supreme Court has made significant revisions to the Court Rules that require changes to our Clerk's Office's policies. During this time of change and automation, it's imperative to have a leader that will embrace and implement the changes in a way that ensures the greatest access possible to all residents.

**Stacy Lam (R, Laramie, WY):** I am currently the Clerk of District Court for Albany County. I have valuable knowledge and expertise into the inner workings of the office that I believe are essential to this position. With 29 plus years of experience, I have served this office from the entry level to the chief deputy role and now as the current Clerk of Court. I have remained in this career for 29 years because I truly love what I do. I believe I am the only candidate with the necessary qualifications to guide this office forward in a steady and uninterrupted manner.

## **2. When jury trials resume, what will the major impacts be on the office of the Clerk of District Court and how can they be addressed?**

**Jennifer P. Hanft, Esq. (D):** While jury trials were never suspended for proceedings necessary to protect the rights of criminal defendants, and a list of other circumstances enumerated in the Wyoming Supreme Court's initial March 18, 2019 order (as amended on June 12, 2020), protecting public health and welfare needs to be a top priority. The impact of having to protect vulnerable adults while still mandating a viable jury pool is dependent on implementing thoughtful policies regarding social distancing and personal protective equipment in the Clerk of District Court's Office that will ensure the safety of both the potential jurors and the Clerk's staff.

**Stacy Lam (R):** There will be multiple challenges when we resume jury trials. I believe the biggest challenge will be reassuring our jurors and the community that it is safe to appear and serve on jury duty. The Clerk of District Court and the District Court Judge have worked diligently with the Albany County Health Officer to create a plan that takes into consideration all the health guidelines currently in place. Citizens can be assured that every precaution will be taken when they are called to appear for jury duty. The health and safety of all participants will be our number one priority.

## **3. In addition to jury trials, what other responsibilities of the Clerk of District Court should the public-know about?**

**Jennifer P. Hanft, Esq. (D):** Confidentiality is one of the biggest responsibilities of the Clerk of District Court. Some of the most important, intimate and sometimes painful details of our lives are shared in District Court pleadings. Without the highest level of confidentiality, we risk harm to both our community and the individuals that live within it. With the Wyoming Supreme Court mandating full automation of the Court system within the next several years, it's essential to have a leader that will allocate funds that will ensure that Albany County residents have access to the forthcoming automated system while ensuring the greatest level of confidentiality.

**Stacy Lam (R):** My office is the official record keeper for the District Court. All documents put before the District Court Judge are filed and maintained by this office. We prepare appeal records for submission to the Supreme Court; attend criminal and juvenile court hearings; receipt and disburse fees and restitution; distribute child support payments; and process passport applications. I am excited to be one of the pilot courts for a new statewide case management system that will be implemented in 2021. I am currently an appointed member of the Supreme Court led design team for this system.

**4. What few facts would you most like voters to know about you?**

**Jennifer P. Hanft, Esq. (D):** As a Wyoming attorney for over 20 years, my focus has been to serve low-income residents. As a result, I was awarded the Wyoming State Bar’s 2012 Pro Bono Award, and now serve on the board for Equal Justice Wyoming, fighting for access to justice for all Wyoming residents.

**Stacy Lam (R):** I have dedicated my entire adult working life to serving our community. I have an amazing office staff and a tremendous support system of family and friends. My husband and I are blessed with three amazing teenage boys and we are proud to call Laramie our home.

**Laramie City Council Candidates —Primary Election 2020**



**Brett Glass (Ward 1)**



**Brian Harrington (Ward 1)**



**Kaleb Heien (Ward 1)**



**Andi Summerville (Ward 1)**



**Sharon Cumbie (Ward 2)**



**Tim Hale (Ward 2)**



**Jayne Pearce (Ward 2)**



**Pat Gabriel (Ward 3)**



**Klaus Hanson (Ward 3)**

# Laramie City Council

**Term:** Four years; nonpartisan office ; no term limits; expiration years are staggered.

**Salary:** \$120 per day of Regular, Work, or Special Meetings; no benefits.

**Who can vote:** Only voters residing within a given ward.

**Note:** The top two names (or four in the case of Wards 1 and 2) advance to the General Election. There are two vacancies each in Wards 1 and 2, one vacancy in Ward 3. Because there are only three names on the ballot for Ward 2, it is possible that a write-in, who must live in Ward 2, will be certified to appear on the General Election ballot for this ward. The seats that do not expire this year are held by Jessica Stalder, Ward 1; Paul Weaver, Ward 2; and Erin O'Doherty and Brian Shuster, Ward 3. There are nine councilors altogether.

