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Voters' Guide

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2020 General Election Guide

The League of Women Voters of Wyoming in a 50-year partnership with the *Laramie Boomerang*, is pleased to provide this Voters' Guide for the 2020 General Election. You may carry it with you into the polling booth.

The Questions

The LWV selected questions for candidates. They were mailed to addresses given when candidates filed (duplicates sent by email if provided). Answers were limited to 600 characters. Candidates received follow-up messages if not responding by the deadline.

The Responses

The candidates' statements included here are exactly as submitted, except 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. Spelling or grammar were not corrected. Candidates were asked to provide a photo; if there is none, the candidate did not provide one. Four candidates did not respond; they are indicated.

The Offices

Candidates' responses are in random order, except those in districts or wards that are grouped together. An (R) next to a candidate's name indicates Republican, (D) indicates Democrat. Independent and minor party candidate affiliations are written out; hometown (campaign headquarters) are given for national and statewide candidates only. Nonpartisan race candidates do not declare their party affiliation.

Other Information Sources

This Voters' Guide also is available online at VOTE411.org, a nationwide source for information on all candidates for U.S. Congress and state legislatures, as well as local offices in counties where there is a Local LWV. It will also appear on the website of the Wyoming LWV (<https://wyominglww.org/Elections/elections.html>). Non-partisan sources can be found online, for example <https://www.youtube.com/user/WYLWV> has videos of public forums. Contact information was supplied by the candidate or taken from the Wyoming Secretary of State's website.

Voter Registration

People who voted in the 2018 General Election are currently registered to vote. Those who have moved, have a name change or wish to change party affiliation 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 documentation needed. Voter registration closes at 5:00 p.m. on October 19, 2020. Changes and additions to voter registration lists can still be made in person, but the voter must cast a ballot then.

Voting in Person

General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Polling places may have been consolidated this year; some voters may not be going to places they have gone in the past. To be sure, check with the County Clerk. Voters must be at their assigned polling location to vote.

Write-in Votes

Ballots contain space for write-in votes for all offices. Write-in winners must live in the correct district or ward and accept the vote by paying the filing fee.

Accommodating All Voters

The County Clerk's Office accommodates voters with disabilities of any type. There are special voting stations with equipment for the visually impaired, and special parking places at polling places (sticker required). The election staff will bring ballots to cars if notified. Call the Clerk's Office to request special arrangements. (see box)

Absentee Voting

All registered voters are eligible to vote absentee, and absentee voting has begun. Absentee ballots must reach the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. The U.S. Postal Service recommends ballots be mailed 15 days ahead of the election. 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. A new ballot will be given to you. If you requested an absentee ballot 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.

Judicial Retentions

There will be three names on the ballot for retention of judges. In Wyoming, judges stand for retention after they have been appointed; if the vote is favorable, they continue for another term. Election campaigning on the part of a judge is prohibited. Two are Wyoming Supreme Court Justices, for eight year terms; one is a judge for a regular four year term in the Second Judicial District, which includes Albany and Carbon Counties. Check the website of the Wyoming Bar Association (<https://wyomingbar.org>) on October 13, 2020 for information about these judges, based on surveys on technical competence and courtroom manner from lawyers who have practiced in that judge's court.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Albany County Clerk: Jackie R. Gonzales

Election Office: Courthouse, 515 Grand Avenue
(Courthouse east side, ground level)

Election Office Phone: 307-721-2546

Ballot dropbox: Enter driveway off 7th St., head south past the east edge of the courthouse—the box is adjacent to the drive

Hours: Office: 9-5 weekdays, dropbox always accessible





Joseph R. Biden (D) Jo Jorgensen (Libertarian) Brock Pierce (Independent) Donald J. Trump (R)

U.S. President

Term: Four years with a two-term limit. The limit is one elected term if a person held the office of president for longer than two years (e.g. in the event of the resignation or death of a sitting president) and the limit applies even if the terms are not consecutive.

Duties: Head of the Executive Branch of U.S. Government with all powers outlined in the United States Constitution. The Vice-President presides over the U.S. Senate.

Salary: \$400,000 annually plus housing, transportation and office expenses.

Who can vote: All registered voters in the U.S. (but not U.S. citizens of U.S. Territories like Puerto Rico).

How many to vote for: One, along with the designated Vice President .

More information: VOTE411.org, and the campaign websites given here.

Notes: Wyoming does not have a presidential primary. Political parties select their candidates through caucuses and conventions. In Wyoming a major party is defined as one receiving 10% of votes cast in a previous election; minority parties must have at least 2% of the vote. Party candidates below the 2% threshold must have a petition signed by 2% of the voters (4,025 signatures in 2020). Two such successful candidates in Wyoming will be on the 2020 General Election ballot in addition to the major party candidates. The filing fee is \$200. Names are listed here in alphabetical order. Only the LWVUS asks questions of presidential candidates, they are posted as they are received, on VOTE411.org. The short biographical information here is taken from the candidates' websites.

Joseph R. Biden (D, Delaware)

Contact website: <https://joebiden.com>

Biographical information: Born 1942 in Pennsylvania, moved to Delaware at 13. Educated Archmere Academy, University of Delaware and law degree from Syracuse University in 1968. Served in US Senate from Delaware 1973 - 2009, Vice President under Barack Obama 2009 - 2016. Running mate for Vice President is Kamala Harris, former Attorney General for California and U.S. Senator 2016 to present.

Jo Jorgensen (Libertarian, South Carolina)

Contact website: <https://jo20.com>

Biographical Information: Born in Illinois in 1957, has degrees from Baylor University, Southern Methodist, and a PhD from Clemson in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. Lecturer since 2006 and also founder of her own business consulting firm. Libertarian

candidate for Vice President in 1996. Her running mate for Vice President is Jeremy "Spike" Cohen, a political talk show host.

Brock Pierce (Independent, Puerto Rico)

Contact website: www.brock.vote

Biographical Information: Born in Minnesota in 1980, worked as a child actor until age 18. Began a career as an entrepreneur in digital technology with an emphasis on digital currency, gaming and entertainment. Moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico in 2018, and became a philanthropist after Hurricane Maria. His running mate for Vice President is Karla Ballard, also an entrepreneur in the technology field.

Donald J. Trump (R, New York)

Contact website: <https://donaldjtrump.com>

Biographical information: Born in 1946 in New York (Queens), educated military academy, Fordham University 2 years, B.Sc. in economics from Wharton School of Business. Real estate businessman and television personality prior to running for President in 2016. 45th President of the U.S. Running mate is current Vice President Mike Pence, who served 12 years in the US House of Representatives from Indiana, then governor of Indiana until joining Trump campaign in 2016.



Cynthia Lummis (R)

Merav Ben David (D)

U.S. Senate

Term: Six years, no term limits, chosen by a political party primary or may qualify as an independent. There are two senators from each state; expiration dates are staggered. There are 100 senators total.

Duties: Those established by the U.S. Constitution, including confirmation of most Presidential appointments.

Salary: \$174,000 annually plus benefits including office expenses and staff.

Who can vote: All Wyoming registered voters.

How many to vote for: One; the person elected joins John A. Barrasso whose term continues.

Cynthia M. Lummis (R-Cheyenne)

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Biographical information: I'm a fourth generation Wyoming native and lifelong rancher. From 2008 to 2016, I served as Wyoming's Congressman in Washington, D.C. where I fought for Wyoming families, communities and businesses; championed Wyoming's energy resources; and worked to reduce the federal deficit. Prior to serving in Congress, I spent eight years as Wyoming State Treasurer and 14 years as a member of the Wyoming Legislature. I'm proud to have the endorsements of President Donald Trump, Senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso, National Right to Life, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and over 100 Wyoming community leaders.

What legislation is high on your priorities list for the first 100 days of the session?

In the wake of COVID-19, it is more important than ever that we work to quickly enact policies that put Wyoming families and workers first. This means working on legislation to bring the development and manufacturing of essential products back to the United States, and to Wyoming; promote domestic energy production and ensure a fair and transparent regulatory framework; address the volatility in livestock markets by, first, enabling state-inspected beef to be put into interstate commerce; and reduce our staggering national debt which has direct and severe consequences for our nation.

How well are the checks and balances among the three branches of government functioning? Please explain.

As a staunch defender of the Constitution, I believe the separation of powers and checks and balances it provides for are absolutely essential to a government system that is fair and accountable. While our branches of government are generally working within their intended realms of authority, I have some concerns over recent Supreme Court decisions that encourage laws to be made by the executive branch – and not the legislative branch as intended. It is imperative we confirm judges who will uphold the Constitution and the critical checks and balances for which it provides.

What will you do to restart the economy and deal with the lack of living-wage jobs?

Getting Wyoming, and all American citizens, safely back to work is the absolute best thing we can do to get our economy back on track and ensure Wyoming people have good-paying jobs. This means ensuring we have proper health protocols in place that will enable businesses to fully reopen. We must also take a hard look at our supply chains, in industries ranging from healthcare and energy to food production and technology, and how we can bring these to the U.S. for good. This is critical for creating jobs, bolstering our economy, and national security.

Merav Ben David (D-Laramie)**Contact Phone:** 307-214-0510**Email:** contact@bendavid2020.com**Facebook:** facebook.com/bendavid2020**Instagram:** @BenDavid2020**Twitter:** @MBenDavid2020**Website:** bendavid2020.com

Biographical information: I've been a wildlife ecologist and a professor at the University of Wyoming for over 20 years. I don't have patience for political games - I entered this race to represent the needs and values of Wyomingites. I am an educator, an outdoorswoman, a war veteran, and a scientist. As such, I believe in using evidence and working with people from across the political spectrum to develop REAL solutions.

What legislation is high on your priorities list for the first 100 days of the session?

Tens of thousands of Wyomingites lost their jobs and their healthcare - my first priority will be to pass bills that will help them get through the current crisis. As Senator, I'll also work to pass a federal jobs guarantee bill: we can hire Wyomingites for high-paying union jobs plugging abandoned oil wells, reclaiming mines, installing rural broadband, repairing roads, building wildlife overpasses, and installing rooftop solar, while also providing training for the jobs of the future. We'll reduce unemployment, reclaim our landscapes, and modernize our infrastructure, all at the same time.

How well are the checks and balances among the three branches of government functioning? Please explain.

The Executive Branch is engaging in extreme overreach. The current administration seeks to undermine the power of Congress and the courts without facing consequences. This clearly illustrates the need to codify previously acceptable norms into actual laws. We also need to adopt term limits for Congress in order to reduce the influence of a small number of politicians, and hold elected officials accountable to their constituents. Finally, we must eliminate the influence of dark money on our elections and ensure the voting rights of all Americans.

What will you do to restart the economy and deal with the lack of living-wage jobs?

First, we must pass the HEROES Act to provide relief for individuals and businesses, and pass laws that ensure a living wage to all workers regardless of gender, race, and religion. Then, we must pass healthcare reforms that address the unique needs of rural states like Wyoming. This will allow Americans to pursue their ambitions without worrying about affording health insurance. Finally, we need to invest in technology and innovation that will lead to renewed economic growth and prosperity, especially right here in Wyoming, where we've talked about diversification for decades.

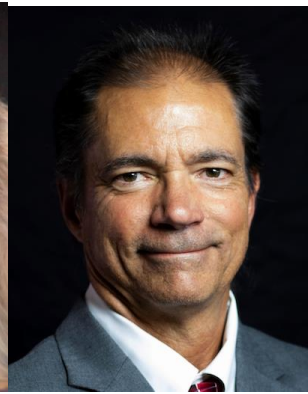




Lynnette Grey Bull (D)



Liz Cheney (R)



Jeff Haggitt (Constitution)



R. Brubaker (Libertarian)

U.S. House of Representatives

Term: Two years, no term limits, chosen by a political party primary or may qualify as an independent or minor party candidate. There is one House District for Wyoming. There are 435 voting Representatives total.

Duties: Those established by the U.S. Constitution

Salary: \$174,000 annual plus benefits including office expenses and staff.

Who can vote: All Wyoming registered voters.

How many to vote for: One

Lynnette Grey Bull (D-Fort Washakie)

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Biographical information: I have spent my life as a community advocate and organizer, and have lent my voice to congressional testimony, the United Nations, lobbying in the Wyoming legislature to end the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women crisis, and as a tribal and government liaison. I am a mother of three, and a member of the Hunkpapa Lakota Standing Rock Sioux and Northern Arapaho tribes.

What legislation is high on your priorities list for the first 100 days of the session?

In 2021 we will still be reaping the repercussions of this pandemic, so COVID-19 relief will be a top priority. We must address the growing unemployment rate and economic decline, with a focus on human welfare and support to those who genuinely need it – single moms, working families, those who were already paycheck-to-paycheck – and help for our small business owners, who are the lifeblood of our economy. Our nation has successfully recovered from a recession in years past, and I fully believe that we can do so again. We must also prioritize data broadband accessibility

How well are the checks and balances among the three branches of government functioning? Please explain.

At this time the legislative branch is as divided as any time in our history. There seems to be a battle between right and left, and not what is best for the American people. This is an historic and pressing time for our country. The president must work within his constitutional abilities to address the ongoing pandemic, high unemployment rates, and work with Congress on real solutions. Due to the division within the structural branches of

government, and the ongoing political discourse, our leadership is not functioning to the full extent of their abilities.

What will you do to restart the economy and deal with the lack of living-wage jobs?

The issue of adequate living-wage jobs has always been an issue -- I suffered from it myself. I understand what it's like to take on other jobs to subsidize living expenses. The first priority on tackling this issue is to collaboratively pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. The Paycheck Fairness Act will amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex or other protected classes. Pay disparities are especially severe for women and girls of color.

Liz Cheney (R-Casper)

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Biographical information:

I am honored to be Wyoming's lone representative in the U.S. House of Representatives. I serve as the 3rd ranking member of the House Republican Conference and sit on both the House Armed Services Committee and Natural Resources Committee. I have a track record of championing free markets, restoring our liberties, securing our country, and defending our constitutional rights. I have been a tireless advocate for Wyoming families and our key industries, including ag, energy and tourism, working to protect us from one-size fits all policy handed down from Washington, DC. . .

