

# St. George City Council Candidate Views and Experience

*The St. George Area Chamber of Commerce Community Action Committee produced this handout to provide membership with information about the candidates. All were invited to respond. Responses were not edited, except in a few cases to observe the 100-word limit we requested. The table below is a snapshot of their views on five issues.*



**CAROL ALDRED**

I've lived in our Beautiful city for 35 Years. I'm Passionate to Protect it for our Future Generations. I'm a Humanitarian an Advocate for our Liberty and small business owner. I believe in integrity, love, kindness, constitutional conservative, entrepreneurial spirit, support/buy from local businesses, limited government, liberty/freedom fighter, Private Property Rights, Balanced Budget- it's your monies, Transparency – open door policy, Affordable Housing in our city - \$925.00 Studio apt ? Eliminate Government Overreach, No Career Politicians, A Women's Heart! Be Strong, Be Courageous, Be Faithful!! I'm Asking for Your VOTE! Thanks. 435-632-4029. Facebook: Carol Hagenrater Aldred.



**GREG ALDRED**

Hello, I'm Greg Aldred, I love where we live! I've served this community for 38yrs. My father was a County Commissioner back in 1986 and my mother was a nurse. Times have changed. I'm running on what I call the three T's. 1.Taxes 2.Traffic 3.Term limits. I say, NO NEW TAXES. Terms limits stops career politicians. We need affordable housing, not low income housing. To quote Albert Einstein, "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." I'm asking for your vote. For more info go to Facebook/Greg Aldred. Text 435-632-2807. Gregaldred@yahoo.com.



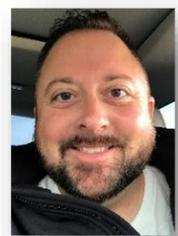
**BETTE ARIAL**

I value the people who live in St George who inspire, teach and have become my friends. I offer to all, 'let's meet half way' to communicate, which is the beginning of understanding and friendship. All ideas, points of view, opinions and needs are valuable and will be given my respect and consideration. It is a great responsibility to listen, study, and then make sound decisions for the city. I take this charge seriously. The goal is to continually move forward, keeping what was given to us by the past as we move into the future.



**ED BACA**

Ed Baca earned a Bachelors Degree from Cal-State University Fullerton, California, and began his public service career in municipal government serving as a law enforcement officer. Ed enjoyed a second career in county government where he was charged with fiduciary and ministerial responsibilities in caring for the elderly and those deemed unable to care for themselves under court appointed conservatorships. During the course of 50 years of public service Ed has joined with associates in establishing many meaningful public service activities and organizations contributing to the wellbeing of the community including his current city council service.



**CHRISTOPHER CALL**

I was born and raised in Salt Lake City. I served in the Army from 2009-2012. Assigned to the 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division. I deployed to Afghanistan from 2009-2010 serving as a convoy gunner in the Herat Province. Honorably discharged. Awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Army Good Conduct Medal. The issues I address are of ethical matters and standards within in our local government dealing with conflicts of interest. With that I am prepared to face crime within St. George head on. I pledge to serve on the City Council honorably. Thank you for your time.



**CHUCK GOODE**

The rapid growth of St George is outpacing our community resources - an unsustainable situation. To sustain our tourism economy, we must protect the overdevelopment of our precious environment. My background is in computer technology. I promote sustainable water usage. We desperately need accurate data about water. I promote improving traffic flow/reducing congestion by optimizing city mobility. We need to proactively embrace autonomous cars and high speed/5G data networks. I promote affordable housing, so we must build smart homes with efficient energy/recycling systems. I believe my background/experience would be an asset to the City Council. I ask for your vote.



**JIMMIE HUGHES**

St. George is where I was born and raised. This is my home! I currently serve on the city council and on several boards and commissions for the city. I have learned a lot and hope to put that knowledge to work by serving another term. I am the Owner/ Funeral Director of Hughes Mortuary and own a small cattle ranch on the Arizona Strip. I understand the challenges faced by business owners. I will continue to seek your input and give my all to serve and keep St George a great place to live. I would appreciate your vote!



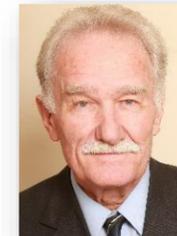
**DANNIELLE LARKIN**

I am running as a positive voice for a city with a bright future. I want to emphasize the importance of LOCAL LIVING including: spending our money in our community, community involvement and volunteerism, knowing our neighbors, listening to every voice, community self-sufficiency, making the long-term health of our citizens and our land a priority, working toward the goal of a secondary/re-use water system for residential and farming use, supporting art, promoting and protecting our vital downtown area, encouraging smart incremental growth, and embracing creative housing ideas that bring beauty to our community and affordable housing to our residents.