## 1. What issues in the City of Laramie are most in need of attention and action? Please explain.

**Kaleb Heien (Ward 1):** Developing Laramie streets in Ward 1. I believe in upholding the rights of business owners of Laramie.

**Andrea "Andi" Summerville (Ward 1):** Economic diversification and infrastructure development are two of the most important issues, and they go hand in hand. Prior to the pandemic, the City set ambitious goals for future vision in terms of business and infrastructure development, population growth and quality of life improvements. Although the pandemic has changed everything for the interim, the City needs to continue to move towards these goals while continuing to improve services that are used everyday by residents (road maintenance, trash collection, parks and recreation opportunities, etc.).

**Brian Harrington (Ward 1):** The most pressing issue we face is the economic recovery from COVID-19. This crisis has touched every one of my constituents in some way, and it's critical we recover together. The City should look for opportunities to empower businesses to generate revenue and protect the public. As we grapple with COVID and how to support our community's health and economic wellbeing, issues such as affordable housing, environmental stewardship, and economic development—issues already at the forefront—will require even more attention and action. With your support, I will continue to work toward innovative solutions that make a positive impact on our community.

**Brett Glass (Ward 1):** Fair, responsive, transparent government. Fiscal responsibility as we face decreased tourism and sales tax revenues due to COVID-19 and reduced state mineral royalties. Infrastructure maintenance and development. Reasonable city utility rates. Quality city services, including water, sewer, trash, recycling, animal control. Economic diversity. Business development. Restraint from needless overregulation and bureaucracy. "Town vs. gown" concerns, including potential closure of streets, competition with local business, "hole" in tax base. Quality of life issues, including parking near campus and downtown; street improvement and remediation of flooding in West Laramie; open spaces; attractiveness of city entrances; bicycle-friendliness; broadband availability; retail diversity; accessibility.

**Jayne Pearce (Ward 2):** There are four main issue areas. First, a significant portion of our city budget comes from the state and we need to advocate for local decision-making and revenue generation so we can continue to provide essential services. Second, economic diversification, development, and gentrification must be pursued. Third, social unrest and safe guarding our health and safety. Lastly, natural resource access, protection, preservation, utilization, retention, and enjoyment.

**Sharon Cumbie (Ward 2):** Budgetary issues related to economic contraction resulting from impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and declining mineral value are the greatest challenge we face as a community. Wyoming's fiscal challenges are serious as we anticipate significant projected deficits to state revenue. Governor Gordon is calling for state agencies to prepare for a 20% reduction for the state budget. In addition, protective measures required to reduce COVID infection has altered Laramie's economic landscape. Dramatic decreases in economic activity create significant challenges for City Council and the City Manager to redress our proposed budget and adjust for projected losses; we must work together.

**Tim Hale (Ward 2):** The City of Laramie purports economic development, yet the restrictive and punitive measures that the administration has imposed on business is nothing less than destructive. Many of the restrictions are based on opinion of the Planning Director, Derek Teini. The planning process and building permit process need to be streamlined. Secondly, I believe the city council should look seriously how the city manager has isolated herself from the public. Rather than a vote of confidence, the council consistently awards the city manager with pay raise after pay raise, meanwhile neglecting staff.

**Pat Gabriel (Ward 3):** The main issue facing the City now is how the downturn in the economy will affect the budget. Although many Governments are receiving CARES funding from Congress, it's still unknown at this time how much revenue the City will have to support the many services it delivers. The Council passed a one year budget recently, but City staff has stated that adjustments will have to be made in the future once we all know a more definite timeline on how much the City will be able to spend toward services.

**Klaus Hanson (Ward 3):** During the current financial situation facing Laramie and Wyoming, the City needs to maintain necessary services currently provided, but should evaluate their cost and efficiency. Services might be restructured, augmented, reduced or privatized effectively to reduce cost to the city budget. (Example: green waste collection was recently privatized). Infra structure, water, sewage, streets are aging, and the city must be able to upgrade these regularly.

## **2. What is the City Council's role in achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, as directed by the Council through Resolution 2020-14 adopted March 3, 2020?**

**Kaleb Heien (Ward 1):** I will support fact filled, un-biased decisions on pollution through a common sense approach.

**Andrea "Andi" Summerville (Ward 1):** The City Council should continue to pursue programs and technology (with community partnerships) that keep on us track for this goal. As the cost for alternative energy sources continues to decline, there will be more incentives for green building development. New technologies and strategies are being developed every day- the city should be consistently reviewing options that move us towards that goal.

