

2023 City of Spokane Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate for: Spokane City Council District 2

Name: Katey Treloar

Professional licenses or other relevant professional experience.

I was a public school teacher for nearly a decade. I went on to co-found the non-profit Bite-2-Go (which feeds local kids when they are not at school) then started my own business. I started Executive Function Coaching which helps individuals with ADHD and other neurodiverse diagnoses overcome barriers presented by their executive function skills.

Find more information about the campaign:

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Tell us about your plan for downtown’s recovery...

How will you boost commercial activity downtown?

First and foremost, our downtown must be clean and safe. I am the only candidate in this race endorsed by the union representing our wonderful Spokane Police Officers. On the City Council, I will collaborate closely with SPD and the DSP to ensure safety concerns are addressed.

I support re-initiating the commercial stabilization ordinance. This incentivizes businesses to convert unused space in their office buildings to housing - increasing the number of people downtown.

Downtown needs to be easily accessible. We must ensure that our parking systems, streets, sidewalks, skywalks and alleyways are inviting. This is why I firmly support alleyway activation - and look forward to working with DSP to achieve this goal.

How will you ensure a vibrant downtown experience for people that live, work and visit?

I will collaborate with the Mayor, SPD and DSP to immediately address issues that affect downtown. If the City Council is going to support downtown they need to spend time downtown. I will regularly walk the streets of our downtown and speak with business owners and employees to hear about what’s going right, what needs work, and get ideas for the future.

How will you support new housing development downtown, especially for “missing middle”?

I support reinstating the commercial stabilization program. This incentivizes businesses to convert empty office space into affordable housing downtown. We must also address our large surface parking lot space and create policy that allows for infill and greater density.

How will you address public safety in downtown Spokane?

The Spokane Police Department is about 100 officers short of the national average for a city our size. In order for SPD to work most effectively, they must have adequate staffing. Funding additional positions

for our Police Department is a top priority for me. I will then work with the SPD to make sure they have the equipment and ability to do their job well.

What do you believe should be the City's role in addressing homelessness, mental illness and substance use on the streets of downtown Spokane?

We are experiencing a homelessness crisis in Spokane. I support transitioning to a regional, navigation centered approach in an effort to decrease homelessness in Spokane. This will be accomplished by creating a regional authority that is independent from the Mayor's office and City Council. All county-wide issues and funding regarding homelessness will be filtered through the authority. This model has shown great success in places like Houston, where they decreased homelessness by double digits. Spokane can accomplish this success too.

Investing in a clean and safe downtown is essential to attracting new businesses as well as workers, visitors, and residents. Given the fragile state of downtown's revitalization, how should the City of Spokane prioritize funding downtown recovery in its budget?

Downtown is the heart of our city. It's where residents go to have fun and where our visitors stay. Downtown is also one of the main sources of revenue for the City of Spokane. Funding downtown recovery and revitalization is a top priority and necessity for the vibrancy of our entire city.

Is there any additional information you would like to share about your candidacy that you were unable to provide in the above responses?

I am the only independent candidate in this race and I am the only woman in this race. As a former Spokane Public School teacher, non-profit co-founder, and executive function coach who specializes in assisting those with ADHD and other neurodiverse diagnosis, I am the best choice in this race. I will bring people together at City Hall and implement real solutions for Spokane.

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