What legislation is high on your priorities list for the first 100 days of the session?

My top priority is ensuring that Wyoming can successfully address the lingering effects of COVID-19. This includes allowing additional resources for our small business community, providing the state flexibility on the use of CARES Act relief funds, ensuring the safety of our schools, and enacting strong liability protections to protect our local businesses. This virus has had a detrimental effect on our local economy which is why I will work to limit our dependence on China and prioritize our domestic supply chain.

How well are the checks and balances among the three branches of government functioning? Please explain.

It is our duty to objectively enforce the Constitution and principles of our founding fathers. Democrats have abused their power this Congress, wasting countless hours and taxpayer dollars to conduct a sham impeachment trial against the President. Congress has an important duty to conduct oversight over the Executive Branch, but when one party expresses their unwavering desire to impeach before they even take office, their credibility to conduct bipartisan and objective oversight is questioned. My hope is that we can conform to the principles laid out by our founding fathers

What will you do to restart the economy and deal with the lack of living-wage jobs?

Defeating the virus and focusing on pro-growth policies and making the middle-class tax cuts permanent will help rebuild our economy to the level we saw before the COVID-19

pandemic. We need to ensure the PPP loans they received are not subject to tax so we can spur good-paying jobs and rejuvenate our local communities. By making the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent, we can give our employers the economic security and stability they need to grow, while ensuring that working parents can continue to take home more of their hard-earned money.

Jeff Haggit (Constitution Party-Mountain View)

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Biographical information: I have lived in Wyoming since 1976, having moved here from Michigan after graduating high school. I am an Instrument tech in the powerhouse at a mine site where I have worked for 43 years. I am the current Chairman of the Constitution Party of Wyoming and 2016 Alumni of Uinta County Leadership Institute. I am a United Way volunteer with the United Way of Southwest Wyoming and serve on the Uinta Advisory Council.

What legislation is high on your priorities list for the first 100 days of the session?

I would like to see an end to civil asset forfeiture without a conviction and the federal Equitable Sharing Program that allows police to circumvent states reform laws. These are an assault on the Fourth Amendment. I would vote against any mandatory vaccine or mask order. Renewable power mandates drive up energy costs and should be repealed.

How well are the checks and balances among the three branches of government functioning? Please explain.

The checks and balances among the three branches of government have not been maintained as they were intended. Congress has allowed the president to send troops to war without a declaration of such. They have allowed our money to become almost worthless. The Senate should be the states voice in congress and the house the peoples voice but with the passage of the Seventeenth Amendment, the states lost that voice.

What will you do to restart the economy and deal with the lack of living-wage jobs?

Just removing the covid restrictions that allow businesses to re-open will not return us to where things were in January unfortunately. Wyoming has not had the rioting and looting that has caused many small businesses to board up and close permanently, however we are experiencing the pains of the restaurants not open, airlines, travel in general, not needing our oil. This will come back but very slowly. We need to not use essential v. non-essential designations for businesses. If it is ok for one to be open, then the same should apply to all.

Richard Brubaker (Libertarian-Riverton)

Contact: Did not respond to this voter guide survey





Dan Furphy (R)



Jackie Grimes (D)

Wyoming Senate

Term: Four years without term limits, elected on a partisan ballot. Albany County is divided into two Senate Districts, SD 9 and SD 10 and also contains a portion of SD 11. There are 30 Wyoming Senators.

Duties: Enact State Statutes, adopt a State budget and other duties established by the State Constitution.

Salary: \$150 per day during legislative session or for committee meetings—including travel days with per diem allowance of up to \$109 per day and \$750 quarterly for constituent services.

Who can vote: Only those registered voters living within Senate District 10.

How many to vote for: One, for SD 10. Senators Larry Hicks, SD 9 and Chris Rothfuss, SD 11, have terms that expire in 2022.

Dan Furphy (R-SD 10)

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Biographical information: I have the background that qualifies me for the Senate position; **POLITICAL:** Elected to two-terms Wyoming House, Laramie City Council, Trustee Ivinson Memorial Hospital; **BUSINESS:** CEO multi-state bank, Managed \$20million bond portfolio, Board member banks in Wyoming/ Colorado, CEO Laramie Chamber Business Alliance; **LEADERSHIP:** Chair Ivinson Memorial Hospital Board, Chair Wyoming Bankers, Chair UW American Heritage Center, Lt. Governor Kiwanis, Chair Laramie Economic Development, Leadership Wyoming; **EDUCATION:** MBA and Finance from UW, College of Financial Planning. Laramie native.

Given the cuts to the Wyoming Departments of Health and Family Services already made by Governor Gordon, how would you immediately protect the most vulnerable among us?

I would be supportive of using the Cares Act funds to fund the Department of Health. These funds are to assist programs impacted by Covid19. Help for suicide prevention and other mental health issues impacted during periods of isolation is an appropriate use of these

funds. Any Cares Act funds need to be expended by December 30th of 2020. Funding for the Department of Health may also be considered in the 2021 legislature and cuts could be restored depending on the revenues and priorities. I have voted for Medicaid expansion that could provide assistance to vulnerable citizens.

Do you support any legislation that may come before the 2021 session of the Legislature that could result in raising revenue? Please explain.

It is not prudent for the State to only cut expenses to balance the budget during this shortfall. We need to diversify our revenues to fund education etc. Some legislators have signed an agreement that they will not support any new taxes. I am not one of them. I am in favor of an increase in cigarette taxes. A UW study shows that non-smokers subsidize smokers by \$400 million per year. I will support an increase of taxes on alcohol. I will not support a personal income tax but will consider other tax increases carefully to ensure they are the best interest of citizens of Albany County.

What is your position on “Medicaid expansion” that allows low-income adults to be eligible for healthcare coverage with 90% funding from the Federal government and 10% funding from the State?

I have voted for Medicaid expansion every time that it was presented to the legislature. First, provide coverage for those individuals that currently don’t qualify for insurance. Secondly, support the hospitals in Wyoming. Those uninsured individuals end up in the hospital’s emergency room and hospitals charge-off the expenses as uncompensated care. Having served on our hospital board for eight years, I have seen the impact on the financials. Several hospitals in the State are in dire financial situations. Thirdly, the State is losing millions of dollars without Medicaid expansion.

Jackie Grimes (D-SD 10)

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Biographical information: As the wife of a small business owner, I know the financial, regulatory, and tax challenges of running a viable business as well as the hardships experienced during COVID-19. As a mother, I have firsthand experience with the current needs of families with respect to health care costs, day care cost, educational needs, employment needs, housing, and other family needs. As a school psychologist and educator, I am trained in helping people identify their needs and solving problems as well as operating within an inflexible budget; there is no way to operate education other than with what is already been financially provided. . .

Given the cuts to the Wyoming Departments of Health and Family Services already made by Governor Gordon, how would you immediately protect the most vulnerable among us?

Wyoming ranks number one in rainy day fund size with approximately 109% of its annual budget set aside. For comparison, Alaska at #2 has 52.6%; #3 North Dakota has 30%; for our adjoining states the highest (besides North Dakota) is South Dakota at 11.1% and the lowest is Montana at 4.6%. We pay extra taxes to a rainy day fund to ensure continued services during difficult times. That is what rainy day funds are for and we need to release

those funds to ensure vulnerable families make it through this crisis. I would restore the cuts to the Wyoming Departments of Health and Family Services.

Do you support any legislation that may come before the 2021 session of the Legislature that could result in raising revenue? Please explain.

More than half of Wyoming's taxes come from Mineral extraction, which is declining. The public service cost of new industries is greater than tax revenue from new residents and businesses. We need a tax on business to pay for those services. We also need a fair income tax that exempts lower-income families and fairly increases for higher incomes. We need an alcohol and tobacco tax like surrounding states dedicated to health related programs such as subsidized health benefits or addiction treatment programs.

What is your position on "Medicaid expansion" that allows low-income adults to be eligible for healthcare coverage with 90% funding from the Federal government and 10% funding from the State?

Affordable health care should be a basic human right and I strongly favor Medicaid expansion. The state is declining \$1.3 billion over the next decade from the federal government. About 58,000 people are covered and an estimated 27,000 additional people could be covered including 6,000 without any access to health insurance. 61% of adult Medicaid enrollees are working but have income so low they qualify. These funds help children, nursing home residents, individuals with disabilities and 10% of Medicare seniors. Wyoming is a caring, compassionate community and we need those federal funds...



Wyoming House of Representatives



Cathy Connolly (D-HD 13)



Matthew Burkhardt (R-HD 14)



Trey Sherwood (D-HD 14)



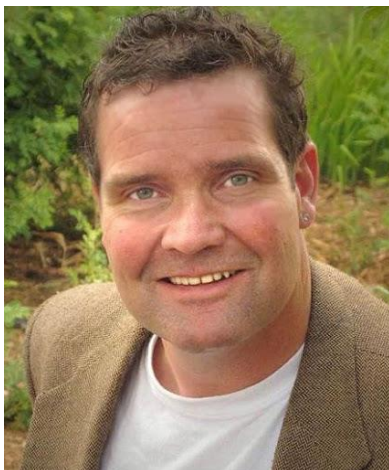
Karlee Provenza (D-HD 45)



Roxie Hensley (R-HD 45)



Ocean Andrew (R-HD 46)



Tim Chesnut (D-HD 46)



Lela Konecny (Libertarian-HD 47)



Jerry Paxton (R-HD 47)

Wyoming House of Representatives

Term: Two years, without term limits, elected on a partisan ballot. Albany County is divided into four House Districts—HD 13, HD 14, HD 45 and HD 46—as well as a portion of HD 47. There are 60 members of the Wyoming House of Representatives.

Duties: Enact State Statutes, adopt a State budget and other duties established by the Wyoming Constitution.

Salary: \$150 per day during legislative session or for committee meetings—including travel days with per diem allowance of up to \$109 per day and \$750 quarterly for constituent services.

Who can vote: Only those registered voters living within a particular House District.

How many to vote for: One. The candidates listed on a particular ballot will reflect the House District of the voter.

Cathy Connolly (D-HD 13)

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Biographical information: I have been a proud Laramie resident for the past 28 years after accepting a position at UW where I am currently a faculty member in the newly formed School of Culture, Gender and Social Justice. I have served in the legislature since 2009, and currently serve as the Minority Floor Leader, Vice-chair of the Revenue committee, and on the education and school finance recalibration committees.

Given the cuts to the Wyoming Departments of Health and Family Services already made by Governor Gordon, how would you immediately protect the most vulnerable among us?

From newborns to the elderly, to those experiencing food or housing insecurity, and to those in need of health care, the Departments of Health and Family Services provide assistance to our families, neighbors and communities. Foster care, SNAP, low income energy assistance and services to vulnerable adults and children are provided by these agencies. These services are funded through federal programs and state general funds. There is no more room for cuts. While local entities have stepped up for immediate needs, additional revenue must be raised. It is our obligation as a state.

Do you support any legislation that may come before the 2021 session of the Legislature that could result in raising revenue? Please explain.

Our state has relied on revenue from taxation of the mineral industries for approximately 70% of our needed revenue. The national and international markets for Wyoming's coal, oil and gas have plummeted and thus our state revenues have been slashed. We must invest in our future through not only economic diversification but restructuring our taxation scheme. I support examining the least regressive taxation measures to support education and general funds including taxation on services and high incomes, increases in property taxes by a point, and/or or a penny of sales tax.

What is your position on “Medicaid expansion” that allows low-income adults to be eligible for healthcare coverage with 90% funding from the Federal government and 10% funding from the State?

Medicaid expansion is an absolute necessity for Wyoming. We should be ashamed that we have yet to accept the federal funds for this program that will help low-income working Wyomingites access needed health care as well as pour hundreds of millions of dollars into our health care economy. Wyoming has lost over a billion dollars of federal aid by failing to participate. I have sponsored both individual bills and budget amendments to have Wyoming participate in the expansion program and will continue to do so. The state's share of cost is a tiny fraction of the dollars returned.

Matthew Burkhardt (R-HD 14)

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Biographical information: I'm an electrical engineer at UW, with industrial and research experience providing proven solutions to challenging problems to improve our world. I'm a 25-year resident of our county. My wife of 19 years is a talented educator; our 2 children attend ASCD1 schools. I know first-hand how student opportunities benefit Wyoming. I value family, private property, 2nd Amendment rights and multiple-use public lands. I serve our community as a volunteer firefighter, EMT and on Search & Rescue. I enjoy hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and biking.

Given the cuts to the Wyoming Departments of Health and Family Services already made by Governor Gordon, how would you immediately protect the most vulnerable among us?

Keeping services that directly protect the most vulnerable, including those with mental health issues, is personally important, and is reflected in the Governor's cuts. We must keep services that encourage people to help one another and build partnerships with community nonprofits while maintaining personal responsibility. Patients, caregivers, and medical providers must be involved in identifying critical services and develop sustainable ways to maintain accessibility, especially for children and the aged. Consolidation of administrative functions can be done without affecting the vulnerable.

Do you support any legislation that may come before the 2021 session of the Legislature that could result in raising revenue? Please explain.

I will consider bills that enable meaningful growth of businesses and infrastructure without expanding our citizen's tax burden. We cannot raise taxes just to support current spending; we need a balanced fiscal approach. I do not support personal or corporate income taxes; this idea inequitably places Wyoming's financial burden on a few, rather than developing long-term solutions. Wyoming must be a good steward of its resources, serving citizens with essential functions by collaborating with private industry, consolidating resources and identifying services that can be self-sufficient.

What is your position on "Medicaid expansion" that allows low-income adults to be eligible for healthcare coverage with 90% funding from the Federal government and 10% funding from the State?

