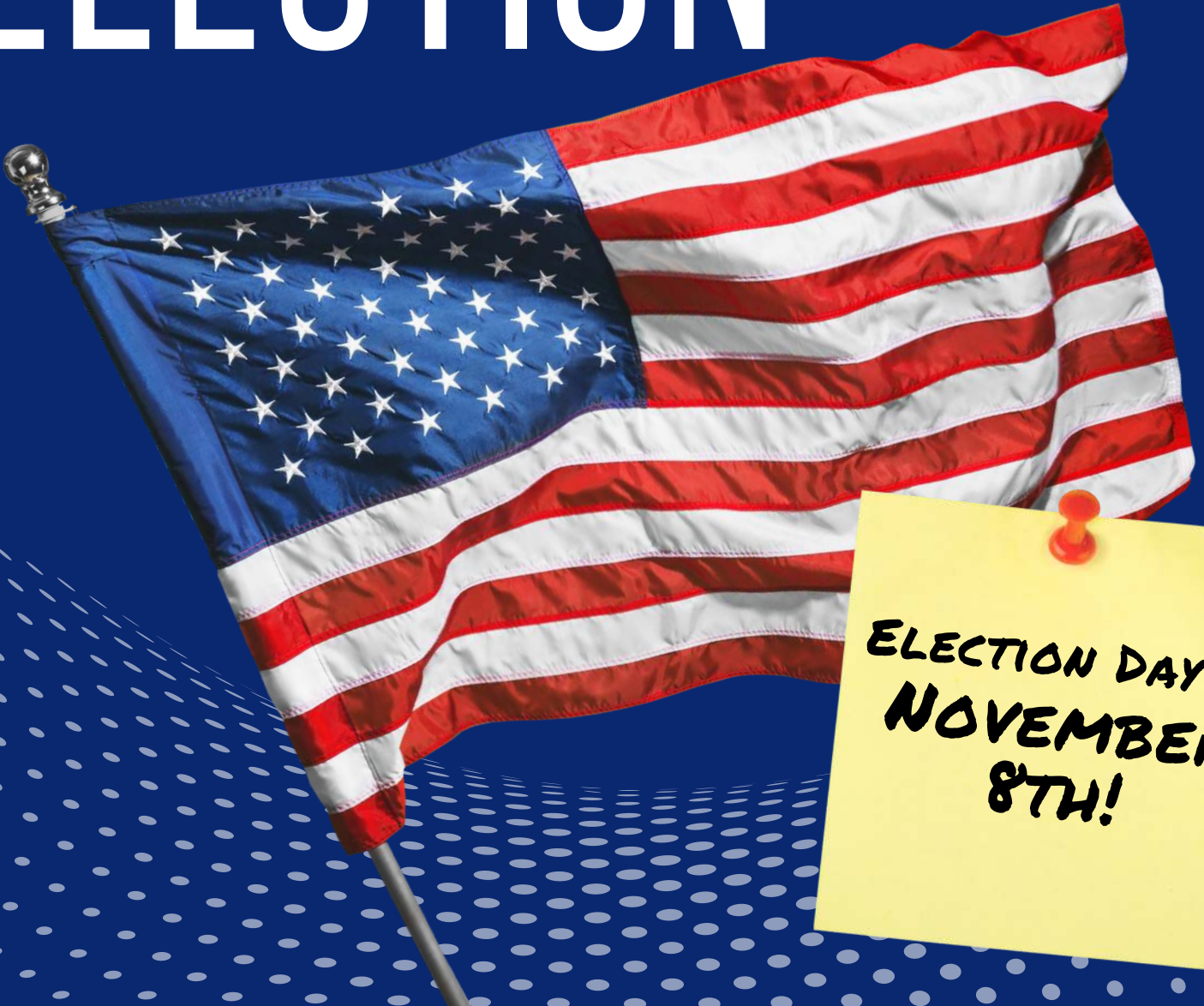


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2022 Candidate Endorsements

The candidates listed on the last page have been endorsed by the Good Government Council, the political action affiliate of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce. These endorsements were made after interviews with all candidates who made themselves available for interviews with the GGC.

The GGC is non-partisan. Some of the questions taken into consideration when recommending a local candidate include, but are not limited to: does the candidate understand and support the concerns of Albany businesses, are they favorable of a competitive business climate in Albany, and will they be effective leaders and policy makers.





To Our Valued Members:

On behalf of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce I am pleased to present the 2022 Albany Area Chamber Voters' Guide. The purpose of this Voters' Guide is to identify issues that matter to you, your business, and the community, letting the candidates explain where they stand on these issues.

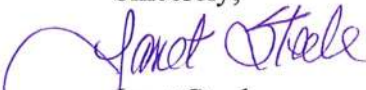
Albany city council and mayor candidates were emailed a set of written questions developed by the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee. All answers are printed as submitted. To keep everything uniform all fonts and sizes are the same.

Special notice is also provided at the end of this Voters' Guide for those candidates that have been endorsed by the Chamber's PAC, the **Good Government Council**. The GGC invited all candidates to interview and all candidates who were interviewed were asked the same questions. Endorsed candidates were selected for their knowledge of the issues, leadership abilities, understanding of business needs and the economy, and their vision for the Albany area.