**GREGG MCARTHUR**

Hi, my name is Gregg McArthur and I am running to serve you as your St George City Council representative. My motivation to run stems from a sincere heartfelt desire to serve the people and community that have provided me with so much. Simply put, I'm running to serve. I'm running to make a difference in our city's future. I'm running because I care. I'm running to ensure that St George will continue be what it has always been – an incredible city in which individuals can happily and safely live, grow and play.



**LANE RONNOW**

Lane Ronnow was educated at Southern Utah University, the University of Utah and the University of Utah College of Law. With over forty years management, consulting and media experience, his career includes service in the past as a Justice Court Judge, Director Salt Lake County Building and Zoning Enforcement Department, CFO for School Districts, Housing Authorities, Behavior Health Management Companies, consulting work for businesses, governmental agencies and Not For Profit Corporations. He is a "National Award of Merit" winner for "Administrative Innovation" presented by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.



**DOUG SOLSTAD**

I learned to appreciate service while growing up in a military family, and I love to give back. I want to help my fellow citizens, to help keep our city the beautiful place we love, and to contribute to this city that means so much to me and my family. My philosophy about service is simple: Understand, Serve, Repeat. We should seek information to help make sure the situation is clear, and then we should act. Once we have done something, we should seek more information and repeat the process. Please see my website, votefordoug.com, for more information.



**BRYAN THRIOT**

Bryan Thriot is a sixth generation pioneering family of St. George. Bryan is married to Kathy Bischoff of Ogden, Utah, and they are raising three children as a seventh generation in St. George! Bryan graduated from Dixie High, Dixie College, Weber State, and the University of Utah. Professionally, Bryan has over 20 years of public service experience working in local, state, and for the federal government. St. George is home, and I have the experience, commitment, and desire to see it be the best place to live and raise a family! I ask for your vote on August 13, 2019.



**SHANE WOOD**

Some of you may remember me from my service in the big 5 tourism. I was Born in Logan Utah, attended Dixie College in 1986 and fell in Love. Married 25 years to my wonderful Wife Christina with two Beautiful Daughters Alessandra and Christiana. As a top Local Realtor, I have been awarded best customer service multiple times based on verified reviews from customers previously unknown to me. This displays my proven ability to communicate across lines and negotiate great deals. I'm a problem solver, a self-starter and a finisher. Responsible, Relentless, Respectful.

"Yes" or "No" questions on city issues	C. Aldred	G. Aldred	Arial	Baca	Call	Goode	Hughes	Larkin	McArthur	Ronnow	Solstad	Thriot	Wood
Would you support a tax increase to fund SunTran's growing mass transportation needs?	No	No	Not now	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Should cities offer incentives like (reduced impact fees) for developers to build affordable housing?	Yes	Yes	Under certain conditions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Need more info	No	Yes	No	No
Do you support the Lake Powell Pipeline?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Need more info	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Would you support the building of new roads and infrastructure to keep up with the increasing demand of growth, even though it may mean a tax increase?	No	No	With cost sharing	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Do you support construction of the Northern Corridor?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Need more info	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

# Washington, Ivins and Santa Clara Candidate Views on Key Issues

## Washington

"Yes" or "No" questions on city issues	Belliston	Coats	Goold	Ivie	Martinsen	Simmons	Staheli	Tate	Whitney
Would you actively support the preservation of green space and historical landmarks in the midst of so much new development and growth?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<b>CANDIDATE DID NOT MEET DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Do you believe Washington City is in need of adding public transportation solutions for its citizens?	Yes	Yes	Not at this time	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No
Do you support the Lake Powell Pipeline?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	More Info Needed		Yes	No	Yes
Would you support the building of new roads and infrastructure to keep up with the increasing demand of growth, even though it may mean a tax increase?	Depends	Need more info	Yes	Yes	More Info Needed		No	No	No
Do you support construction of the Northern Corridor?	Yes	Need more info	No	Yes	More Info Needed		Yes	Yes	Yes

