



## YVSC City Council Candidate Sustainability Forum

October 20, 2021

1-2:30pm (virtual)

Register in advance for this meeting:

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### 2021 City Council Candidates in Attendance (Listed in Alphabetical Order)

**District 1** – David Baldinger, Jr. and Gail Garey

**District 2** – Loui Antonucci, Blair Picard and Joella West

**District 3** – Steven Randall, Daniel Gerke, Walter Magill and Dakotah McGinlay

**At-Large** – Eddie Briones and Dave Maloney

### 1:00-1:05 pm

Opening/Explanation of Forum Structure

### Questions

**1:05-1:30 pm** (**Michelle Stewart** will pose questions to all Candidates, 2-min each, order as follows: **At Large:** Dave Maloney and Eddie Briones; **District 3:** Dakotah McGinlay, Walter Magill, Daniel Gerke, and Steven Randall; **District 2:** Joella West, Blair Picard, Loui Antonucci; **District 1:** Gail Gary and David Baldinger, Jr.)

1. In relation to the now City-adopted Routt County Climate Action Plan, what do you see as the City's role in (1) making sure the CAP is implemented, and (2) some specific first steps that can be taken to ensure that we meet our emissions reduction goals?

**1:30-1:35 pm** – (**Arianthe Stettner** will pose questions to **District 1** Candidates, 2-min each, order as follows: David Baldinger, Jr. and Gail Garey)

2. The greenest building is the one already built," is a quote that best describes how well historic preservation and sustainability go hand in hand. Multiple state and national studies show that building reuse creates more and better-paying jobs than new construction, and that rehabilitation projects keep more dollars circulating in the local economy. These studies also report that it takes from 10 to 80 years for a new building that is 30% more efficient than an average performing existing building, to overcome the negative climate change impacts related to the construction process. So....

Given that preserving older buildings is a key component to creating unique and attractive communities and addressing climate change, how do you think Steamboat Springs is doing in terms of saving our existing buildings and how might we do better?

**1:35-1:45 pm** (**Tim Sullivan** will pose questions to **District 2** Candidates, 2-min each, order as follows: Loui Antonucci, Blair Picard and Joella West)

3. What are the top actions the City should be investing in for climate adaptation to prepare for current and projected changes?

**1:45-2:00 pm (Sarah Jones will pose questions to District 3 Candidates, 2-min each, order as follows: Steven Randall, Daniel Gerke, Walter Magill and Dakotah McGinlay)**

4. What do you think Destination Management ought to mean for City of Steamboat Springs and what three key initiatives/priorities would you want to see in a Destination Management Plan?

**2:00 -2:05 pm (Winn Cowman will pose questions to At-Large Candidates, 2-min each, order as follows: Eddie Briones and Dave Maloney)**

5. Currently our local waste diversion rate averages around 10-12%, meaning 88-90% of materials that we generate are landfilled, approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of which can be recycled or reused, according to the 2018 NW Colorado Waste Diversion Study. What do you think we can attribute these low diversion rates to and what three strategies would you prioritize to increase diversion in order to achieve the Climate Action Plan target of 46% by 2030?

**2:05-2:30 pm (Madison Muxworthy will pose questions to all Candidates, 2-min each, order as follows: District 1 – David Baldinger, Jr. and Gail Garey; District 2 – Loui Antonucci, Blair Picard and Joella West; District 3 – Steven Randall, Daniel Gerke, Walter Magill and Dakotah McGinlay; At-Large – Eddie Briones and Dave Maloney)**

6. Agriculture is a large water right holder in the Yampa Basin and a rich part of the cultural heritage of the City of Steamboat Springs. The annual volume of flow in the Yampa River has declined, decreasing from approximately 1.5 million acre-feet annually a century ago to 1.1 million acre-feet annually today. Research is pointing towards further decreases with climate change, coupled with an increase in demand for water. (1) What do you believe should be a top focus for increasing water conservation within the City and (2) how can the City collaborate with all water users to promote sustainable management of our water resources?