Pandemic influences, high inflation, and staffing issues are impacting all of us. Now more than ever, helping to bring economic prosperity for our citizens and community by retaining and creating jobs is a priority for the Albany Area Chamber. And electing pro-jobs/pro-business candidates that will listen and work with the Chamber and business community is extremely important.

As always, I thank you for your continued support of the Albany Area Chamber, together we are doing what no one business or individual can do alone.

Sincerely,


Janet Steele,
President

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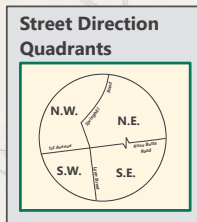
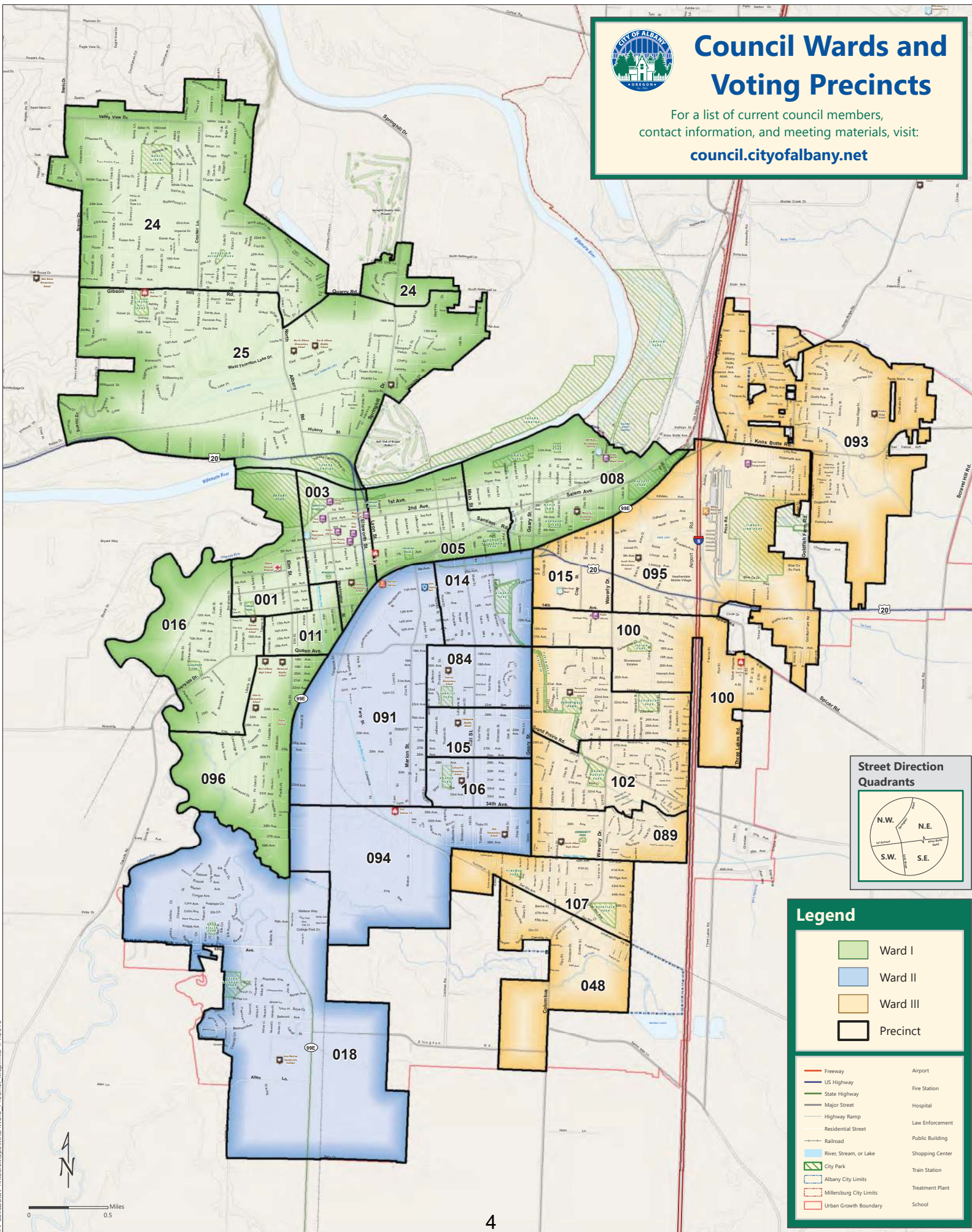
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Council Wards and Voting Precincts

For a list of current council members, contact information, and meeting materials, visit: council.cityofalbany.net



Legend

- Ward I (Green)
- Ward II (Blue)
- Ward III (Yellow)
- Precinct (Black outline)

	Freeway		Airport
	US Highway		Fire Station
	State Highway		Hospital
	Major Street		Law Enforcement
	Highway Ramp		Public Building
	Residential Street		Shopping Center
	Railroad		Train Station
	River, Stream, or Lake		Treatment Plant
	City Park		School
	Albany City Limits		
	Millsburg City Limits		
	Urban Growth Boundary		

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MAYOR

Question 1: Why are you running for the Albany City Council or Mayor?

