

1. What do you think the two most pressing issues are for youth and their Families?

Housing is at the root of many issues in Flagstaff and without attainable housing, families struggle to afford living here. The cost of living in Flagstaff is higher than the national average. If elected, I would work with city, state, developers and the community to encourage affordable housing development on city and private land. Second to the cost of housing, utilities are an additional expense. Green Building is one way to decrease this monthly cost. Furthermore, high paying jobs are at a premium in Flagstaff. Many service industry jobs pay minimum wages I support prop 414 to continue raising to \$15.50. Additionally, attracting new and sustainable industries is a top priority.

2. What do you believe the role of elected officials is in their communities when it comes to serving and advocating for children and youth?

I believe the role of elected officials is to serve all members of their community and support their needs. Elected officials should have their values and concerns reflected through the policies they pass and the programs they advocate for. I personally plan to have a focus on the needs and voices of our youth and appreciate the work that CCC&Y does for our community. I am an educator with two degrees in education and firmly believe that the kids are our future. I plan to use city hall as a classroom to educate and empower the future generations.

3. Within the duties of your elected office, how can you support the children and families of our community? If elected, how will this be expressed in your agenda?

As a member of City Council, I would advocate for the City to continue funding CCC&Y. I would collaborate with CCC&Y, County, FUSD, HCIC and others to see how we could better support the organization and the members being served. I also plan to establish a Youth Commission at the city to educate the next generation on how to lead their peers in government. The voices of our youth should be listened to and they should be empowered to take action. I look forward to teaching kids the tools of government and how to influence change. The youth is our future and us representatives need to understand this.

4. How would you, as an elected official, support an equitable school system for ALL students, cradle to career? As 90% of human brain development happens by age 5, please additionally share your thoughts on early childhood education and its role in the educational system.

Early childhood education is crucial to a thriving community. I would publicly support schools and efforts to increase funding. I am a big advocate for the #RedforEd movement and others. I would work hard to ensure that families can afford to live here in Flagstaff allowing them to spend more time with their young kids and provide a balanced upbringing. I also advocate for public parks to provide neighborhoods with recreation areas for their families to enjoy.

5. As childhood abuse, neglect and foster care continue to be major issues in Arizona, what prevention and trauma response strategies do you support for our child welfare system, the Department of Child Safety and/or our local communities? How would you propose using local, state and federal funds to improve outcomes for youth experiencing foster care or additionally, work toward prevention of child abuse in our communities?

As a member of city council I would advocate support for after school programs and community groups that work with children and families. Groups such as NACA who work with helping suicide prevention. I would also work closely with FUSD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Liaison to do my best to help homeless youth and families find housing in town.

6. Lastly, please feel free to share any further information with voters.

Youth are our future and we need to do everything we can to set them up for success. I look forward to representing you at the city level and want to hear from you. Please reach out if you ever have any questions or comments. I appreciate your time.