## Ivins

"Yes" or "No" questions on city issues	Cazier	Ertel	Floisand	Gordhammer	Johnson	Larsen	Mehr	Robinson	Sieverts
Do you support further commercial growth in Ivins?	Need more info	Yes	Yes	Yes	<b>CANDIDATE DID NOT MEET DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes, structured	<b>CANDIDATE DID NOT MEET DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE</b>
Do you support Vision Dixie (programs that will assist in planned growth and expansion)?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes, for most part	Need more info	
Do you support the Lake Powell Pipeline?	No	No	Yes	Need more info		Yes	Yes & need more info	Yes	
Would you support the building of new roads and infrastructure to keep up with the increasing demand of growth, even though it may mean a tax increase?	Need more info	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	Yes	
Do you support construction of the Northern Corridor?	No	No	Yes	No		Yes	Need more info	Yes, under a different path	

## Santa Clara

"Yes" or "No" questions on city issues	Allred	Anderson	Blake	Drake	Harter	Jacobsen	Mathis	Waite	Wilber
Do you support further commercial growth in Santa Clara?	Yes	<b>CANDIDATE DID NOT MEET DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Do you support the potential development of high-density, vacation rental properties on the south side of the Santa Clara River?	No		No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Do you support the Lake Powell Pipeline?	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Would you support the building of new roads and infrastructure to keep up with the increasing demand of growth, even though it may mean a tax increase?	No		No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Do you support construction of the Northern Corridor?	No		No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

# Washington Candidates

*Please note answers to key questions for these candidates on the top grid on the other side of this flyer.*



My name is Troy Belliston. I grew up in Southern Utah and have built a wonderful family, a great business, and have strived to serve in one form or another for most of my adult life. As a young man I swore an oath to serve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States in service to our country and have sworn that same oath to serve our community four years ago. It's been a true honor to have had the opportunity to serve on the city council over the last four years. I love this community and would appreciate the opportunity to serve again for another term.

**TROY BELLISTON**



I love Washington. I have worked and lived in the Southern Utah area for 19 years. With the current climate of the City growth we need to do it right and plan accordingly. With my 15 years of planning and engineering background, and 2.5 years on planning commission, I can be an asset to the community. As the father of 3 very active boys, I look at them often and wonder about their future. Will our town be better for them than it was for me? I want to make sure that our community continues thriving well into the future.

**CRAIG COATS**



I am a retired Chief of Police and current small business owner. While Chief I had a proven track record of building community trust, creative crime reduction strategies (first in the nation "porch pirate" bait program) and staying within budget every year. I saw first-hand what an effective city council can do for a community and want to serve you in the same way. I am committed to smart and prudent growth for Washington City, expanded economic opportunities including retail and tourism, professional public safety, and greater regional representation for our residents. You can find more about me at [www.goold4washington.com](http://www.goold4washington.com).

**MICHAEL GOOLD**



Asking for your vote is not something that I take lightly. With a lifetime of service and experience as a local teacher, business owner and community leader, I will serve with no conflicts. Conservative common sense, hard work and genuine devotion is what you can expect. Growth, Water and Power Rates are my priorities. Please visit my Website at, [WWW.Ivie4Me.com](http://WWW.Ivie4Me.com). View Endorsements and Watch 20 Videos. Some of their titles are: Leadership, Business, Pros Cons, Water, Memorial Day Speech, Veterans, Commitment, Common Sense, Conservative, Apprised, and Why. My duty will be dictated by, "Not being right, but Doing right !

**KURT IVIE**



There are many reasons why I am running and they are found on the Core Objectives page of my site, [www.benforwashingtoncity.com](http://www.benforwashingtoncity.com). Please visit the site to learn more about me and what I would like to accomplish while in office in Washington City.

**BEN MARTINSEN**



I am running for Washington City Council because we live in an awesome community that's been very good to my family. I want to do my part to keep Washington City great and I see opportunities to make it even better. I also see significant challenges coming before our city. I am seeking a seat on Washington Council because I want to roll up my sleeves and help Washington City continue to thrive.

**MARSHALL SIMMONS**



I'm running because I believe we can do better. I served on the planning commission and a term on the council before choosing to take a break so others could serve, hopeful Washington City was on course. However, since then I've witnessed budgets enlarged, citizens' voices over an off-ramp and zone changes dismissed, flooding issues remain unresolved, and government roll forward unchecked. It's time to get back to representing people and their concerns first. It's time to plan for the future and balance growth with the best interest of citizens at heart. It's time we do better.

