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Help us get to know you, what is your favorite event or small business downtown?

There's so many places downtown that I like, it would be a disservice to single out just one. Instead, I'll talk about what I love as a whole. I helped open Glow Children Early Learning and Lumen High School there, and I am proud of that work. What I love most is the movement of it all, the stores, the restaurants, Riverfront Park, catching a show at the Fox Theater or a set at Spokane Comedy Club. Whatever the interest, there's always something to do downtown. I want to keep building on that and showcasing it, so we can bring in more tourism and grow the local economy.

Cultivate Commercial Activity: Downtown depends on attracting investment, supporting businesses, and creating a place where people want to live, work, shop, and visit. What policies or investments would you prioritize to strengthen downtown's economic vitality?

Downtown thrives when we put real money behind what already works, and tourism is at the top of that list, for me. Every dollar we spend bringing people downtown for events, art, food, and nightlife comes back to us many times over in jobs and in local spending. I also want to make it easier to build here. Current regulations make it too hard and too slow for someone to open a business or build housing. I understand none of that works if people don't feel safe walking downtown, so public safety has to be part of the same conversation.

Enhance a Vibrant Experience: Maintaining public spaces, investing in infrastructure, and enhancing accessibility contribute to downtown's long-term success. What role will your office play in maintaining and enhancing the public spaces and infrastructure that support a vibrant downtown?

I plan to focus on being a direct line between the state and the people doing the work everyday. That means fighting for state infrastructure dollars for public spaces, sidewalks, and transit connections, and making sure Spokane isn't overlooked in favor of the west side. I'm focused on showing up, listening to what's actually needed, and following through with state resources.



Build and Expand Housing Options: A growing downtown population supports economic vitality and community resilience. Achieving our goal of 3,000 new housing units over the next 10 years will require reducing barriers to development and expanding housing options. What policies or actions would you support to build more housing downtown?

One of the biggest opportunities I see is turning vacant office space downtown into housing. We have buildings sitting empty while we're short thousands of units. I want to work directly with developers to figure out what it takes to make those conversions pencil out. That might be in the form of state tax incentives, financing tools, or code flexibility for adaptive reuse.

Improve Public Safety: Improving public safety requires balancing enforcement, prevention, and long-term community investment. How would you approach those priorities in supporting a safe and welcoming downtown?

I believe in compassion and effectiveness when it comes to supporting our unhoused population. That means backing housing-first approaches that have a proven track record, and funding programs with measurable progress. I support behavioral health crisis response so police aren't the only option when someone is in crisis. I also believe we need to take into account everyone who runs a business, holds events, works or visits downtown. Solutions have to work for all of us.

Support Funding, Facilities, and Services for People to Get the Help They Need: Addressing homelessness, behavioral health, and substance use requires coordination across multiple levels of government. Recently, the Safe & Healthy Spokane Task Force released a set of recommendations to improve public safety, behavioral health, housing, and system coordination. If additional public resources become available, what investments related to the Safe & Healthy Spokane Task Force recommendations would you prioritize?

If more resources become available, I'd prioritize the Task Force's recommendations around behavioral health treatment capacity and housing approaches. Coordination between the state, county, and city has to be part of any new investment. As a legislator, I would look to the Task Force to help guide prioritization.

Setting the Foundation: Public resources are limited, and elected officials are often required to balance competing priorities when making investment decisions. How do you evaluate competing funding priorities, and what principles would guide your decisions when investments affect downtown Spokane?

I evaluate competing priorities by asking who gets left out if we don't act, and what the long-term cost is of waiting. Downtown investments matter because a strong downtown supports the whole region's economy. We have big issues like housing, behavioral health, and public safety that we need to solve together. My plan is to help knock out the wins as we are collectively work on those long term issues.



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

I believe we can move up on the list of best cities in America. We have a lot going for us as a city and it starts with Downtown. As a small business owner and as a frequent visitor of Downtown, I am committed to doing everything as a legislator to help us reach our full potential. I have built strong relationships here in Spokane and in Olympia and will be ready on day one to help deliver wins for our region. Please feel free to email me at info@electluc.org.



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