



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES 2018

The Bend Neighborhood Coalition asked the candidates for City Council and Mayor to address several issues affecting neighborhood livability. We said we would circulate their answers, as written, to our members and other interested citizens. Here are the responses from one candidate.

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1) **Name:** Gena Goodman-Campbell

2) **What do you see as the main threats to the livability of Bend's neighborhoods as the City grows?**

Decreasing affordability for the majority of people who live and work here, decreasing safety, a lack of efficient transportation options, traffic, noise, and decreasing access to services and amenities.

3) **What changes in City policies do you support to address those threats?**

I support policy changes that will:

- Create more options for affordable housing to meet the needs of Bend's citizens
- Ensure everyone has access to safe and efficient transportation options
- Make the best use of the land we have available in our city to avoid costly sprawl and building infrastructure we can't afford to maintain

4) **On which of these issues do you expect to take a leadership role on Council.**

I will lead on affordable housing, transportation, and quality growth for our future.

5) **Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following:**

a) Establishing parking districts in areas where nearby uses create excessive demand by non-residents

Agree Somewhat

b) Creating neighborhood compatibility zones to buffer residential areas from the offsite impacts of adjoining commercial and mixed use areas (through a step-down in permitted uses)

Agree Somewhat

c) Establishing a university district to concentrate campus-related development in adjoining mixed use zones, while protecting the character of nearby residential neighborhoods

Agree Somewhat

d) Terminating the ability to transfer non-conforming short-term rental permits on sale of the property

Agree strongly

- e) Planning for one or more entertainment districts where outdoor amplified music and late-night entertainment is concentrated and allowed to operate under more relaxed guidelines

Agree Somewhat

- f) Developing code regulating events on private property (e.g., duration, frequency, proximity to other uses, requirements for parking, public safety, etc.)

Agree Somewhat

- g) Reducing decibel levels in the noise ordinance to more closely match other cities

Agree Somewhat

- h) Adopting an occupancy limit or high occupancy permit as a means of avoiding single family homes being used as rooming houses or stealth dorms

Disagree somewhat

6) How can the impacts of tourism be mitigated to protect the quality of life for Bend's residents?

I support using some of the revenue generated by the transient room tax on "tourism-related facilities" that would mitigate some of the impacts of tourism while also benefiting locals. For example, I would work with Bend Parks and Recreation to develop a connected system of walking and biking trails to help get tourists out of their cars and off our roads.

7) Do you believe the STR code passed in 2015 has successfully curbed the loss of inventory of residential homes to tourist use? What improvements to that code would you support?

No, I do not believe the STR code passed in 2015 sufficiently curbed the loss of residential homes. I would look at what other communities in Oregon (such as Hood River) are doing to address this problem and use ideas from these examples to create a policy that will be better for Bend.

8) What changes to the role of the elected mayor should be made to better address the City's needs?

The role of elected mayor should fill the need of engaging and representing the people of Bend rather than special interests.