**KRESS STAHELI**



I have seen a Big disconnect between city and the Great citizens of Washington. People continue to move in, and we love that, But they never feel a part of a city. And the city government keeps on working, with no feedback. Meanwhile people are not active in government, city or community activities. We Just pass the largest budget request ever In Washington city and nobody was there to voice an opinion. And lifelong residents are thinking that their traditions are being forgotten. My goal is to put the unity back in Community.

**MIKE TATE**



I first got my start with Washington City as a volunteer in 2013, which lead to a job at the Washington City Community Center as the Events Coordinator. I currently serve on the board for the St George Area Chamber of Commerce. In running for city council I want to be involved with current and future developments while also being wise with our city budget. I want to hear our communities concerns and constructive ideas. Community Connection is really important to me and I want to make sure our community is more connected between its citizens and city.

**MARCIA WHITNEY**

# Ivins Candidates



My goal for running for Ivins City Council is simple: to preserve a QUALITY of LIFE that is quickly fading in nearby towns and cities. I support the following: 1. Sustainable Growth to maintain and enforce the dark sky initiative, conserve water resources, and protect our unique view shed. 2. Affordable Housing -- limit two story town homes and encourage plans for single level housing. 3. Stable Revenue and Budget -- continue policy of fiscal restraint, continue responsible planning, and continue to provide quality services. I look forward to earning your vote.

**VALERIE CAZIER**



I moved to Utah in January 1999 to teach at Dixie College. We bought a house in Ivins in 2000 and have lived here since. I am a candidate because making a difference in people's quality of life happens at the local level. We need affordable housing in Washington County so our teachers, police, and firefighters can live in the communities they serve and not have to work two or three extra jobs to make a house payment, clean air initiatives so that the St. George valley doesn't look like SLC in the winter, and frank conversations about water issues.

**SUSAN ERTEL**



I have a strong desire to bring a voice to the Council on current and future needs and growth concerns for Ivins City. Our city is unique and should remain so. Growth is one of the most pressing concerns and I want to help maintain balance while planning for the future with the community's voice in mind. I am semi-retired, with 22 years law enforcement, ranging from a 911 Dispatcher, Volunteer EMT for Dixie Ambulance, and retired as a Lieutenant with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office. I have a bachelor's degree in Bus. Accounting, Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.

**LAURIE FLOISAND**



I am running because I am concerned about our path forward as a city. While growth is important, I see our challenge as: how can we pursue responsible development decisions in compliance with the established guidelines, while preserving the character and atmosphere of Ivins? We need people on City Council who listen to the citizens, are thoughtful in considering all potential solutions to challenges, and can develop a plan to correct the situation. I've spent my career as an engineer; I am creative, I work hard, I'm smart, and I listen intently. I would appreciate your support in the election.

**SUE GORDHAMMER**



I was born, raised, and have lived in Ivins for over 45 years. I have a great love for my community and have served in many ways including: volunteer fire fighter (over 20 years), school volunteer, Heritage Days committee member, Historical Society board member, and presently serving as a member of the Ivins City Council. My reason for running for re-election is to continue serving my community and helping preserve the things that make this place so spectacular and special. I have truly tried to make decisions that will best benefit the entire community now and in the future.

**JENNY JOHNSON**



I am Derek Larsen, and 14 years ago, my wife Andrea and I decided to move to Southern Utah and settled in Ivins, drawn to family-friendly neighborhoods and amazing views. We are raising our children here and love the small-town atmosphere. After starting and growing a successful business I feel inclined to give back to the community that we have grown to love. I believe most problems can and should be solved on the neighborhood level. I hope to be able to assist in smart growth that builds on the heritage and family-friendly neighborhoods that attracted me to Ivins.

**DEREK LARSEN**



Dennis Mehr (Incumbent) has lived in Ivins for 13 years where he has taken an active part in the community through service on Ivins City Council (2016-present), the Planning Commission (2008-2011) as well as other volunteer opportunities. Dennis works in healthcare administration. He is employed by Intermountain Healthcare's Medical Group to oversee outpatient clinics including behavioral health, pediatrics and women's services. He graduated from BYU earning a Master of Public Administration (MPA) and a Bachelor of Science in Economics. He and his wife, Stacie, are the parents of 7 children. They enjoy time with family and the beautiful outdoors.

**DENNIS MEHR**



I am a Fifth Generation resident of Santa Clara who is raising my family in the town I love. I have been a small business owner in Santa Clara for over 20 years and have spent many rewarding hours volunteering here. I love this community and I would like to continue serving my neighbors in a more direct capacity - as your City Councilor. I am interested in working to provide a positive environment for small businesses to thrive in while maintaining a safe community where parents will continue to feel confident in raising their young families.