**Brian Harrington (Ward 1):** I was proud to be a part of the unanimous vote in support of this resolution and look forward to continuing this work if re-elected. Climate change requires collective action from across our community, and the City must take a leadership role. Council should work to build partnerships with the County, University, and State to increase our ability to achieve the aggressive and economically beneficial goals set forth in this commitment. I will continue to work toward an equitable transition by supporting community solar purchasing, increasing opportunities for community-wide composting, and eliminating red tape for renewable investments by individuals.

**Brett Glass (Ward 1):** The resolution is well intended, but sets a goal that is too little, too late. To reach only "neutrality" by 2050 - when Albany County will warm by more than 3.5 degrees C according to ESRI - will do little good. The largest institutional carbon dioxide producers in our county are not the City but the University and Mountain Cement, and the majority of private residences and businesses are heated by natural gas furnaces. In short, the resolution is a nice gesture - but faster and more strident action, on a larger scale, is necessary to have a significant effect.

**Jayne Pearce (Ward 2):** This council and future councils are charged with monitoring and directing progress, policy, and resource allocation. Ultimately, council is responsible for success or failure.

**Sharon Cumbie (Ward 2):** The role of City Council toward achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 is to provide leadership. Council members must promote communication and collaboration among City Council, the UW Haub School, City Manager/Staff, and the Laramie Community to engage in a cooperative process of developing an action plan to pursue net zero emission goals. Resolution 2020-14 represents an ambitious undertaking that can significantly contribute to the environmental health of our community through incremental, systematic, and ongoing assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation. This is no small undertaking. Success will depend on long-term commitment and creation of structures for inclusive community-wide participation.

**Tim Hale (Ward 2):** The City's role in achieving carbon neutrality is to be complimented. However, this goal will be expensive. Consider the economic straits this community is faced with currently, and one must weigh cost vs. benefit. One place the City can reduce cost and carbon emissions is to cease paying car allowance to the city manager when she works from home.

**Pat Gabriel (Ward 3):** City Council is dedicated to achieving carbon neutrality, although stated in the Resolution by 2050, the Council's goal is hopefully going to be reached before that date. City staff is applying for funds from the Rocky Mountain Power Blue Sky program that will fund solar panels at the Recreation and Ice Center, similar to what happened at the Downtown Clinic. Honeywell is also under contract, supported by the Council, to conduct an energy audit of all City facilities offering suggestions on the best use of energy.

**Klaus Hanson (Ward 3):** The City has made efforts to increase the heating and cooling efficiencies in many of its buildings. Some of City's property south of Laramie could be used for installation of electricity generating facilities (solar and wind). This could reduce carbon dependency and create income for the city at the same time. Property tax breaks for private buildings to install solar panels may be another means toward carbon reduction. For consumers in Laramie, feeding electricity from their panels into the grid, rates could be restructured to make solar or wind-generated electricity cheaper than carbon generated electricity (model used in Denver).

### **3. What can the city do to alleviate the impact of the pandemic on the local economy?**

**Kaleb Heien (Ward 1):** I think the key is to step back and let these folks get back to work with less interference from us.

**Andrea "Andi" Summerville (Ward 1):** That is the million-dollar question. The city's role needs to be one of leadership - helping residents/businesses to access programs that provide assistance and

quickly responding to issues that arise. As the public health concerns improve, the city needs to take an active role where it can in supporting new development, sustaining existing businesses, and supporting new businesses and infrastructure projects while still serving as a hub for anyone who is struggling to access resources.

**Brian Harrington (Ward 1):** In 2019, the Council adopted a 10-year economic development plan, which charted the next decade of investment in economic development. We now need to put this plan into action, especially in light of the recent economic downturn. While the plan could not have predicted a halted economy and global pandemic, it's principles still apply. I will continue to bring creative solutions to the table to address the needs of our business community and to allow for people to safely return to work. As a business owner and council member, I am well-positioned to navigate Laramie's economic and social recovery.

**Brett Glass (Ward 1):** City governments are responsible for sanitation, food safety, and public health. The City of Laramie should require social distancing and other proven preventive measures (such as masking) while helping businesses to bear the impact and bracing for cuts in state funding. SARS-CoV-2 is no less virulent than it was in March. To relax restrictions that were effective - merely because some citizens find them annoying - will bring the same tragedy seen in Italy, Spain, and (closer to home) New York. Cancellation of Freedom Has a Birthday (which I thoroughly enjoy each year) was regrettable, but necessary and laudable.