Given the state's present financial situation, we cannot place another burden on the citizens of Wyoming. Enrollment does not guarantee individuals access to care; without participating healthcare providers, the system is delusive. Local solutions created by citizens and providers are more appropriate and offer better patient-centered options,

such as community health centers, preventative care programs and technology-driven telemedicine. Qualified pre-hospital providers could expand care where it is most needed, while increasing access to doctors and specialized providers when needed.

Trey Sherwood (D-HD 14)

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Biographical information: With 15 years of “boots on the ground” business and non-profit leadership, I’m running during this period of change to step up, give back and make a difference. I will lead with hope and civility, listening to the needs of residents and small business owners while bringing people together to create jobs, diversify our economy, support our schools (Pre K-12 and higher education), provide access to affordable care and mental health services and invest in the cultural amenities and public lands that define our quality of life.

Given the cuts to the Wyoming Departments of Health and Family Services already made by Governor Gordon, how would you immediately protect the most vulnerable among us?

While the impacts would not be immediately felt, I support equitable tax reform and utilizing CARES funding (if still available) to restore essential services to Wyoming’s elderly, poor, incarcerated, addicted and mentally ill. In the meantime, I invite you to join me in making a personal donation to United Way of Albany County that grants funds to 17 different social service organizations in Laramie that provide for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community. Your gift increases the capacity of people to care for each other. www.unitedwayalbanycounty.org

Do you support any legislation that may come before the 2021 session of the Legislature that could result in raising revenue? Please explain.

I support raising revenue to protect jobs, invest in schools, care for our most vulnerable and for the continuation of essential services (i.e. safe roads, public health, broadband). We cannot cut our way out of this budget crisis, while maintaining our quality of life. Efforts to diversify our economy will be unsuccessful without tax reform that is justified, equitable, balanced and transparent. We must be good stewards of our resources while examining revenue enhancements to move us away from our dependence on minerals, which have thus far subsidized the majority of our public services.

What is your position on “Medicaid expansion” that allows low-income adults to be eligible for healthcare coverage with 90% funding from the Federal government and 10% funding from the State?

I strongly support Medicaid expansion as a way to care for our most vulnerable residents and enhance our business climate. In August, the Kaiser Family Foundation published a review showing expansion can result in gains in employment as well as growth in the labor market. With support from the Wyoming Medical Society, AARP, the primary care and hospital associations, and the Equality State Policy Center, it is time we found the \$18

million (10% match) needed to accept federal funds to expand coverage for our roughly 19,000 neighbors who would benefit from this program.

Karlee Provenza (D-HD 45)

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Biographical information: I am an expert in the American legal system from a working-class family. I am completing my Ph.D. at UW, where I have been an educator and research scientist in psychology and law since 2014. I dedicated my life to studying the legal system and its flaws to advocate for a more just system. This dedication is also why I have advocated for transparency and accountability of local officials as the co-founder and executive director of Albany County for Proper Policing.

Given the cuts to the Wyoming Departments of Health and Family Services already made by Governor Gordon, how would you immediately protect the most vulnerable among us?

Given that state lawmakers have adamantly cut programs that protect our vulnerable populations rather than coming to grips with reality, the only real immediate protections are in our communities. The task of protecting our community members will fall on non-profits, healthcare providers, educators, and neighbors, so we must support those people in their roles the best we can by donating or volunteering with programs that serve our community like The Downtown Clinic, Family Promise, Interfaith, and more. When lawmakers fail us, like they are right now, communities will be the saving grace.

Do you support any legislation that may come before the 2021 session of the Legislature that could result in raising revenue? Please explain.

The budget crisis we're in cannot be solved by cutting our way out – we have to raise revenue. I will support legislation that will raise revenues without putting the burden on Wyoming's working-class and poor. Wyoming should make major corporations and wealthy people pay their fair share instead of leeching off the mineral industry. I will also support any legislation that supports renewable energy production and legalizes cannabis so that our state can create jobs, raise revenues, and ease the burden we have placed on critical public services and infrastructure.

What is your position on "Medicaid expansion" that allows low-income adults to be eligible for healthcare coverage with 90% funding from the Federal government and 10% funding from the State?

In 2015, my mom was diagnosed with stage four cancer and my appendix burst. My mom survived, but she would have died if she lived in Wyoming. In Colorado, where they have expanded Medicaid, she has health insurance—in Wyoming this would not have been the case. It also helped that she could access medical cannabis. And my appendix – it cost \$60,000 and I couldn't pay for it – but someone did when the hospital passed the cost onto other patients through inflated medical bills. I support Medicaid expansion because it saves lives, brings down healthcare costs, and supports rural hospitals.

Roxie Hensley (R-HD 45)

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Biographical information: I am a lifelong Wyoming resident, small business owner, lawyer, child's advocate, volunteer, mother, and active community member. I have an endowed passion for my community and focus on helping others. Throughout my many years supporting my communities I have sat on numerous boards including the CC United Way, CC Tourism Board, Chamber Commerce, Laramie Booster Club, and Wyoming Multiple Sclerosis Society. With over 25 years of active engagement in communities across Wyoming, I bring practical work experience, the passion of a volunteer, a unique perspective and set of qualifications to this position.

Given the cuts to the Wyoming Departments of Health and Family Services already made by Governor Gordon, how would you immediately protect the most vulnerable among us?

The pandemic is by all accounts a temporary challenge and prospects of viable vaccines appear promising in near term. The economic crisis in Wyoming due in part to reaction's to pandemic but also to multiple shocks to energy sector will certainly have longer term consequences to State and its agencies. It will be imperative that WDHFS re-direct its focus within its current budget to those most vulnerable and in need. Other programs with lower priority may have to be scaled back to allow available funding to be used where it's needed most in unprecedented times.

Do you support any legislation that may come before the 2021 session of the Legislature that could result in raising revenue? Please explain.

I would consider supporting any revenue-enhancing legislation that does NOT increase the tax burden on individuals or small businesses. The path to a healthy economy runs directly down Main Street and the incomes of the private citizens who participate in the Main Street economy. A robust private sector can support public spending but a tax increase would only add to the heavy burden that small business already bears and a tax on individuals would divert funds otherwise flowing through the economy.

What is your position on "Medicaid expansion" that allows low-income adults to be eligible for healthcare coverage with 90% funding from the Federal government and 10% funding from the State?

I don't believe an expansion of Medicaid is possible in light of current budget crisis. I believe a better model to provide health insurance to the working poor would be to provide direct subsidies or tax incentives to their respective employers to encourage private insurance for low-income workers. The Medicare system and Medicaid in particular has been plagued with inefficiencies since its inception and I believe a state-run program could avoid many of those issues. Another alternative to consider is Utah waiver plan that uses Medicaid funds to pay for employer-sponsored insurance.

Ocean Andrew (R-HD 46)

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Biographical information: I am an entrepreneur. I started a small business during college at University of Wyoming. I now have over 60 employees and have kept my headquarters and the majority of my high paying salaried jobs in Albany County. I know first hand the challenges big government policy has on one's ability to do business. We need jobs. The best way to create jobs and diversify Wyoming's economy is from within. Wyomingites are creative and resourceful. If we remove roadblocks to local entrepreneurship, Wyoming will thrive.

Given the cuts to the Wyoming Departments of Health and Family Services already made by Governor Gordon, how would you immediately protect the most vulnerable among us?

We protect vulnerable citizens by cutting waste in government. Cutting programs that help underprivileged children have access to healthcare or programs that help seniors stay in their homes is irresponsible. When a senior citizen can't stay in their home the state has to pay the even higher cost of nursing home care. Wyoming is top heavy with a 1 to 4 ratio of managers to subordinates in state agencies. Twice the national average! We are inefficient. We spend more per citizen than 48 other US states with nothing to show for it.

Do you support any legislation that may come before the 2021 session of the Legislature that could result in raising revenue? Please explain.

Wyoming does not have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem. The average of total state and local expenditures made by the 6 states that border Wyoming is only 55% (Per citizen) of what Wyoming spends. That's right! Wyoming spends nearly double what our neighbors do per citizen. Some argue that it's because of low population, however, Wyoming has grown by 100K people in the last two decades and today we spend 30% more per citizen (adjusted to inflation). I would not increase taxes during a time when Wyoming families and businesses are struggling.

What is your position on "Medicaid expansion" that allows low-income adults to be eligible for healthcare coverage with 90% funding from the Federal government and 10% funding from the State?

Because I believe in protecting the most vulnerable, I do not support medicaid expansion. The expense we do have to pay for could spread medicaid resources so thin that it could collapse our medicaid system leaving low income children, elderly, and disabled people without access to care. We should never confuse coverage with access. It could also cause an influx of people looking for care funded by local taxpayers moving from states like California that already have overloaded medicaid systems. This could quickly cutoff access for vulnerable Wyomingites.

Tim Chesnut (D-HD 46)

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Biographical information: I was born and in Laramie and have lived here most of my life. I served 20 years as a county Commissioner and I worked at the Laramie Boomerang for 15 years covering the legislature, so I have first-hand knowledge of how the legislature operates. I think especially in this race experience counts and I am the candidate with

knowledge of how the legislature works and does not work. I will be the most accessible legislator.

Given the cuts to the Wyoming Departments of Health and Family Services already made by Governor Gordon, how would you immediately protect the most vulnerable among us?

Medicaid expansion is vital for the health care for the citizens of Wyoming. Hundreds of Millions of dollars of medical care are being absorbed by Wyoming hospitals where many people are forced to use the emergency rooms for their primary care. If we fail to realize that we are throwing away millions of dollars in Medicaid relief more hospitals will close because they are the ones that pick up the care of Wyoming's marginalized citizens.

Do you support any legislation that may come before the 2021 session of the Legislature that could result in raising revenue? Please explain.

The sales and use tax increases that recently failed to pass out of the revenue committee would raise \$250 million dollars, and that is the exact amount the legislature is looking to cut from the budget this year. We need more politicians in the center to balance the need of what most people of Wyoming support. With all of the oars on the right side of the ship Wyoming continues to turn in the circles of the boom and bust and until we center the ship Wyoming will remain in the same cycle that we have been in for more than a century.

What is your position on "Medicaid expansion" that allows low-income adults to be eligible for healthcare coverage with 90% funding from the Federal government and 10% funding from the State?

Medicaid expansion is critical to the future health of Wyoming's uninsured citizens. There are few federal programs that provide for a 90/10 split, and while Wyoming buries its head in the sand and refuses to accept the millions of dollars that will help the working poor and disabled people. Wyoming puts work requirements to otherwise qualified Medicaid recipients that forces the poor and disabled to put huge impacts on local community hospitals and clinics.

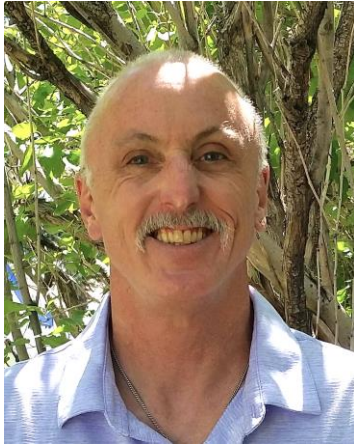
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Jerry Paxton (R-HD 47)

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Klaus Halbsgut (Independent)



Terri Jones (R)



Sue Ibarra (D)

Albany County Commission

Term: Four years with no term limits and expiration dates staggered for the three Commissioners, selected in the Primary Election or qualified as an independent

Duties: Disperse funds received from county, state and federal sources; set policy for the county, appoint members of county boards and commissions, and serve as the County Board of Equalization for disputed property tax assessments.

Salary: \$30,000 annually, plus benefits.

Who can vote: All Albany County registered voters.

How many to vote for: One, who will join Heber Richardson (R) and Pete Gosar (D) whose terms end in 2022.

Klaus Halbsgut (Independent)

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Background Information: I am your Independent Candidate for Albany County Commissioner. I am a longtime resident, husband, father, grandfather & business owner. My wife Lisa and I have spent many years as volunteer coaches for youth bowling. We have endured many economic downturns over the decades. I believe my ability to manage finances & prosper during these times have provided me with an ability to help guide Albany county in the future.

What economic, social, environmental, and aesthetic regulations would you recommend for the installation of solar or wind energy facilities for the County?

We must be careful here. If we are too restrictive, we will lose the current development and that will have a negative impact on future development and our county will suffer. Albany County is already the poorest county in the state. I believe the future is in renewable energy. We must be forward thinking. It is estimated that by 2050 that Wind energy will account for 73% and Solar 62% of energy generated. We cannot and should not be left out! We have an abundance of sun & wind; this should be an easy decision. With your help, we can change the future.

Considering the income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to manage the budget?

We are not going to be able to count on the state to help, so everything needs to be on the table. We need to attract revenue to our county. That is why it would be foolish to lose The ConnectGen windmill & NextEra solar projects. Recreation & tourism has been the one bright spot this year & needs continued support. Contracts will have to be re-evaluated, county spending will have to be reduced in the short term, most likely a hiring freeze. If we cannot attract new revenue streams you can count on services being reduced & taxes being raised no matter who gets elected.

What evidence would you require to move the western boundary of the Casper Aquifer?

The aquifer is the main reason I am running. I have read the reports from Wenck Associates, Tri-hydro, WWC, WHPA, and many others. What is very apparent is that continuous monitoring of the aquifer is needed, if contamination occurs, we must be able to respond quickly. The commissions solution for decades has been to allow spring runoff to dilute the existing contamination. We cannot expect snow melt to be how we handle contamination. "The solution to pollution is dilution" appears to be the county mantra. I would be in favor of extending the boundary in order to protect the aquifer.

Terri Jones (R)

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Background Information: I am a republican, your current Albany County Commission Chairwomen and running for re-election to a second term. I believe in Wyoming Values. I am Wyoming born and Albany County Raised. I know the people and understand the issues. I am a Patriot of the United States of America, State of Wyoming and Albany County. I believe in Law and Order. Support Law Enforcement. Our community must be safe and secure in order to thrive and prosper. I believe in the U.S. Constitution, The Rule of Law, Private Property Rights, the Second Amendment and keeping government small.