**DAVID ROBINSON**

*Brandon Sieverts did not provide a bio and photo.*

# Santa Clara Candidates



Fourteen year resident of Santa Clara and business owner. I have chosen to run for City Council because: Recent decisions indicate the voices of residents are often disregarded in favor of monetary gain. While growth is inevitable, it should be managed in a conservative manner, preserving quality of life and access to open spaces. Growth has produced a large surplus which is being invested. I see this as an opportunity to reduce taxes to the citizens of Santa Clara. Government by the has people has become a forgotten concept. I pledge to listen and represent the people of Santa Clara.

**GARY ALLRED**



I am a Fifth Generation resident of Santa Clara who is raising my family in the town I love. I have been a small business owner in Santa Clara for over 20 years and have spent many rewarding hours volunteering here. I love this community and I would like to continue serving my neighbors in a more direct capacity - as your City Councilor. I am interested in working to provide a positive environment for small businesses to thrive in while maintaining a safe community where parents will continue to feel confident in raising their young families.

**RYAN ANDERSON**



Working for a family owned development company designing residential subdivisions and commercial sites, I've gained knowledge and interest in how cities work. This interest has created my desire to run for City Council. I believe that growth should be guided in our city so that we keep the charm of Santa Clara. I believe that Santa Clara Drive needs to be protected so it maintains its small town feel and walkability, as growth on old highway 91 in Ivins increases. I believe that citizens of Santa Clara should have better access to the information being presented at public meetings.

**LOGAN BLAKE**



I am Dennis "Denny" Drake. I am a strong advocate of Southern Utah and especially Santa Clara. I have served on the Planning Commission, as a member of the City Council, and as Mayor of Santa Clara. I have served as a Washington County Commissioner and on a number of county and state boards, such as the governor appointed Community Impact Board. I am familiar with the issues facing our rapidly growing community and feel I can serve the citizens of Santa Clara well. I am conservative by nature and a believer in smart planning. I need your vote.

**DENNY DRAKE**



Craig Harter is originally from Las Vegas, NV. He and his wife (Robin Goodwin, Santa Clara Heights) currently reside in Santa Clara (The Hills) with their five children. Craig is currently employed at Dixie State University where he has over sixteen years experience in both law and higher education. His purpose in running for City Council is to aid continued growth in a manner that will benefit the community while preserving both history and cultural values. His desired purpose is to be an advocate for the Santa Clara residents who feel that their voice has been overlooked in prior years.

**CRAIG HARTER**



Todd Jacobsen is the City Surveyor for the City of St. George, which is one of the fastest growing communities in the country, where he helps to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. He was raised in Kanab and is an Eagle Scout. He completed his schooling at SLCC where he earned his AAS degree in Surveying Technology with High Honors. Todd has lived in Santa Clara for almost 15 years and served as a one of its Planning Commissioner's from 2009-2019. Todd and his wife Brittany have been married 24 years and they have three children.

**TODD JACOBSEN**



I am excited to run for city council to work with the community in honoring our heritage, but also providing a prosperous future for our children. I believe different viewpoints strengthen any community and as the only female candidate I bring a different perspective. I believe there is a responsibility to be good financial stewards and diversify our tax base to minimize the burden on our residents. I would like to strategize with partners to find a workable solution for affordable housing, and I want to promote activities that support a safe and healthy community and enhance quality of life.

**LEINA MATHIS**



I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the Santa Clara City Council the last four years, and truly feel I have made a positive difference in our community. I completed my campaign pledge to improve the city's social media presence, and have helped citizens with their traffic concerns, the condition of their roads, and the impacts of development near them. I'm concerned about future energy costs and sources in Santa Clara, potential tax and fee increases, and how our community will be shaped as the last few parcels are developed. I hold conservative values and have a well-balanced approach to issues.

**JARETT WAITE**



I am Matt Wilber and a resident of beautiful Santa Clara. I love this city and have been welcomed by so many great members of the community. I believe that there is a delicate balance between sustained economic growth and keeping the feel of a small town. Santa Clara is a growing community but keeping our small town heritage is very important. My campaign focuses on moving forward with the past in mind. I have talked to many community members and will serve as the voice of the people and in the best interest of the citizens of Santa Clara.

**MATT WILBER**