**Jayne Pearce (Ward 2):** Simultaneously we must provide essential services (do what we currently do), secure funding (e.g. CARES ACT), monitor budgetary impacts, communicate clearly, and be nimble and responsive while partnering with private and other public agencies (e.g. Albany County Public Health, Interfaith Good Samaritan, Laramie Chamber Business Alliance, and Laramie Main Street Business Alliance) to reduce the negative economic impact by providing grants, loans, relaxation of customer utility payment collection, city ordinance modifications for merchandise pick up or outdoor seating. We must continue to be diligent, flexible, and receptive while embracing our opportunity to serve.

**Sharon Cumbie (Ward 2):** As a nurse, I believe our first concern needs to be directed toward protective measures our state public health officer has proposed for the reduction and control of COVID-19 infection spread within the community. As we enter into a phase of pandemic fatigue, it can be tempting to loosen precautions. I observe a reduction in mask-wearing and increase in groups gathering. I think we all have a strong desire to return to normalcy. Resuscitation of Laramie's economy is dependent upon maintaining an environment where people feel safe to engage in community-based activities and patronage so local businesses can regenerate.

**Tim Hale (Ward 2):** The issues surrounding the pandemic on the local economy are serious. The City does not have funds to offer grants or a stimulus package. Instead, it needs to look at how City services affect local business. Easing the onerous restrictions placed on improving business through the planning process would help save businesses money while allowing them to improve their sales. Reducing water rates would have a positive, direct impact not only on businesses but also on every property owner.

**Pat Gabriel (Ward 3):** The City needs to continue working together with the many agencies in the County and State that are dedicated to pursuing the best education for our residents concerning COVID-19. Mayor Shumway and many other City officials meet via Zoom on a regular basis to

coordinate education and other important issues to keep our residents safe. We are so fortunate in this Community to have such dedicated leaders when it comes to keeping everyone secure.

**Klaus Hanson (Ward 3):** The City has implemented a fund -- to which I understand citizens and businesses have also contributed -- which can make loans available to struggling businesses for continued wage payments to employees. Due tax payments might be postponed. City should enhance its campaign to encourage citizens to buy local as much as possible. For this summer, city might allow restaurants to use sidewalks for seating in order to make required distancing possible when restaurants open again beyond take-out service.

#### **4. What few facts would you most like voters to know about you?**

**Kaleb Heien (Ward 1):** Lifelong Laramie Man. Conservative. Common-Sense.

**Andrea "Andi" Summerville (Ward 1):** My family and I have been residents of West Laramie for almost 20 years and I care deeply about the community and it's future. I am an enthusiastic supporter of community involvement and community partnerships. The more voices you have in a discussion- the better the decision will be.

**Brian Harrington (Ward 1):** My wife and I live near downtown with our cat Frankie. I'm proud to represent the diverse needs of Ward 1 and to lead on issues that impact my constituents, from paving West Laramie streets to protecting our drinking water. I pledge to continue to work in service of Laramie.

**Brett Glass (Ward 1):** I'm an Electrical Engineer (MSEE Stanford 1985), owner of two local businesses (including the world's first wireless ISP), author, musician, Extra Class amateur radio operator, independent voter, chocolate lover, and advocate of ethical, transparent, fair, efficient, limited government. If elected, I'll strive to improve Laramie's quality of life.

**Jayne Pearce (Ward 2):** I'm open to new ideas, have a good sense of humor and can laugh at myself. I can admit when I'm wrong. Plus, I don't mind pushing the rules a bit in order to change the dialogue. I listen. I'm experienced and collaborative.

**Sharon Cumbie (Ward 2):** I engage in communication, cooperation, and collaboration with my work and community activities. As a psychiatric-mental health practitioner and Professor of Nursing, I have worked with diverse individuals and groups to produce the best results for community well-being. There is no "I" in team.

**Tim Hale (Ward 2):** My "handlers" are my constituents; not the city manager. I will do everything possible to reduce water rates. Given the majority of city councilors vote for every rate increase put before them, voters should support candidates who will take a conservative approach to rate increases.

**Pat Gabriel (Ward 3):** I have served on City Council the last 3.5 years. Before I was a Councilor, I served 20 years as an Albany County Commissioner. I came to Laramie in 1972 from Cheyenne to attend UW. I'm currently at Wyoming Public Radio, a position I have held the past 31 years.

**Klaus Hanson (Ward 3):** I served on City Council for 16 years, until I could not devote time needed for temporary family reasons. I prepare thoroughly and work well with others, usually think creatively, listen to and support staff, listen to constituents' suggestions and input.