What economic, social, environmental, and aesthetic regulations would you recommend for the installation of solar or wind energy facilities for the County?

All actions commissioners take, including energy development, have trade-offs, you gain something, you lose something. The question is what trade-offs are people willing to live with? Currently finding a balance is very difficult. I must look at Private Property Rights and Albany County's bottom line, asking how can we to go forward meeting statutory requirements and the needs of our community, as State and Federal monies are diminishing due to COVID-19 pandemic and reduced taxes on fossil fuels. Albany County regulatory action should benefit the community as a whole into the future.

Considering the income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to manage the budget?

We must help ourselves before we can expect help from granting entities. I will not vote to reduce funding for Law Enforcement. Most departments operate understaffed with few exceptions. Albany County is very frugal. It is not a question of where can we cut, but where can we find more money? A new commissioner in 2017, I laid off 14 employees and plan

never to do it again. The high plains zephyr in Albany County is very reliable, we average 231 sunny days per year with only 93 days receiving some kind of precipitation, these are worthy of consideration as possible funding streams.

What evidence would you require to move the western boundary of the Casper Aquifer?

The Casper Aquifer Protection Plan was designed to protect the Casper Aquifer and recharge area. Our water is clean; the Casper Aquifer Protection Plan is doing its job. Heavy handed government over reach must be avoided. Should science prove substantial vulnerability along the current western boundary and agreement is reached to move the western boundary further to the west, financial compensation must be negotiated and secured for land owners prior to moving the boundary, therefore avoiding a regulatory taking.

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Background Information: I was elected to two terms on the Albany County School Board and served 4 years as Board Chair. I have also served on the boards of the Downtown Clinic, Laramie Reproductive Health, SAFE Project, Laramie Swim Club, and Laramie Children's Museum, providing me with extensive experience in developing and implementing policy and budgeting for programs that make a difference in our community. Volunteering has given me opportunities to work with medical personnel, administrators, educators, families, and senior citizens. I'm a hard worker, a good listener, a fast learner, and very enthusiastic.

What economic, social, environmental, and aesthetic regulations would you recommend for the installation of solar or wind energy facilities for the County?

Wind and solar development will generate jobs and revenue. But every kind of energy development has impacts on those living near it. Wyoming and Albany County have regulations in place. I would give additional consideration to issues directly affecting public health and safety, and, when possible, aesthetic concerns, such as screening measures for solar farms. Environmental impact studies should always be completed. As a commissioner, I will advocate meeting times when more people can participate, recognizing that ultimately not everyone will agree with final regulatory decisions.

Considering the income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to manage the budget?

City and County governments should work together to provide the programs and services our community wants and needs, and to enhance efficiency in areas common to both governments, like IT. Personnel reductions should only be a last resort; county employees have a wealth of expertise and experience in executing their jobs. Economic development efforts should build on our existing business/technology parks, provide good broadband throughout the county, and promote our outdoor recreation amenities. UW's Engineering

Initiative will benefit the economic interests of both Laramie and Wyoming.

What evidence would you require to move the western boundary of the Casper Aquifer?

The Technical Advisory Committee for the first Casper Aquifer Protection plan in 1999 determined that pollutants might get into our drinking water source where there is less than 75 feet of overlying undisturbed Satanka Shale. They drew the boundary of the aquifer protection area with the best data they had, and said it should be updated. Sadly, the county has not done this. I will prioritize a boundary review using the latest well logs, geologic mapping, and site-specific investigations to decide the western boundary so that the County can prevent contamination of our drinking water.



Jennifer Hanft (D) Stacy Lam (R)

Albany County Clerk of District Court

Term: Two years, partisan election with no term limits. This election is to finish out the term of the elected clerk who resigned. The term is normally four years.

Duties: Maintains all records of the Second Judicial District, processes all cases and court ordered payments, sets up and monitors all jury trials, plus other duties set by State Statute.

Salary: \$85,000 per year plus benefits.

Who can vote: All Albany County registered voters.

How many to vote for: One.

Jennifer Hanft (D)

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Biographical Information: As a proud graduate of UW Law School, I have been practicing law in Laramie for over 20 years. Litigating in areas like family law, small business, consumer protection, etc., has given me broad exposure to the Court system. I have also volunteered with Laramie non-profits like Safe Project, WEC & CLIMB. Known as the West Side Attorney for championing cases for Laramie's average folk & working poor earned me the WY State Bar's 2012 Pro Bono Award. I'm currently appointed as an Equal Justice Wyoming Board Member by the WY Supreme Court to fight for access to justice for all.

What benefits, drawbacks or disadvantages do you expect from electronic filing in lower Wyoming courts when it is put into place?

Most people now access the internet through their phones or at the public library. Currently, our Clerk's office will not accept credit card payments & without access to a computer terminal, printer, scanner and email address, you cannot file electronically. The Clerk's office must address these significant barriers to electronic filing, especially for those without an attorney. I am committed to establishing easier access to the Court system through cell phones, and creating an on-site kiosk with the necessary technology to allow folks to research & file their own cases, with some privacy.

What assistance can the Clerk of District Court provide to "pro se" litigants who want to represent themselves in court without an attorney?

While the District Court Clerk's office cannot provide legal advice to pro se litigants (meaning those without an attorney), it needs to do more to help connect Albany County residents with the many free legal programs and resources available, like Wyoming.FreeLegalAnswers.org, and the useful legal forms and resources accessible through the Wyoming Supreme Court website. Being kind and helpful, and making sure that our residents are aware of, and have computer access to, all of the available legal resources and pro se programs are the best ways the Clerk's office may assist pro se litigants.

What access does the public have to records of past cases in the 2nd Judicial District which includes Albany County? Please explain.

Currently, anyone seeking access to public records through the Clerk's office must go to the Courthouse & use the one public research terminal at the Clerk's office counter – no privacy or chair provided. Email and electronic copies of the records are not regularly available. This leads to a steep cost of \$1 plus .50 cents for each page after the first. Exact change required – or a personal check only. Amazingly, in the 21st Century, the Clerk's office doesn't accept electronic debit/credit payments. I will seek to bring the Clerk's office payment and research systems into the modern era.

Stacy Lam (R)

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Biographical information: I am the current Clerk of District Court having dedicated 29 years of service to this office working from an entry level position to my current job as the Clerk. My knowledge and experience "on the job" for the past 3 decades makes me the ONLY qualified candidate to fill this position. I am currently serving on the Supreme Court committee to implement our newest case management system and am excited for the improvements this system will provide.

What benefits, drawbacks or disadvantages do you expect from electronic filing in lower Wyoming courts when it is put into place?

Due to COVID related changes to the courts, electronic filing has recently been allowed. The benefits come with ease of filing documents without having to appear in person and same day filing for out of town litigants. The challenges come from implementing E-filing

with a case management system not designed to integrate such filings. Until the new case management system is complete, E-filing will have to come through the court's normal email system which brings its own set of challenges. E-filing will create added work for clerks in monitoring, printing and tracking of email filings.

What assistance can the Clerk of District Court provide to “pro se” litigants who want to represent themselves in court without an attorney?

Litigants have the right to represent themselves in court proceedings. The clerk can provide forms for various civil case types, can advise litigants on how to file paperwork with the court and the costs associated with filing. The clerk CAN NOT advise litigants on what they need to say within their filings, whether to file a certain document or what the Judge might decide in their situation. Per statute, clerks are expressly prohibited from giving legal advice. Albany County is fortunate to have a number of resources to refer litigants to for assistance with their legal questions.

What access does the public have to records of past cases in the 2nd Judicial District, including Albany County? Please explain.

The public can access records before the 2nd Judicial District as long as they are not confidential in nature. Record indexes in Albany County date back to the early 1900's. My office maintains physical files for approximately 10 years at which time they are sent to the State Archives for permanent storage. My office has a free public access terminal for searching records. The Clerk also accepts record checks by mail for a \$10 per name search fee. Once the new case management system is fully operational, the courts plan to implement an online access portal for searching public records.



Laramie City Council

Ward 1



Brian Harrington, Ward 1

Andi Summerville, Ward 1

Kaleb Heien, Ward 1

Brett Glass,

Ward 1

Ward 2



Mark Andrews, Ward 2
Pearce, Ward 2



Tim Hale, Ward 2



Sharon Cumbie, Ward 2

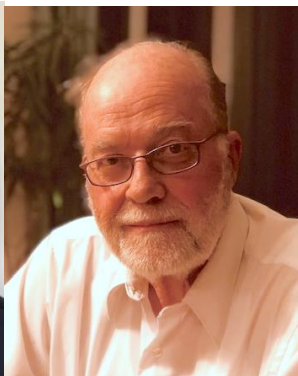


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Ward 3



Pat Gabriel, Ward 3



Klaus Hanson, Ward 3

Laramie City Council

Term: Four years without term limits; expiration dates staggered for the nine nonpartisan Councilors—three each from three city wards.

Duties: Disperse funds from local, state and federal sources, enact ordinances, appoint members of city boards and commissions, and hire the city manager, city attorney, and municipal court judge.

Salary: \$120 for each day of regular meetings, work sessions or special meetings attended, no benefits.

Who can vote: Only those registered voters living within a particular ward.

How many to vote for: Two in Wards 1 and 2; and one in Ward 3. Those elected will join Jessica Stalder, Ward 1; Paul Weaver, Ward 2; and Bryan Shuster and Erin O'Doherty of Ward 3, whose terms end in 2022.

Brian Harrington (Ward 1)

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Biographical information: Serving on the City Council for the past two years has been incredibly rewarding, and the difficult decisions we've faced have humbly reminded me of the great responsibility we are entrusted with as councilmembers. I'm running for re-election to ensure that we continue building on the progress of my first term. I was proud to vote for a carbon neutral future for Laramie and to begin construction on 3 new paving projects in West Laramie and the West Side.

What can the Council do to encourage community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid-19?

While we were effective in flattening the curve initially, infections have since increased substantially. The City should support mask use whenever possible. We should work with businesses to ensure they are doing everything in their control to not only protect their employees and patrons, but also our most vulnerable residents. The City should also continue to offer financial support to businesses so that they feel empowered to make health-conscious decisions. Finally, we need to continue to work around barriers that prevent businesses from implementing creative solutions.

How would you manage the city budget? Would you consider support for an additional one percent local sales tax in the City of Laramie, recently allowed by state law or some other measure? Please explain.

I am proud of the efforts our city's professional staff have put forth in operating the city in an efficient manner. Our conservative financial approach has kept us afloat through the pandemic and economic downturn. I will continue to be a steward of our residents' tax dollars and support their efficient and thoughtful use. I do support an additional one percent local sales tax; however, this decision would ultimately be made by Laramie voters. I believe strongly in the will of the voters to determine their own financial futures at a local level.

What specific steps and time frame (immediate or long-term) would you suggest to accomplish the Council's goal of promoting economic diversity in Laramie?

During my last term, I was proud to lead on the creation of a new 10 year economic development plan, Thrive Laramie. This plan brought together stakeholders from our business community, educational institutions, and the state and county governments. While the plan couldn't account for a pandemic, the tools it created are now more important than ever. Implementing this plan immediately is key. Prioritizing local vendors for city contracts and improving the city's development code are productive concrete steps that encourage economic diversity and holistic economic growth.

Andrea "Andi" Summerville (Ward 1)

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Biographical information: My family and I have been residents of West Laramie for almost 20 years and I care deeply about the community and its future. I am an enthusiastic supporter of community involvement, community partnerships, and the development of our community. My husband and I have three children that we could never imagine raising anywhere else. I have a BA in Music from UW, 10 years as a Special Investigator/Special

Agent, five years previous experience as a City Council member and currently advocate for mental health services across the state.

What can the Council do to encourage community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid-19?

As Covid-19 drags on, frustration and fatigue with the public health restrictions/recommendations and community impact is building. We know more now than we did in March and can put that knowledge to use. The Council can set the example-encourage residents to continue to follow public health recommendations and employers to be flexible. We should work with our local/state public health officials and community partners to continually assess the situation and take necessary action. Many of us have never seen the like of this pandemic before and we need to remember we are in this together.

How would you manage the city budget? Would you consider support for an additional one percent local sales tax in the City of Laramie, recently allowed by state law or some other measure? Please explain.

The city has traditionally struggled with revenue and runs one of the most constrained budgets in the state. We have struggled to fund parks and recreations, public safety, and infrastructure (i.e. roads) to name a few. But we make it work. I would consider a ballot measures for an additional sales tax if there is a well thought out plan, clear communication as well as debate and discussion about what the tax would fund and why we need it. In general Laramie needs to continue to look for ways to support our core services as well as quality of life items like park and recreation.

What specific steps and time frame (immediate or long-term) would you suggest to accomplish the Council's goal of promoting economic diversity in Laramie?

Immediately there are a few items. Can we market Laramie for "add on" businesses to industries that already exist in Laramie such as education and tourism? What resources are we applying now and what else can we do? What other industries are "hiding" in Laramie that we can help promote (Arts, Tech Companies)? How can we help our existing small businesses diversify and grow? Long term the city needs to work with community partners to develop/adjust longer term plans that address key corridors for development/redevelopment such as Snowy Range Road, Third Street and Cirrus Sky Tech Park.

Kaleb Heien (Ward 1)

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Biographical information: Growing up in Laramie I was honored & privileged to work alongside many businessmen including my father. This allowed me to see firsthand how the city can truly **support** local businesses. With my experience running a couple businesses of my own & being in the trades I see myself qualified to be a strong supporter of Laramie citizens & small businesses. I will push for transparency, responsibility & common-sense government. Government serves us, NOT the other way around.

What can the Council do to encourage community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid-19?

