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Restore the Balance
La Plata Candidate Questionnaires

Why are you running for Colorado State House?

Over the past 7 years our business has felt the lack of balance in our legislature. Our participation in local and state government groups and boards made us (Sharon and I) appreciate the need for more involvement. We were asked to consider this position from several respected community and business leaders. We decided to step up and feel it was a calling.

What qualifications do you bring and how are you preparing to serve if elected?

I've held various leadership positions over 30 working with local groups and contractors in multiple states and countries. After returning to La Plata County in 2017 and purchasing a business, we got involved with local community groups and municipal roles. I'm currently the Mayor of Ignacio and sit on several boards within the County including La Plata Economic Development Alliance, La Plata Regional Housing Alliance and La Plata Planning Commission to name a few. All require an ability to listen and work with all kinds of people, in different places in their life with their own issues.

Do you agree with the seven principles Restore the Balance feels should guide political conduct in Colorado?

Absolutely!

If you do not agree with one or more of these principles, please identify and explain why.

Do you believe Colorado's current election laws and procedures provide for secure elections and encourage voter participation?

Yes and no.

Please explain the reasons for your answer.

Our process in Colorado for voting in-person and mail in ballots is safe and secure. However, there are definite ways for a non-eligible person to register and cast votes. It's a growing concern.

If elected, what actions will you take to help find common ground with your fellow elected officials on both sides of the aisle?

Feel free to ask around. This is just who I am. Until now, I've participated in positions of influence without party affiliation. Listening to the concerns of citizens and neighbors. Then having conversations with others who may or may not share my party affiliation to come to an understanding and decision.

If elected, how will you listen to and represent the concerns of constituents who don't agree with you?

No different than I do every day today. If people did more listening, we could get a lot more accomplished.

What are the top three issues facing Colorado and briefly how do you plan to address these issues if elected?

Housing, Cost of Living, Public Safety

Housing – Continue to work with local groups like La Plata RHA that are on the ground and understand local needs and solutions.

Cost of Living – There are many levers keeping our cost of goods and services high not only in Colorado but across the nation. We need to address transportation costs and fuel prices that are having a direct impact on everyday cost of living.

Public Safety – Colorado ranks 44th nationally for Public Safety. We need more representation at the State House to stand up for law enforcement and provide our judicial system more avenues to deter crime.