



DISTRICT 3 (NORTHWEST)

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Before we dive in, tell us a little about what you think about downtown Spokane.

What's your favorite restaurant or small business in downtown Spokane—or somewhere you spend a lot of time?

I love going downtown with my friends and family whether it's a concert, show, sporting event, street festival, or community event in the park. There is always something to do. I regularly end up in Riverfront Park and enjoy exploring new places like Jupiter's Eye, Griffin Tavern, and Q Lounge.

What is downtown's greatest asset?

Downtown's greatest asset is the proximity of urban amenities to amazing access to nature with all the dedicated people who work to make a vibrant community.

What is downtown's greatest challenge?

Downtown's needs are unique compared to other neighborhoods in Spokane. There are real challenges and impacts from drug addiction and homelessness that are struggles for businesses, residents, and visitors.

Each of the following questions were developed through the lens of DSP's five core policy priority areas:

1. Cultivate commercial activity downtown: Supporting employees on their return to work downtown is a priority for DSP because a steady and consistent flow of people eating, drinking, and shopping is essential to supporting our small businesses and a vibrant downtown. What specific partnerships, incentives, or infrastructure investments would you pursue to support and attract new commercial activity downtown?

Downtown Spokane is the heart of our city's economy and culture. To help bring workers, customers, and visitors back downtown, I support smart investments in walkability, public transportation, a vibrant mix of events and attractions, improvements in cleanliness and safety. I'm also interested in looking into creating a hospitality zone for downtown. I support partnerships between the City and private property owners to activate storefronts and attract small businesses with pop-ups and pilot projects. I secured funding for additional attractions like alleyway activation. Transportation is also a key issue to make downtown an attractive destination, requiring partnerships for several different modes of

transportation from cars to buses to walking and biking. I support investments to the infrastructure to make it more walkable and accessible for everyone.

2. Enhance a vibrant downtown experience: Essential services downtown like graffiti abatement, litter collection, landscaping, street sweeping, snow removal, etc. are especially important to ensure a clean and welcoming downtown. How will you ensure a vibrant downtown experience for people that live, work and visit?

Clean, safe, and beautiful public spaces are a necessity to a vibrant economy. I've supported increasing funding for additional city clean teams and additional partnership contracts for graffiti removal, trash pickup, and cleaning. I'll keep pushing for fast and consistent response times. I also support coordinating closely with DSP and community groups to deploy street ambassadors or neighborhood clean-up crews that provide both maintenance and a welcoming presence downtown. Beautification projects like lighting, murals, and landscaping aren't just aesthetic, they make downtown feel more alive and worth investing in.

3. Build and expand housing options of all types, for all incomes: A growing downtown population supports economic vitality and community resilience. Achieving our goal of new housing units requires bold action, especially to support middle-income and workforce housing. How would you support these efforts?

We need to create housing options that work for everyone from working professionals, to young families, and retirees. I have supported zoning reforms that incentivize building mixed-income housing downtown, such as Pavement to People and Commercial Conversion. I also support using incentives like the Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE), with affordability requirements, to make it financially viable for developers to build workforce housing. I'll work with nonprofits and developers to reduce barriers and streamline approval processes without compromising on quality or community input.

4. Improve public safety, deter crime and negative behavior: A safe, secure, and welcoming downtown is critical for everyone, but concerns about public safety are a top theme we hear from residents across the city. How will you address public safety concerns and perceptions in downtown Spokane?

Public safety is essential to a thriving downtown. That means having a visible presence from police and behavioral health teams, but also addressing the root causes of crime. I believe it is critical to have conversations to understand the unique needs of downtown. That is why I have supported making amendments to legislation to address those needs, such as ensuring that all people have access to safe passage on the public right of way by prohibiting obstruction 24 hours a day. I've advocated for increased cameras and security for downtown. I've also voted to ban open drug use to the extent allowed by state law. While many local ordinances are in place, we need to make sure we have the resources to implement them and prevent people from committing crime and repeating offenses in the future. I support regional conversations on improving the jail and building facilities to address mental health crises. I'm also interested in creating a Street Response Department for behavioral health teams. Downtown needs to feel safe at all hours for employees, residents, and visitors alike.

5. Support funding, facilities and services for people to get the help they need: Homelessness and open drug use is a crisis in Spokane. What role should the city play in addressing homelessness and behavioral health challenges downtown?

The City must be a leader in addressing homelessness and behavioral health, not just reactively, but proactively. I support funding for more shelter space, transitional housing, and 24/7 low-barrier services scattered throughout the city and not concentrated in one neighborhood or downtown. We can create a dedicated department for street response teams trained in mental health and addiction, and long-term partnerships with providers that offer case management, job training, and medical care. We also need to advocate for stronger state and federal support, because the City can't carry this burden alone. A compassionate, coordinated approach is critical not only for the health of our neighbors in crisis, but for the future of downtown as a place where everyone can feel safe and supported.