I believe common sense & personal responsibility of the individual will make the difference with public safety. Encouraging healthy decisions such as washing hands, being mindful of the elderly or those at risk & staying home while sick are all practical & effective measures. However, our State health officer decides what actions are best & necessary in Wyoming. It's important that our local leaders be factful, solid voices of reason & not to create hysteria from something completely out of their control. Personal opinions should be just that & not be policy however well intentioned.

How would you manage the city budget? Would you consider support for an additional one percent local sales tax in the City of Laramie, recently allowed by state law or some other measure? Please explain.

During this time, many are held to tight budgets. You either cut spending, raise your revenue or do both. Asking neighbors to chip in is **not** normal. Laramie's City budget shouldn't be any different. The city needs to focus on encouraging business growth as its main way of raising revenue. A 1% tax is a burden directed at the community to buy those things we should have budgeted for. I support measures which promote fiscal responsibility, transparency & accountability. American exceptionalism for the past century is solid proof that free market works when supported by local government.

What specific steps and time frame (immediate or long-term) would you suggest to accomplish the Council's goal of promoting economic diversity in Laramie?

My focus in the first year will be making Laramie more business savvy to both new & existing businesses. Zoning industrial & manufacturing areas would invite diversity to our town. However, businesses both small and large won't think twice about investing in Laramie if the environment isn't truly supportive. Cutting the excessive, burdensome policies; seen from Council of late is a must. A great economy is the driving force to getting the quality of life our community strives for. I will support measures in Laramie WY which create a proper environment for businesses to grow & to thrive.

Brett Glass (Ward 1)

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Biographical information: I'm an Electrical Engineer, author, musician, Extra Class amateur radio operator, independent voter, chocolate lover, owner of two local businesses (including the world's first wireless Internet provider), and advocate of ethical, transparent, efficient, limited government. I want to see positive change, smart growth, better quality of life in Laramie. Have you had difficulty dealing with the City under existing or prior leadership? If elected, I'll work to improve city government's fairness, openness, cost-effectiveness, and responsiveness and ensure that we have democracy, not bureaucracy.

What can the Council do to encourage community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid-19?

Statisticians estimate that in a group of 100 random Albany County residents, the odds are about 2:1 that someone is contagious. The virus is no less dangerous than it was in April, and is more prevalent - especially now that UW students have returned. The City should subsidize PCR and antibody testing and use CARES Act funds to distribute masks, encourage their use in public places, and mandate them in situations where close contact between non-family members is unavoidable. Impacted businesses should be compensated if they show compliance. Telework and remote learning should be encouraged.

How would you manage the city budget? Would you consider support for an additional one percent local sales tax in the City of Laramie, recently allowed by state law or some other measure? Please explain.

Laramie's city budget is bloated and needs careful trimming. The City must stick to its knitting, concentrating on providing quality, reasonably priced essential services. It should obey state laws requiring major purchases of goods and services to be put up for bid, rather than attempting to bypass this process via legally dubious loopholes (as it has done recently). Instead of raising regressive taxes, Laramie may raise more revenue by adopting a contrarian strategy and cutting them - encouraging residents to shop locally rather than online and stimulating the opening of new retail outlets.

What specific steps and time frame (immediate or long-term) would you suggest to accomplish the Council's goal of promoting economic diversity in Laramie?

The key to promoting business is the removal of obstacles. Council can enhance economic diversity by repealing Draconian regulations and rejecting proposed new ones (such as recently proposed changes to downtown zoning); by lowering taxes and fees; by augmenting parking in areas where people shop, live, and work (especially downtown); by encouraging home-based enterprises which can grow into larger ones; by incenting UW graduates to remain in Laramie and found businesses; and by improving Laramie's general quality of life so as to encourage businesses to start, stay, and relocate here.

Mark Andrews (Ward 2)

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Biographical information: I am a single father of an 18 year old daughter that moved to move to Laramie in July 2008. In 1992 I had graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Resource Management. Since that time I have been working as an environmental consultant for seven years, and acting as Environmental Manager for several private companies for the last twenty two years. I have a broad background in both my educational and professional experience with environmental, health and safety issues.

What can the Council do to encourage community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid-19?

The city council can provide direction to county, state and federal agency guidelines already in place for dealing with the Covid-19 virus. I do not believe the council has the

expertise or authority to institute additional controls on the general population of Laramie's residents. However private businesses have a right to require any controls/restrictions on its employees and customers regarding virus transmission, as long as they do not infringe on the rights of certain groups of people.

How would you manage the city budget? Would you consider support for an additional one percent local sales tax in the City of Laramie, recently allowed by state law or some other measure? Please explain.

Currently, I am opposed to an additional one percent sales tax in the City of Laramie during this extraordinary time since the Covid-19 pandemic began. There are too many individuals, and businesses alike, that are adversely affected. A one percent tax does not sound like much to ask, but just because something is allowed by state law, or other measures, does not make it sensible. Each budgeted line item needs to be looked at to see where excesses, and shortcomings occur. I am not a believer in baseline budgeting.

What specific steps and time frame (immediate or long-term) would you suggest to accomplish the Council's goal of promoting economic diversity in Laramie?

The council should immediately solicit from existing businesses these two items: 1) What are your immediate concerns related to local ordinances/regulations that adversely affect your business?; 2) What can the City of Laramie Council do to improve the overall business success within the city? A pro-business way of conducting the activities of council will enhance the goal of adding economic diversity to the city. Long-term goals will automatically be met by succeeding with immediate action leading to success of short-term goals.

Tim Hale (Ward 2)

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Biographical information: A Laramie native, I am a principled man who values responsible spending of taxpayer monies, limited role of government in people's lives, holding government officials responsible for professional behavior of service to the public rather than dictatorial styles. Don't expect votes that support everything the city staff desires, but rather votes to support personal rights, personal property, support of small businesses, and encouraging new business to Laramie.

What can the Council do to encourage community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid-19?

The Council can start by modeling good behavior, while encouraging public input. That is, they can hold their meetings in larger rooms that allow social distancing but still allow more public presence. They can ask that City Hall be opened, while providing barriers (e.g. plexiglass barriers) for City employees, so the City staff is not so isolated from the public, especially the City Manager

How would you manage the city budget? Would you consider support for an additional one percent local sales tax in the City of Laramie, recently allowed by state law or some other measure? Please explain.

No more taxes! I fail to see how sending a city council person to Washington DC in the last 30 days of their term, as a reward for voting in favor of administration proposals, benefits

the taxpayer. I will call for a comprehensive audit of budget items related to travel for council members and the number of junkets the council participates in, along with explanations of how that benefits the taxpayer. I will call for a detailed analysis of the city manager's salary, particularly the amount of time she claims her salary is based on related to the water department.

What specific steps and time frame (immediate or long-term) would you suggest to accomplish the Council's goal of promoting economic diversity in Laramie?

First, ease and reduce the planning and building department ordinances to encourage development and growth. Currently, the onerous ordinances send new business packing and discourage improvements to current businesses. Second, reduce water rates for users so as not to discourage businesses and homeowners from improving their property. Third, encourage tradecrafts, such as plumbing, electrical work, autoshops, welding and other trades with tax incentives. Currently, the emphasis is only on high-end technical businesses, while crafts are looked down upon. Easily accomplished within 2-3 years.

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Biographical information: With a PhD in Nursing, my profession/career activities have included: Professor of Nursing, Psychiatric-Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist, & community-based researcher & organizer. I am experienced working with diverse people and groups; community-based practice; program & policy development; grant writing, research, and funding management. I believe I have a skill-set that will be a useful contribution to city council governance. My strengths include written and verbal communication, organization, cooperative community engagement, and a holistic, solution-focused approach to problem-solving. I am experienced, reliable, and committed, and ready to serve Laramie.

What can the Council do to encourage community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid-19?

City council members need to increase community outreach activities regarding the importance of adhering to public health practices to reduce viral spread. Council encountered significant resistance to an attempt to explore mandating wearing masks, yet when Walmart and other local businesses implemented mandatory face covering, people complied. I think our municipal governance must be firm and have the courage to implement measures that are scientifically supported for controlling spread. Together we can establish a safer environment in which we are all looking out for one another . . .

How would you manage the city budget? Would you consider support for an additional one percent local sales tax in the City of Laramie, recently allowed by state law or some other measure? Please explain.

Yes, I would consider this option. Wyoming's current fiscal challenges are serious as we encounter significant deficits to state revenue. Budgetary issues related to economic

contraction resulting from impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and declining mineral value are present fiscal challenges we face as a community. There are many individuals who are experiencing job insecurity, unemployment, food and housing insecurity, loss of health insurance, and lowered city income, which have resulted in increased demands on community-based services. Additional fiscal support may be critical to sustain our community well-being; careful needs assessment & planning is essential.

What specific steps and time frame (immediate or long-term) would you suggest to accomplish the Council's goal of promoting economic diversity in Laramie?

For Laramie to be an attractive location for diverse economic development, we must build a strong community infrastructure that includes: affordable housing, transportation services, health care, work force development, broadband expansion, downtown development, and engaged inter-agency partnerships. The City of Laramie, in collaboration with a distinguished and inclusive community Steering Committee, published a strategic action plan- *Thrive Laramie* (1/2020) - that establishes a comprehensive approach for economic development and diversity. After review of this seminal document, I believe we have a well-constructed roadmap for accomplishing sustainable economic development.

Jayne Pearce (Ward 2)

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Biographical information: I'm currently enjoying my 18th year at UW, working in the Office of Distance Education. I have a Master's degree in Public Administration which is a good fit when you serve and work in the public sector. My husband and I are rather new empty nesters as our son now lives in North Dakota and has for just over a year. I love Laramie and have enjoyed my time on city council and I'd like to continue to serve. Find me on Facebook.

What can the Council do to encourage community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid-19?

Encouraging community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid is difficult given the challenge of inconsistent messaging that embroils this issue. We can be grateful, while remaining persistent, that our current partnership with Albany County continues to work towards communications and practices that encourage behaviors that prevent transmission. The city has already made numerous accommodations and continues to serve and message the community regarding good behaviors that prevent transmission. As a current council member I believe it is important to also model good behaviors.

How would you manage the city budget? Would you consider support for an additional one percent local sales tax in the City of Laramie, recently allowed by state law or some other measure? Please explain.

Any sales tax considerations will be up to the voters to determine via a ballot initiative. While all revenue streams are important this additional regressive tax will not fix the problem. The state, our legislative body, needs to provide other tools for municipal revenue generation. Municipalities statewide need options as what works in Laramie may not work in other Wyoming communities. All options should be on the table and provisions made. I would continue to manage our city budget by looking for efficiencies in all aspects of our operations while maintaining essential city services.

What specific steps and time frame (immediate or long-term) would you suggest to accomplish the Council's goal of promoting economic diversity in Laramie?

Obviously these are difficult times. We've been successful working with the Wyoming Business Council and uniquely positioned to expand and benefit from these partnerships. Please, consider the recent changes at our Airport, the Cirrus Sky project, and others. Additionally, the fostering of new partners and the promotion of entrepreneurship is critical. Importantly, our success is intertwined with policy and budgetary decisions made at the state level and I am anxiously waiting to see what opportunities for growth and diversification are made available to municipalities in Wyoming.

Pat Gabriel (Ward 3)

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Biographical information: I am completing my first term on City Council after being elected in November of 2016. Before I was a Councilor I took time off after serving 20 years as an Albany County Commissioner. I came to Laramie in 1972 from Cheyenne to attend UW. I'm currently working at Wyoming Public Radio, a position I have held for the past 31 years.

What can the Council do to encourage community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid-19?

Council can lead by example and follow the guidelines established by the State Department of Health. Working with County Health Officer, Dr. Allais, City and County Officials have been able to foster a plan to help minimize the spread of COVID-19. Some have experienced questionable gatherings of people in downtown Laramie that has brought to our attention the need to continue educating everyone on the need to follow State guidelines for businesses and others.

How would you manage the city budget? Would you consider support for an additional one percent local sales tax in the City of Laramie, recently allowed by state law or some other measure? Please explain.

The City budget must be carefully managed because of so much uncertainty due to reduced sales tax by virtue of UW football being moved to spring time and COVID-19 restrictions that have hampered many businesses. We are fortunate to have many experienced financial people on City staff that will guide Council through this unknown period. I don't feel that an additional sales tax is needed now; but if things changed, Council could ask citizens to consider approving an additional 1% sales tax that the State Legislature approved recently.

What specific steps and time frame (immediate or long-term) would you suggest to accomplish the Council's goal of promoting economic diversity in Laramie?

Economic diversity in Laramie has been on the minds of many over the years. City Council has partnered with the Laramie Chamber Business Alliance to assist in finding those businesses that would be a good fit for Laramie. Council allocated \$90,000 this year to assist LCBA. City Council has also contracted with Fourth Economy, according to their website, a national economic development consulting firm that focuses on fostering action

to create great communities. As a Council member, I feel City staff and LCBA along with Fourth Economy are working to bring economic diversity to the area.

Klaus Hanson (Ward 3)

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Biographical information: I served on Laramie City Council for 16 years until 2018. Family reasons kept me from running last time. I am married and have three grown children. They and their families live in Laramie and Colorado. I am retired, taught at the University for 33 years. I support ordinances that make life better for EVERY citizen. We should be thrifty, not miserly.

What can the Council do to encourage community behaviors that prevent transmission of Covid-19?

Education via the Boomerang and the city's news release about the high infection possibility of COVID-19 and generally accepted prevention means, such as masks and avoiding large gatherings. Appeal to citizens to be a "good neighbor," rather than mandating.

How would you manage the city budget? Would you consider support for an additional one percent local sales tax in the City of Laramie, recently allowed by state law or some other measure? Please explain.

I have in the past advocated for letting citizens vote for an additional one percent local sales tax, and I still advocate it. But we must tell what the city manager has repeatedly pointed out to council and citizens, that currently citizens only pay -- if I remember correctly -- for about 13% of the municipal services they receive, through their taxes. Mind you, that is police, fire protection, street maintenance etc. It does not include the self-supporting services such as water, sewage, solid waste etc, that are maintained through the utility fees paid by all citizens.

