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1. How do you plan to involve young professionals in the decision-making process in Lincoln?

I would encourage young professionals to solicit opportunities within the different boards and commissions in Lincoln to have more direct input and reducing city code to be friendly to small businesses and independent workers.

2. How will you approach economic recovery in Lincoln in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?

We should encourage as much local purchasing as possible, cycling our dollars throughout the community and supporting local businesses as much as we can to meet our needs. Young professionals are often the best at building their communities and thriving businesses; it's often the government that blocks their ideas. Like mobile hair and nail salons, the most innovative companies have only recently been allowed since 2018.

3. Lincoln is facing a housing crisis. Access to entry level homes and apartments is practically nonexistent for recent graduates. What is your plan to address this?

Addressing zoning regulations is a large part of the solution. Lincoln does not need more apartments; we need middle-housing options like the cottage courts being developed by NeighborWorks Lincoln and other innovations with mixed-use spaces. Building with hempcrete could play a part in that, especially since we're experiencing a concrete and lumber shortage.

4. Young professionals see equality as a top concern. If elected, how would you ensure equity and inclusivity in the city?

The Libertarian philosophy of justice prioritizes equality for all people, all the time. One of the disparities I will address is the fines and fees that typically affect the working poor, such as the law prohibiting your car from remaining parked on the street for more than 24 hours. Another measure would be removing possession and paraphernalia from the city code, which disproportionately affects young people and minority communities.

5. Discuss your approach to budgeting. What will you prioritize, and why?

The actions were taken by the Lincoln City government and the NCAA significantly reduced revenues during the year where we would have had much more sports, events, and business. Instead of increasing valuations to offset the difference, I would support a more thorough examination of the current revenues and expenditures to determine how to apply the city's resources more effectively.

We should continue to prioritize street infrastructure efficiency and development and give the citizens greater control in how the wheel taxes are allocated by letting them prioritize the departments they want to fund.

6. What neighborhood do you live in? Why? Where are your favorite places to spend time in Lincoln?

I have lived in many different Lincoln areas, near Pioneer's park, in the Hawley Hamlet, and now near the Sunken Gardens. I love discovering new parts of Lincoln and the unique charms of each place. My favorite place to spend time is running on the trails within the city or visiting one of our many craft brewers.

7. If Lincoln's flag were to be redesigned, what traits and aspects of Lincoln would you like to see symbolized?

I would like to see submittals and design ideas that invoke the pioneer spirit.