Given the fragile state of downtown's recovery, what is the role of the city in getting people the help they need while fostering economic revitalization?

The City needs to do both at the same time. Helping people get off the streets and into stable housing or treatment is part of making downtown cleaner, safer, and more inviting. That's not separate from economic recovery. It's part of it. We need to invest in services that actually work, like behavioral health outreach, navigation, shelters, and housing with support staff. Getting people the help they need is part of economic revitalization, but it isn't the only thing the City can do. At the same time, we have to make it easier for small businesses to succeed downtown. That means keeping public spaces clean and safe, improving lighting and transit, and supporting events that bring people back into the area. We also reduce barriers for businesses and organizers to be able to implement their creative ideas to bring in business, such as relaxing regulations on beer gardens, sip and stroll, and street closures.

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

Downtown Spokane is an incredible place. I love bragging to my friends from all different parts of the world about how great Spokane is and that is largely due to our downtown. I frequently go downtown with my family and friends for entertainment, work, and recreation. Spokane is not unique in the struggles that we face with an opioid epidemic and housing affordability. I've always been a council member who shows up and has a conversation with everyone - even when we disagree. I believe the more we communicate, the more understanding we have of each other and get better policy and results for everyone. I'm running to continue working on these issues and am committed to working with downtown stakeholders to make Spokane a better place to live, work, and visit.



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Past President for Meals-On-Wheels, Spokane Salary Review Commissioner, Past Spokane Water Conservancy Commissioner, Spokane Community Assembly, Spokane Neighborhood Council, Past Facility/Warehouse Manager for Project Beauty Share, WA Water Rights, OPMA Certification.

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Riverfront Park

What is downtown's greatest challenge?

30% Vacancy Rate and The Homeless

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Free parking can be provided as an economic incentive to bring more people downtown to patronize local businesses. This would be offered during certain slower business hours and used temporarily to encourage new visitors, while we also work toward long-term solutions to make parking more affordable throughout the downtown corridor, which is one of the top concerns we hear from the community. Repaving and revitalizing downtown alleys with new asphalt and public art would transform them into safe pedestrian corridors and gallery-like spaces, replacing negative activities with positive ones. To strengthen these efforts, we would partner with organizations such as DSP, GSI, and the SBA, as well as our local universities. Partnerships with the universities can also create easier ways for students to engage downtown, through improvements such as dedicated pedestrian routes, competently designed bike paths, and better transportation connections.

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

Making sure the DSP organization is fully funded as a Business Improvement District so they can provide these services at the best level possible showing a clean and vibrant downtown that can be accessed by all. We can also create a "Hospitality Zone" that has larger enforcement measures that can be utilized so that people coming downtown can be safe.

3. Build and expand housing options of all types, for all incomes: A growing downtown population supports economic vitality and community resilience. Achieving our goal of new housing units requires bold action, especially to support middle-income and workforce housing. How would you support these efforts?

We need less regulations on what can be built downtown so that we can build what the market requires which is, more middle income to workforce housing. Expanding height limits, as well cleaning up our Spokane Municipal Code regarding building codes which can help create the housing we are looking for.

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By collaborating with DSP to create a Hospitality Zone, as many organizations have repeatedly asked City Council to do, we can make downtown safer and more welcoming. We can also reform Proposition 1, which stops camping within 1,000 feet of parks, schools, and daycares and was passed by 74 percent of the voters, to its original state and enumerate it into our City Charter, giving Spokane Police stronger tools to do their job.

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We need to change our contract service providers from Catholic Charities and Jewel's Helping Hands to non-profits that show metrics of helping people out of their current states of Homelessness. Organizations like UGM and Adult Teen Challenge have great potential because they not only help people out of homelessness and addiction, but they do it with a high success rate, showing the metrics needed to back up what they are saying. We need more organizations like these that provide metrics and show that they are actively helping solve the problem and not making it worse.

Given the fragile state of downtown's recovery, what is the role of the city in getting people the help they need while fostering economic revitalization?

The city's role in getting people the help they need while fostering economic revitalization is paramount in addressing our crises of Public Safety, Homelessness, and Affordability downtown.

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We have raised over \$48,000 so far. We have also doorbelled over 4000 doors with more on the way. The Savage For Spokane Campaign is going strong and is putting the pressure on the incumbent. I

have attended every forum that I have been invited to. I have met and responded to all texts/phone calls received to show the citizens of District #3 that I will be accessible to them far more than their current council member who rarely answers his emails, or responds to his constituents in a respectful manner. I have attended over 230 City Council Meetings and have testified at those meetings over 40 times showing my knowledge and know-how on various ordinances and resolutions that have come through those chambers. I am a city council expert with many years of experience seeing the process of our local government. What that shows is you are getting a person who will hit the ground running when in office representing his district, community, and businesses to the best of his abilities. I will be a dedicated advocate for our people and our businesses that is currently not seen on our city council. I will defend our community and would be honored to represent District 3. This seat belongs to the people.