What specific steps and time frame (immediate or long-term) would you suggest to accomplish the Council's goal of promoting economic diversity in Laramie?

City in the past years created incentives via construction of commercial buildings for lease, with the help of grants, providing land for entrepreneurs etc. In addition I suggest advertising nationally about our ideal climate, good transportation connection via road and rail etc. The city has attracted several new business and manufacturers in the recent past, and the economic development folks should continue their efforts in recruiting.



Albany County School District #1

Area A Candidates



Jalyn Anderson



Mark Bittner



Christopher M. Dixon



Jennifer Hess

Area A Candidates



Kirsten Holles



Jamin Johnson



Victoria Kent



Rachel Suarez LeBeau

Area A Candidates



Jason Satkunam



Emily Siegel Stanton

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At-large
Candidates

Albany County School District #1

At-large Candidates



Denise Deem



Steve Gosar



Pamela Mason



Kim Sorenson

Albany County School District #1

Term: Four years with no term limits and expiration dates staggered for the nine nonpartisan Trustees. Area A has six representatives who must live in the city limits, excluding Cottonwood Estate and the Roach addition. Area B has one representative who must live outside Area A; there are two at-large representatives who may reside in either Area A or B.

Duties: Set policies and disperse funds from local, state and federal sources for the District and hire the Superintendent.

Salary: None

Who can vote: All registered voters of Albany County vote for all vacancies.

How many to vote for: There are three vacancies in Area A, none in Area B, and one At-large. Those elected join five continuing members whose terms expire in 2022: Beth Bear, Jason Tangeman, and Nate Martin, Area A, Janice Marshall, Area B, and Lawrence Perea, At-large.

Jalyn Anderson (Area A)

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Biographical Information: I have become an involved member of the community of Laramie and high school athletics as a Physical Therapist for the last 10 years.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

I believe there needs to be less emphasis on power, and instead focus on creating an environment for non-biased dialogue. The superintendent and each trustee have a different background and education; therefore, we should use them as resources to collaborate ideas to better our school district.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

I would prioritize expenditures that have a direct impact on the students as a priority, then eliminate the bottom of the priority list. I would also investigate different options for federal funding for school lunch programs and allocate a part of the CARES act money to adjust for likely budget cuts.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

This is a very personal issue with me as my husband passed away 5 years ago due to a concussion related brain injury. I have spent the last 3 years researching and implementing a post-concussion protocol in my practice. Research now shows that concussions are treatable to prevent long-term effects. Therefore, I will advocate that each athlete performs a baseline screening and that each coach is educated by NFHS to properly identify signs and symptoms of a concussion. Any athletes that have symptoms that last longer than one week should be referred for further vestibular and/or vision therapy.

Mark Bittner (Area A)

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Biographical Information: I am currently the Director of the University of Wyoming Early Care and Education Center. I have been in this position for 29 years and also teach practicum courses for the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at UW. I have lived in Albany County for over 40 years and all three of my children have attended school in ACSD 1 and are graduates of LHS. I am seeking a second term on the ACSD 1 Board of Trustees and I feel that my current term has been extremely important work and I would like a chance to continue this work at a very important time.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

As a Board member, it is critical to remember that the District Superintendent is the only employee of the Board. We must be sure to emphasize that the Board does not get involved in day to day operations of the district but our role is to support the Superintendent as well as making sure that the district is being fiscally responsible and that we are supporting to the best we can the education and welfare of all the students in the district. Decisions made by the Board must be taken seriously and supported by each Board member taking time to learn all they can in order to make the decision.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

As we learn more from the State and Governor's Office, it will be important that whatever budget decisions we have to make will have the least amount of impact to the children, classrooms, and teachers. Looking at more creative ways to make sure children are not being affected by budget changes will be important. It might be necessary to change classroom ratios or a reduction of working hours of certain positions, but making sure that

the general “basket of goods” that children receive is not overall affected will be so important.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

The district does have a current policy regarding student safety and wellness as well as having a committee on Wellness. We also have an agreement with Premiere Bone and Joint for a Sports Trainer. Head injury prevention has definitely been something that has been in discussion and is an issue important to me. I believe that having the district informed on any current research and protection for student athletes would be an ongoing process. I would support any additional policies that might be best for student athletes at ACSD.

Christopher M. Dixon (Area A)

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Biographical Information: I am a father of two. My daughter, 13, currently attends the Junior High and my son, 9, goes to Beitel Elementary. I have every minute of being involved in their education. I will admit to having a leg up as both my mom and dad are former educators. I feel with my family history that I have a unique perspective. I also feel that the time I have spent on Laramie’s Parks Trees Recreation Advisory Board has enabled me to be receptive to the needs and wants of the community.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

The Board of Trustees is an elected body whereas the Superintendent has been hired. The balance of power should rest solely upon the Board. There are a few exceptions such as emergencies and situations like the District is currently experiencing.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

Managing a budget is never a simple matter, especially when it impacts so many people. It will have to be viewed from many angles and an in-depth discussion will have to happen.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

The school district needs to keep up to date with the policies set forth by the Wyoming High School Activities Association. Perhaps going one step further where possible. Injuries are always a possibility no matter what sport is being played. That’s why parents, student athletes, and coaching staff need to be on the same page.

Jennifer Hess (Area A)

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Biographical Information: I have been a resident of Laramie for 13 years. I am a co-owner of HWA Wildlife Consulting, LLC where my main role as a scientist is using data to make informed decisions for our natural resources. I have held positions outside my normal schedule as a teacher, a coach (soccer, basketball, and mountain biking), mentor, and have led student offices and pushed for changes in school policies throughout my educational career. I have worked with students across the socioeconomic spectrum and students with all abilities. I want to ensure the best outcomes for each and every student in Albany County.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

The elected Board of Trustees and the District Superintendent should actively work together to ensure that a quality teaching and a flourishing learning environment is available to students. Both the Board and Superintendent must be proactive at communicating, clearly state roles and responsibilities to promote a healthy working relationship. Through clear communication, a collaborative work environment, and a healthy, respectful relationship, the superintendent and board can create ideal solutions for the challenges the district faces while focusing on student success.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

The current pandemic has created new challenges for meeting budgetary requirements. Because we are still unsure of the full effect of the pandemic on the community in the next few months, the school board must work diligently on preparing for future economic shortfalls and potential budget cuts. Identifying programs that are currently working and not working would be a good first step in categorizing academically essential programs for students. I believe the board can work together and be preemptive at finding ways to plan for 2021-2022 by identifying areas that can be adjusted, even for the short-term.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

Athletic activities provide significant benefits to student's success including improvement of overall academics, development of strong relationships, gaining self-esteem, and promote physical and mental health. We also know younger athletes are more vulnerable to concussions than adults. Aggressive procedures need to be in place to minimize the risk of head injuries by ensuring proper protective gear, providing appropriate training (concussion symptom awareness for coaches, athletes, and parents), creating return-to-play decisions, and adjusting procedures to reflect best practices.

Kirsten Holles (Area A)

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Biographical Information: I became involved with Albany County Schools when my children started attending school in Laramie, volunteering in classrooms and attending field trips. As a substitute teacher, I worked in the district schools. I have an MBA with a

focus on budgeting and cost accounting and the business manager of a Mental Health clinic. My children have been involved in numerous clubs, are athletes and musicians, and needed support through an Individualized Education Program. I believe the school board must be responsive and receptive to parents, staff, students and the community, encouraging an open dialog.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

The District Superintendent is the board's chief advisor and executive, creating procedures based on the policy as passed by the Board of Trustees. I believe the Board needs to have an open relationship with the Superintendent, but neither should micromanage the other.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

The Board needs to approach income shortfalls without an agenda. The majority of the school budget consists of salary and building maintenance, thus making cuts to the budget difficult. My experience as a cost accountant and with developing budgets will aid me at looking at how we can identify efficiencies. But we need to ensure that we work on keeping the education for our students of a high quality while protecting our teachers and staff.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

In Junior High, my daughter collided with another swimmer during swim season which resulted in a concussion. The concussion protocol at the time only required she be cleared by her pediatrician before she returned to practice. It did not take long before the intensity of practice resulted in post-concussion syndrome. The current protocols by the WHSAA now require a slower introduction of the student back to their activity. Knowing how anxious students are to get back to their activities, especially with short seasons, the current protocols appear to be conservative and appropriate.

Jamin Johnson (Area A)

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Biographical Information: As a lifelong resident of Laramie, my education in ACSD laid the foundation for my college education and current career. My passion for education grew with my B.S. in Child Development and my M.S. in Community Health Education. At the Wyoming Dept. of Health I serve all children and youth with special health care needs. As a dad of 2 children in ACSD, 1 with special needs, I know the absolute value of our dedicated educators, administrators and support staff. I am amazed by the ways in which they support, encourage and educate my children. I want to remain a strong voice for ACSD families

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

The Board of Trustees maintains responsibility for creating district policy and reviewing, correcting, and overseeing the ACSD annual budget. They represent the voice of the public

in delivering high quality education to all children and are responsible for ensuring compliance with State and Federal laws governing education. The Board delegates the responsibilities of daily operations to the Superintendent whom they appoint. After development of the ACSD strategic plan, The Board is charged with supporting and holding the Superintendent accountable for implementing this plan.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

ACSD is vital to the entire community. It is critical to develop a sustainable budget that effectively supports children, teachers, and support staff in ACSD. If there is an income shortfall, I will work to implement measures to reduce the budget while maintaining the highest level of education possible. I will work alongside teachers, administrators and support staff to identify areas where the district can reduce spending. I understand that these decisions will impact our entire community and will be a strong voice for our children.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

I will work to develop a policy that reflects the recommendations of the Wyoming High School Activities Association and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The policy will direct that the athlete immediately be removed from practice and competition if a head injury or concussion is suspected. The athlete will remain excluded from participation pending notice from a health care provider that they can return to play. Additionally, school staff will assist the athlete in appropriately modifying learning activities pending notice from a health care provider.

Victoria Kent (Area A)

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Biographical Information: As a recent LHS graduate, I've been intimately involved in the school system and have seen when it fails to address the needs of students, teachers and parents. The convoluted response to the pandemic is a symptom of the broader issue of isolation between administrative decisions and their effects in schools. During my time as an LHS student, I advocated for increased sexual assault prevention. My attempts for change went unheeded. It's time for a school board that is willing to fight for the issues affecting students.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

Fundamentally, the school board is selected by the community to decide the direction of our schools. While the work done by the superintendent is certainly integral to the district, the Board should be the principal guide of school district policy and leave only specifics and implementation to the superintendent, and academic choices to experts. Any situation in which elected officials begin to leave too much power in the hands of those who don't

directly answer to the public becomes overly-insulated and runs the risk of no-longer representing the interests of our district.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

In case of lower revenue leading to a more cost-effective budget for the 2021-2022 school year, maintaining the highest level of stability for students is paramount. The importance of programs related to mental health, access to counselors and psychiatrists, cannot be understated during this tumultuous time period, as the effect of the pandemic on mental health is significant. In order to manage the budget efficiently, cost-sharing between extracurricular activities and increasing community partnerships could allow programs to continue for families even in the face of budgetary shortcomings.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

The safety of students engaging in extracurriculars is imperative. The school board needs to keep up with rapidly evolving scientific literature on this issue, and continually update policy. Increasing baseline testing and screenings for concussions by trained personnel is crucial, as early management of brain injury is essential. In addition to this, awareness of potential dangers of any activities should be shared with students and parents so that athletes can continue to engage in their sport of choice with the most informed, scientifically accurate knowledge to protect their health.

Rachel Suarez LeBeau (Area A)

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Biographical Information: I am a career teacher, forever student, and child advocate. I have spent my working life serving at-risk and underserved students in secondary grades. In more recent years, I have also collaborated with adult learners – both as an instructional facilitator strategizing with teachers, and academic advisor for students in medical school. My passion is the practice of equitable education and ensuring that every student feels noticed and capable. I am a mother to three ACSD1 students and am proud of our public schools.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

Both the Superintendent and Board of trustees have a responsibility to ensure that students have the best opportunity to reach their potential through curriculum, personnel, facilities, and policy decisions. The superintendent's working knowledge of school operations should lend itself to appropriate advice, counsel, and recommendations to the board for voting and implementation. Part of the trustees' responsibilities is also to provide oversight of the Superintendent's performance and ensure Superintendent actions reflect the needs of students, teachers, and families.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

The pandemic has made abundantly clear how much we rely on our schools and teachers. They are guideposts and sanctuaries. To further cut the already threadbare budget will be agonizing. I am not in support of cuts to student services or teacher and support staff salaries & benefits. I understand that our state is in a dire position and will make informed budget decisions that keep in mind physical and emotional safety for students. If we intend to continue relying on schools for child safety, nutrition, and mentorship on top of curriculum and instruction, we must get creative.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

The Board should develop a policy to mitigate long-term neurological damage from sports. This policy would direct coaches and trainers to participate in a concussion recognition course (free through the National Federation of State High School Associations). The policy would require student athletes, parents, and district personnel to be educated in the signs/symptoms of head injury before engaging in play. Finally, the policy should outline restrictions concerning participation in school athletic events after suffering a head injury and guidelines for athletes' return to play.

Jason Satkunam (Area A)

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Biographical Information: I have been a resident of Albany County for 20 years now and am proud to call Laramie my home. I care deeply about the education that our children receive in the district as well as the teachers who guide the valuable educational process. As a current member of the board I look forward to continuing to build and shape ACSD1 to be a model district in our state. I believe our educational system should be a reflection of our community values and a sense of community is what I hope to foster in ACSD1 moving forward.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

The school board focuses on policy while allowing the superintendent to focus on administrative and operational concerns. This balance of power has served the board well in the past. The board is elected to represent all the facets of the education community and make informed decisions with the collaboration of the Superintendent. The board must also take into account how its decisions affect the teaching community by proactively listening to and supporting our teachers and staff which will strengthen our educational system.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

The school board and administration have already begun discussing potential cuts as we await the final word from the Legislature. Currently about 86% of our budget goes to

salaries and benefits so we may have to face the unpleasant possibility of reducing positions by increasing class size. Thankfully we can accomplish most of this through the natural attrition we see every year, so the impact to existing personnel should be small. We also are looking at other areas that would allow us to save as many positions as possible while tightening our belt and meeting the Legislature's demands.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

We need to ensure we are following current research and science when addressing this issue. The district follows and practices the concussion protocol set forth by the WHSAA in addition to an athletic trainer on staff that monitors the health and safety of student athletes. I would continue to follow this policy as it ensures our student athletes are monitored and given proper medical attention and care. It is also important that both the parent and student are well-advised and remember that the health and safety of our student athletes is the foremost concern.

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Biographical Information: I am a mental health professional in Laramie with a passion for making our schools safer and healthier for everyone. My career requires listening before providing guidance, and I hope to bring those skills to the board by hearing from everyone with a stake in our schools. As a parent, I believe that every child deserves an extraordinary education, and that excellent schools are the most important foundation we can build for our community.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

My view is that there should be an equal balance of power between the District Superintendent and the Board of Trustees. Good governance requires checks and balances, and no one body can make decisions alone or leverage power over the other at the expense of thorough, informed, transparent decision-making. I am very aware, however, that the Superintendent and staff bring a lifetime of service, training, and expertise to their roles, and I believe the trustees can and always should learn from them.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

This is an extraordinarily difficult year for our schools, and comes on the heels of other budget cuts and adjustments. I propose we conduct a top-down review of our budget, starting with higher-level pay scales and district-level roles rather than making further cuts to staff, educators and direct services. From my perspective, limiting the student experience by cutting electives is not an option.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

As a former collegiate athlete, I believe in pursuing our highest potential, on and off the field. This means being able to stay active physically and mentally over the long haul, not sacrificing the future for a short-term goal. As a mental health professional, I also believe that research and science should guide our decisions on athletics, as on every other aspect of student life. I applaud the efforts of the Wyoming High School Activities Association to take player safety seriously, and as a trustee I would devote myself to researching the data and implementing best practices . . .

Denise Deem (At-large)

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Biographical information: I have a strong propensity to give back to the community I love. I am committed to giving the time and energy focusing on our children and their education. I have served on the Board of Laramie Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Downtown Laramie Business Association, and PTA Treasurer at Snowy Range Academy, Slade, and LJHS. I have volunteered with Junior Achievement for 10 years working with over 1,000 students. Please visit DeniseDeem.com for all of my volunteerism and info.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

There are checks and balances in maintaining an equilibrium of power. First and foremost, both parties will look out for the students. My responsibility lies with employing the superintendent and then with clear and effective communication together we manage policies, curriculum, budget, and facilities.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

The budget will be one of the challenges the school board will face in 2021. I have worked on several non-profit and for-profit budgets over the years and am dedicated to learn, as well as bring past experiences to the future budgets of ACSD #1. We can learn from past under and over spends and make adjustments as needed.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

The sport experience provides students the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and socially. It helps maintain a healthy lifestyle and an outlet for anxiety. In recent years, sports programs have been diligent to provide an environment that minimizes the risk of injury which is inherent in sports participation. I strongly support sports programs and support providing the safest practices available.

Steve Gosar (At-large)

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Biographical information: I was born, raised and educated in Wyoming. I attended the University of Wyoming and received my degree in Microbiology. I moved back to Wyoming 5 years ago to raise my family in the state that I love. The school board is an opportunity to serve our community. As a former high school and college basketball coach, I have a unique perspective of our education system and look forward to helping with the challenges that our community faces in the years ahead.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

I believe the Superintendent and the administration should provide recommendations in accordance to the 5yr Albany County School District Strategic Plan. I believe the school board and administration should work as a team. However the board is ultimately responsible for the administration's execution of the plan.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

I believe the teachers are most important as they have a daily direct impact on our children. I think we need to work backwards from there to ensure the standard of education for our children. I would look for efficiencies within the budget first as well as opportunities to collaborate with other entities to creatively save money for both. I would remain open to listen to any reasonable proposal without compromising the education of our children.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

I would follow the guidance from our medical experts and national high school activities associations regarding neurological injuries. I will be willing to adjust to the latest medical data and its application in our schools.

Pamela Mason (At-large)

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Biographical information: With more than 40 years' experience in the education field, including positions as a public and private classroom teacher, county and state administrator, educational entrepreneur and professional musician, I am able to bring a variety of skills to the position of school board trustee. The current pandemic situation provides an opportunity to create new paradigms that require an out-of-the-box mindset. I will ensure that all options will be considered as we move our students into the next generation of educational delivery and, most importantly, strive to make education a lifelong goal.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

The District Superintendent must work hand-in-hand with the Board of Trustees, ensuring that educational goals are current, community-appropriate and attainable. No individual opinion has a higher priority than the other, although the body of the Trustees, working in consensus, must be considered authoritarian in policy and other considerations.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

An income shortfall at any time is unfortunate. At a time when classroom size must be decreased rather than increased, new processes must be utilized. Such new processes may require enhanced use of technology, increased volunteer population, and reviewable strategies related to out-of-county occurrences.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

The sports activities in any school district constitute an important school-community bond. Policies related to the health of participating students must first consider the all-important aspect that any decisions related to student participation under status quo standards come first from the family with the advice of their family physician. When certain issues arise, such as the impact of head injuries to participating students, all parties should be included in policy discussions.

Kim Sorenson (At-large)

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Biographical information: It has been my good fortune to have served as an Elementary Teacher, Media Specialist, Coach, Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, Elementary Principal (Linford), High School Principal (LHS) and Adjunct Instructor (LCCC) over a 40-year career in education. Rozanne and I have been married for 39 years, and have two beautiful children (LHS Graduates!), Sarah and Jonathan, and four lovely Grandchildren, with a fifth blessing us in November. It would be an honor to represent you as an At-Large Trustee of the Albany County School Board.

What is the appropriate balance of power between the District Superintendent and the elected Board of Trustees?

The Board's responsibilities include setting the vision and goals of the district, adopting policies that drive progress towards the district's priorities, hiring and evaluating the Superintendent, adopting and overseeing the annual budget, and managing the employee collective bargaining process. The Superintendent is responsible for implementation of the school board's policies, vision, and goals by making the day-to-day decisions affecting educational programs, staff, and facilities, within the budget and in accordance with the law. Timely and accurate communication is essential for a successful relationship between the Board and its Superintendent, and what is best for students.

Considering a likely income shortfall, what specific measures do you favor to balance the 2021-2022 budget?

I believe we will experience an unprecedented funding crisis that will directly and negatively affect staffing, class size, course offerings, travel, training, technology, salaries,

supplies, and facilities for several years. I am not a fan of the flat percentage, across-the-board, budget cut method. Communication with all members of our educational community will be imperative as we strive to determine essential services, support and personnel. We must build a system that objectively identifies that which is essential, and yes, enjoyable for students. We will need to explore alternative funding sources and solicit ideas from our constituents.

What school board policy regarding athletic activities, as defined by the Wyoming High School Activities Association, would you advocate in light of evidence that long-term neurological issues may result from sports or activities that cause head injuries?

LHS was one of the first to utilize a program designed to assess the baseline of our athletes' pre-participation neurological functioning. The information, in the event of an injury, was available to physicians to utilize as a tool designed to assist them with their diagnosis and treatment. I support policy advocating for pre-participation neurological measurement, coaches' inservice, athlete training personnel, parent/guardian communication, a waiver process for the use of safety devices during contests/practices, budget support for safety equipment, and collaboration between schools and physicians with monitoring and adherence to diagnosis and treatments, within HIPAA guidelines.



Rex Gantenbein (4 yr) Rick Melone (4 yr) J. M. Scozzafava (4 yr) Guy Warpness (2 yr)

Albany County Hospital Trustee

Term: Four years with no term limits and staggered expiration dates for the five trustees on this nonpartisan board.

Duties: Represent the county's ownership of Ivinson Memorial Hospital, disperse property tax funds collected for the Hospital District, and oversee the hospital's lease to a non-profit management group.

Salary: None

Who can vote: All Albany County registered voters.

How many to vote for: Four: one for a two-year term to fill the remaining portion of a trustee elected in 2018 who has resigned. Three are running for four-year terms. Terms are indicated next to their names; those elected join Terry Roark whose term continues.

Rex Gantenbein (4-year term)

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Biographical information: I have lived in Laramie since 1985. I retired from UW in 2016 as a Professor of Medical Education and Public Health in the College of Health Sciences, where I directed a research and education center for rural health issues. I have an M.S. and a Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Iowa. I am running for my third term on the ACHD Board of Trustees, of which I am currently the vice-chair. I am married to Dr. Judith Powers, and we are the owners of a Dober(wo)man Miss Jean Brodie.

How would you evaluate the management arrangement for the hospital now that it is a non-profit, under contract as an “affiliate” with the University of Colorado Health System?

It has worked well for IMH. The affiliation with UCHHealth has provided resources that have helped in a number of ways, including clinician recruitment and equipment acquisition. It has also given support for visiting specialists that offer services not available directly from IMH.

Would you favor diversification of the revenue from the current three-mill tax levy for the hospital district? Explain how and why.

No, I would not. The tax levy provides a stable and reliable source of revenue, which helps keep patient costs down. Furthermore, it has been especially valuable during the COVID-19 months.

How can transparency and accessibility be improved for the public to offer input on their experiences with the hospital?

There is a link on the IMH web site for feedback that goes directly to a patient care coordinator. The IMH administration regularly publishes publicly available summaries of Board of Directors meetings and other news items. I would remind the community that, by statute, our Trustee meetings are open to the public (currently through Zoom), and we welcome public comment or feedback.

Rick Melone (4-year term)

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Biographical information: I have served as a Hospital District Trustee for six years and also serve as board member on the Hospital Board. My present Hospital Board positions include Board Secretary, Finance Committee Member, Chair of the Investment Committee and having been the past Treasurer. I am passionate about community service: Past Laramie Chamber President, Past Sunrise Rotary President, Past Board Member at Safe Project, Board Member for Medicine Bow Technologies and retired community banker. I have resided in Laramie for 22 years.

How would you evaluate the management arrangement for the hospital now that it is a non-profit, under contract as an “affiliate” with the University of Colorado Health System?

The present management arrangement, whereby the District Board of Trustees oversees and safeguards the hospital's assets/resources, manages the mill levy and ensures overall quality, works hand in hand with the Hospital Board, which over sees the day to day operations, financial matters and quality care. The District Board has been pleased with this management arrangement, as it has worked extremely well as evidence by the hospital's performance.

Would you favor diversification of the revenue from the current three-mill tax levy for the hospital district? Explain how and why.

I would not favor diversification of the revenue, of which the majority of this tax revenue now goes to under write charity care for the Residents of Albany County. This is a stable and predictable source of revenue. Any diversification of revenue is not a consideration by the District Board at this time. Charity care is only available to residents of Albany County.

How can transparency and accessibility be improved for the public to offer input on their experiences with the hospital?

IMH has multiple avenues for public input. The Hospital's website provides easy accessibility and references Lisa Rambo (Patient Care Advocate), who can be reached by phone (755-4623) or by email. We encourage the public, patients or family/friends to discuss their experiences or provide suggestions for better experiences. Patients that complete their care are provided an independent survey upon leaving the hospital. District Trustees are always open to public comments and/or or suggestions for improvements. There is transparency here with the District Board, as well as the Hospital Board.

Jenna M. Scozzafava (4-year term)

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How would you evaluate the management arrangement for the hospital now that it is a non-profit, under contract as an "affiliate" with the University of Colorado Health System?

I was appointed as a trustee late last fall to fill a vacancy on the board. This has been my first experience serving the hospital in any capacity. However, from what I have seen so far, the relationships between IMH's Upper Level Management team, the IMH Hospital Board, and the Albany County Hospital District Board provide great accountability, transparency, and effective management.

Would you favor diversification of the revenue from the current three-mill tax levy for the hospital district? Explain how and why.

At present, I would not favor diversification of the revenue from the three-mill levy for the hospital district. Most of this tax revenue currently underwrites charity care for Albany County residents. This is an incredible use of tax revenue that directly & positively impacts our community. In the future, if the need for charity care were to shift, I would be open to diversification options.

How can transparency and accessibility be improved for the public to offer input on their experiences with the hospital?

Patients of IMH are provided a survey upon discharge that openly addresses the patient's hospital experience. The results of these surveys are reviewed by a team that works continuously to meet or exceed national standards for patient care. The survey results are also presented to the hospital board and district board. As a District Trustee, I would encourage the public to utilize the hospital's website to provide feedback, reach out to the hospital board and district board members directly, via public comment, and provide honest input regarding hospital experience surveys.

Guy Warpness (2-year term)

Contact: No response to this voter guide survey



Larry Munn, Rural



Carol Price, Rural



Ruth Shepherd, Urban

Laramie Rivers Conservation Supervisor

Term: Four years with no term limits, nonpartisan, expiration dates staggered for the five members

Duties: Disperse property tax and Federal Conservation funds to projects for conservation of Albany County's soil, water and all other natural resources.

Salary: None.

Who can vote: All Albany County registered voters select both Urban and Rural Supervisors. Urban supervisors live in Laramie; rural supervisors live outside city limits, at-large may be either.

How many to vote for: Three, one urban and two rural seats; those elected join supervisors Bob Shine, At-large, and Orville Johnson, Rural, whose terms end in 2022.

Larry Munn (Rural)

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Biographical Information: I was a Professor of Soil Science in the College of Agriculture at UW for 33 years. I have been on the LRCD for 10 years.

What are the best projects undertaken by the LRCD in the past five years and what projects would you promote if the budget were adequate?

The most important activity by LRCD recently was supporting protection of the Casper Aquifer. Other activities include continued clean-up of the old refinery site in West Laramie and support of gardening efforts in Laramie schools. LRCD participates in local Forest Service planning and also on the Monolith Ranch.

How does the LRCD fulfill its mission to protect the tax base, and would you suggest additions or changes?

We scrutinize the budget carefully, require two signatures on all checks cut by LRCD and take this responsibility very seriously.

What projects and services garner the greatest interest from, or should be offered to, the residents of the northern part of the county and outside the main towns?

We try to balance projects out in the county with projects that impact Laramie and Rock River communities. In the outlying areas, weed control, windbreaks, school gardens and water development for ranchers are important projects. If resources are available, I would like to see continued efforts to develop low impact recreation opportunities close to Laramie in the Casper Aquifer protection zone.

Carol Price (Rural)

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Biographical Information: I am running for one of the two rural positions. I have been on the board for six years. I live outside of Rock River and have been working on the family ranch since 2013. I graduated from Laramie High School and joined the Air Force. I received my Associate of Science in Agri-Business from Casper College, in 2010, and my Bachelor of Science in Ag business from Colorado State, in 2013.

What are the best projects undertaken by the LRCD in the past five years and what projects would you promote if the budget were adequate?

The best programs have been: all of the stream bank restoration projects, the microbial source tracking research, and converting wells to solar. I would promote the stream bank/head gate restoration projects and stock water projects. These projects benefit agriculture, wildlife, and the urban constituents. The stock waterers provide wildlife with fresh water, the wildlife are a big draw for tourism in Albany County, which in turn brings in revenue for Laramie residents. The stream bank projects help keep sediment from moving downstream and collecting in water treatment plant intakes.

How does the LRCD fulfill its mission to protect the tax base, and would you suggest additions or changes?

How I try to have the LRCD protect the tax base is to look at cost share projects and not fund vegetation that could become a problem plant in the future. I will use the example of

Russian olive trees. The Russian olive was planted as a living snow fence by various organizations. It is now considered a noxious weed, in Wyoming. I would rather not fund a particular plant than fund it now and have to turn around, in the future, and control the plant by spraying it or by some other means. That is not a smart use of resources.

What projects and services garner the greatest interest from, or should be offered to, the residents of the northern part of the county and outside the main towns?

Stream bank restorations, water pipeline projects, windbreaks and cross-fencing projects garner the most interest. I would like to highlight that LRCD does have an analysis cost-share program for water, soil, and forage testing. This is an underutilized item that could benefit a lot of individuals not on city water. The LRCD has had cost-share applications for windbreaks that are not living snow fences, if you live in an unsuitable area for growing trees, you may want to make an inquiry. Electric fence projects have also been approved.

Ruth Shepherd (Urban)

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Biographical Information: Currently, I serve as the Chair for LRCD. Considering the weight of our conservation projects and their value for Albany County, I remain committed to the mission of LRCD. My experience, while serving on the Board, encompasses conserving agricultural lands in productive agriculture for their value to the tax base, open spaces and shared wildlife habitat. Urban conservation plus agriculture prepared me for the LRCD Board of Supervisors. Thank you for the privilege to work on behalf of residents of Albany County.

What are the best projects undertaken by the LRCD in the past five years and what projects would you promote if the budget were adequate?

While serving LRCD, I am committed to building on the successes and continuation of LRCD projects, such as, the promotion and support of the Pilot Hill Project, river restoration projects on the Big and Little Laramie Rivers and the superfund cleanup of the Yttrium Plant just off the Harney Street overpass. Laramie Rivers CD is a leader in the State for soil and water conservation, especially in the promotion and use of water and all other natural resources that preserve and enhance the tax base, conserve production agriculture, wildlife habitat and promote conservation ethics.

How does the LRCD fulfill its mission to protect the tax base, and would you suggest additions or changes?

In addition to LRCD's commitment to the agricultural community, the growing urban population with increased demands on the natural systems has initiated urban conservation efforts. These include the seven elementary school gardens, and the completion of the Laramie Senior High School Geo-Dome, extending the season for growing edible plants at high altitudes. Landscaping with native and low-water-use plants, utilizing raised beds and small green house structures to increase gardening successes, as well as cooperating with state, federal, and local governments to address stormwater runoff are all programs that represent LRCD's investment in Albany county.

What projects and services garner the greatest interest from, or should be offered to, the residents of the northern part of the county and outside the main towns?

LRCD partners with federal agencies and non-profits, at the landowner's request in north Albany, to install wildlife friendly cross-fencing and develop upland livestock watering systems to improve grazing management of livestock. This activity also expands water locations for upland birds, elk, deer and antelope. LRCD partners with Albany Weed and Pest Control to limit weeds along the watershed and road right-of-way's in the north end of the county, representing an important annual commitment by these two agencies toward control of invasive weeds.



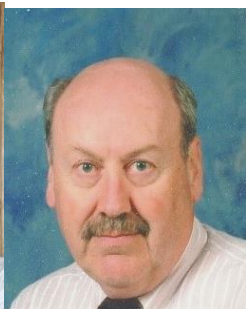
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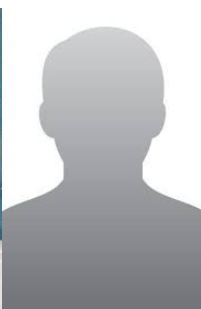
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Brett Wadsworth



Joseph Witt



W. Charles Looney

Fire District #1 Director

Term: Four years with no term limits, expiration dates staggered for the three members of this nonpartisan board.

Duties: Disperse property tax funds collected from District residents and support five volunteer departments, set fire suppression policy, and hold title to property.

Salary: None.

Who can vote: Only registered voters who live in the district, which encompasses most of the central and southern part of Albany County outside Laramie.

How many to vote for: Two; those elected join Art Siegel whose term ends in 2022.

Luke Hawkins

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Is there anything you would urge the Legislature, County Commissioners or their appointed boards or commissions to do to make fire fighting easier for the district?

Some of the things I would urge our legislators, county commissioners do to make Fire Fighting more manageable within our district is to address the number of volunteers we have serving within our community. Recruitment and Retention must be addressed and invested in or we will be faced with shutting down more departments that cannot be staffed. The needs of the community are greater than ever before and will continue to increase, we need to be progressive in forecasting those needs and the growing populations in the county.

What are the three top challenges facing ACFD#1 and how would you address them?

Staffing. Recruiting able and willing people to fill the seats and stations to meet the needs of our community. Training. Especially during these odd times, getting the quality training that will raise our County Fire Fighters to the level that will meet the needs of our community. Retention. Always a difficult task in a small community is to then retain the quality highly trained Fire Fighters. We need to grow and invest in ACFD#1 Departments, support the Chiefs, meet their needs to ensure a successful future for service to the citizens of Albany County.

What are the most important things for residents of the district to know about protecting their buildings from wildfires?

Education and action help mitigate urban interface. Local departments should hold periodic education training to their specific areas that will help specialize individual needs. This includes removing shrubs/foilage within 10 feet, clearing roof lines and gutters. Increasing water supply near buildings, preferably not electricity dependent, such as retention ponds, dry hydrants etc. Improving access to the buildings to large enough for a fire apparatus to access and improve address identifications. FEMA Home Builders Guide to Construction is the Wildfire Zone is a great reference as well.

Shawn Sommerfeld

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Biographical information: I have been a firefighter within ACFD1 for approximately 4 years starting as a wildland firefighter and now I am structure fire qualified along with EMT-B. I regularly dispatch around the state and Rocky Mountain region to fight the larger wildfires. I started out in Big Laramie Valley VFD as the Secretary and two years ago was elected to Chief. I retired out of the US Army in 2015, after 22.5 years, where I was trained how to lead, complete missions, and take care of people. I was successful in the Army and now as a VFD Chief because my networking, problem solving, and organizational skills.

Is there anything you would urge the Legislature, County Commissioners or their appointed boards or commissions to do to make fire fighting easier for the district?

Fire Suppression is challenging when you consider the varying weather, terrain, human factors, and fiscal challenges that are found within Albany County. Local and state government can support ACFD1 by identifying the top 3 challenges the fire departments face and emphasizing them when planning, especially in new roads and housing developments. Can a fire department get their apparatus there quickly and safely? Is there an adequate water source? Will communications be an issue? These issues should be addressed. Encouraging and supporting Volunteer Firefighters is PARAMOUNT.

What are the three top challenges facing ACFD#1 and how would you address them?

Fiscal responsibility and accountability is the #1 challenge for ACFD1. The budget and spending policies need to be semi-stable, predictable, and controlled at the lowest level. ACFD1 depends on volunteers to conduct all its fire suppression. Recruiting, training, and keeping volunteer firefighters is PARAMOUNT. I would create an environment of respect, transparency, and support that puts FIREFIGHTERS FIRST. Public involvement is another top challenge. The general public is not aware of who or how their fire and/or emergency medical needs are met within the ACFD1. This needs to change.

What are the most important things for residents of the district to know about protecting their buildings from wildfires?

ACFD1 residents need to understand that fire needs fuel to burn and grow. Protect any structure/building on your property by limiting the amount of dry quick burning fuels that are around it. Fuels such as dry tall grass or trees with low-lying branches within close proximity of a structure can be high risk. Buildings are also fuel and if they are built of a flammable material or with many places a hot ember can set, they are at a higher risk of catching on fire. There are resources available to get advice and to help mitigate the risk. Get with your local fire department for more.

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Is there anything you would urge the Legislature, County Commissioners or their appointed boards or commissions to do to make fire fighting easier for the district?

First, I would urge the various governmental agencies & commissions to ensure that all proposals for industrial power generation sites must abide by NFPA 850 (National Fire Protection Association) recommendations for fire extinguishing systems to ensure appropriate measures are designed into these facilities for the safety of all residents and of first responders. Additionally, I would ask that they keep in-mind the hundreds of hours of cumulative effort that are freely donated annually by our volunteers and to seek ways to recognize and encourage such selfless service in any way possible.

What are the three top challenges facing ACFD#1 and how would you address them?

Well-being of fire-fighters. Volunteers must feel that they are treated with concern by leadership for their efforts, health & impacts to their desire to serve. Distribution of resources. Ensuring that all resources are equitably distributed among the various departments is essential to prevent animosity among these partner organizations. Providing the best fire protection. Ensuring that the contract with the City of Laramie for provision of a professional fire-fighting crew to support ACFD 1 continues. This contract must not be jeopardized simply to save funds for the District.

What are the most important things for residents of the district to know about protecting their buildings from wildfires?

Create a “buffer zone” around your house where excess combustible items (natural & manmade) are cleared. Eliminate excess clutter which can catch sparks. Cut grass & remove clippings. Rake tree-litter (including branches & needles) & take to the landfill. Move all collections of flammable items (wood, trash, etc.) away from your home. Trim or remove bushes that are near any structures. Remove “ladder” branches from trees. Lastly, do it soon. Waiting until a wildfire starts is much too late.

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Is there anything you would urge the Legislature, County Commissioners or their appointed boards or commissions to do to make fire fighting easier for the district?

ACFD#1 holds a monthly public meeting to consider department requests and expenditures. I feel it would be helpful if one of the County Commissioners attended these meetings to become familiar with District issues.

What are the three top challenges facing ACFD#1 and how would you address them?

The top challenge for ACFD#1 is volunteer recruitment in an aging population and the 3mil limit on funding. I hope it will be possible to use County Impact Funds from Wind Farms to upgrade older stations and replace aging equipment.

What are the most important things for residents of the district to know about protecting their buildings from wildfires?

Residents should protect their buildings by having smoke detectors, avoid storing firewood against their residence, avoid storing flammable materials in garages/sheds and create defensible space around home and buildings.

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Is there anything you would urge the Legislature, County Commissioners or their appointed boards or commissions to do to make fire fighting easier for the district?

I would urge county commissioners for better distribution of funding for all fire department and a higher standard of training to ensure all firefighters are well trained. County crews from my experience are lacking in training.

What are the three top challenges facing ACFD#1 and how would you address them?

As mentioned, lack of training, and lack of leadership, and physical conditioning among crews are some of the major problems that need to be addressed. The good old boy mentality of firefighters being written off or penciled in for fitness test because of someone in a position to do so is just one example.

What are the most important things for residents of the district to know about protecting their buildings from wildfires?

Firefighters should spend more time on public relations educating property owners on proper maintenance of their property to reduce the risk of fire fuels on property and placement of fire breaks. Removing dead and light vegetation from around building and keeping a 30-foot access perimeter around their residence, and removing debris from roofs and gutters. Residents should have an evacuations plan and an emergency bag ready in case of a needed evacuation.



Proposed Constitutional Amendment A

This amendment will remove the constitutionally specified limit on the amount of debt a municipality can create for sewer projects and would allow the legislature to prescribe by law the debt limit for municipal sewer projects.

Other ballot issues? This is the only Constitutional Amendment proposed.

Who may vote: Every Wyoming registered voter.

Effect of not voting: A failure to vote on this issue counts as a “no” vote.

“Pro” arguments in favor of it:

1. The amendment will remove this limit from the Wyoming Constitution and allows the future debt limit to be set by the Legislature.
2. The Constitutional limit of 4% of assessed valuation was established when the Wyoming Constitution was written in 1899. The cap severely hinders cities’ and towns’ ability to fund improvements to municipal sewer systems which serve a majority of Wyoming residents and visitors.
3. This amendment is revenue neutral. It will not generate any new state spending or debt. It is intended to do away with an antiquated restriction.

“Con” arguments for opposing:

1. If the Constitutional limit is removed, who knows what level the Legislature might choose? Lower? Higher?
2. Residents don’t want to pay more for stormwater or sewer projects. If this restriction was sufficient when the Constitution was written, it still good enough now.
3. This has the possibility of raising the indebtedness of cities and towns, probably raising fees or taxes locally; it may affect municipal bond ratings.