Alex Johnson II

I am running for re-election to continue the work I started during my first term. As Albany's Mayor, I have demonstrated that elected officials must be accessible, interactive, responsive and transparent.

Question 2: As a City Councilor, what one principle would inform your decision-making process and vote?

Alex Johnson II

Integrity will serve as a cornerstone of my decision-making process and vote. I will exercise due-diligence by gathering information from stakeholders and city staff prior to casting my vote.

Question 3: What do you see as the top three issues facing the City of Albany and why?

Alex Johnson II

If re-elected, I will continue to focus on the following three issues:

1. Living Wage Jobs
2. Housing Affordability
3. Infrastructure

Question 4: Housing affordability is critical to our community's success. How do you plan to ensure Albany remains an affordable place to live?

Alex Johnson II

I established the Housing Affordability Task Force to look at every aspect of our housing apparatus to determine which areas/processes can be improved to encourage the development community to build smaller homes in Albany. As a result, System Development Charges are now tiered to make it more cost effective to build smaller homes and different housing types. I will ensure continued periodic reviews and updates of processes and systems. Furthermore, I will continue to recruit, interview and appoint community members to participate on our Citizen Advisory Groups.

Question 5: Considering our communities housing affordability concerns how will you balance the city's increasing labor costs, demands for city services, and keep costs down for residents and businesses?

Alex Johnson II

I will continue to look for opportunities to improve efficiencies in internal city processes and systems to ensure city services are provided in a timely manner until our staffing levels improve. As stated in question 4, we have tiered our SDC's to entice builders and developers to build smaller homes and multi-family units to increase the supply of smaller residential offerings for buyers and renters. As the supply increases more and more people will have more options to meet their housing needs. I will continue to work with business owners, Chamber and stakeholders on issues they are facing in the current economic climate.

Question 6: What specific issue, challenge, or concern are you interested in solving while serving on the City Council and why?

Alex Johnson II

The issue I addressed during my current term office is and will continue to be housing affordability. I will continue working on housing affordability including workforce and low income housing needed in Albany, However, I will be turning more of my attention to economic development including business recruitment and expansion.

Question 7: As a City Councilor would you support regulating or restricting the use of natural gas in homes in business. Why or why not?

Alex Johnson II

I believe natural gas is already regulated by Federal and State government. I do not foresee any reason for Albany to get into the business of regulating natural gas. I have no intention to restrict the use of natural gas.

Question 8: How would you involve and work with the Albany Area Chamber and business community on issues that impact the business environment and economic development?

Alex Johnson II

I will continue to work with our business community, Chamber and stakeholders on issues they are facing in the current economic climate to improve the business environment and economic development. The creation of an Economic Development Commission will significantly improve the opportunities to engage and establish a resource for current business retention and future business recruitment center of excellence.

CITY COUNCIL

Question 1: Why are you running for the Albany City Council or Mayor?

WARD 1

Greg Hamann

I love Albany and since retiring from LBCC have been looking for an opportunity to continue to serve this community. Being a part of the City Council is a meaningful way for me to use my skills and experience to benefit this City that is ours.

Steph Newton

As a parent and small business owner, I want to ensure that our community continues to offer the feeling of community, safety, and opportunity for generations to come. I wish for our city to grow while continuing to focus on the parts of Albany that make it great so that we can share it with our children and anyone who may look to Albany as a place to grow their own family. I think that what we do today will have an impact for decades to come and I want to roll up my sleeves and be part of creating an Albany all can thrive in and call home.

Dick Olsen

No response provided.

Matthew E Prudell

No response provided.

WARD 2

Josiah Blaisdell

I am running for Albany City Council to provide objective and tech-savvy support for policies that promote:

1. A high quality of life
2. Resilient neighborhoods
3. Balanced economic growth
4. equitable public services.

All residents of Albany, regardless of sex, disability, race, religion, sexuality, criminal history, or veterans' status who are willing and able to follow the rules and procedures to have their voice heard should be listened to. I want to lend an ear. By diversifying the voices, we listen to; we can more clearly identify hazards, mitigate risks and build resilience in our city.

Jackie Montague

I am running for City Council so I can work to set policies that will help Albany grow responsibly while supporting and maintaining the things that make our community a great place to live. If elected, I will advocate for efficiency, cost-effectiveness, equity, and improved access in our city services. I will prioritize listening to community members to better understand what they value about Albany and what changes they would like to see. I love living here and I am committed to doing my part to make sure Albany continues to grow and change to meet the challenges of the future.

WARD 3

Bessie Johnson

I am running for City Council because I really love representing the citizens of Albany. I enjoy learning about the issues that come before us and being able to be a part in the decision making. Experience that I have allows me to be able to ask the questions others may be thinking.

Ramycia McGhee

Being in Albany these past five years has been a wonderful experience and I want to continue to enhance this through serving on the city council. Serving on the city council will allow me to identify areas of and for improvement, be the voice of constituents in Ward 3, and enact change that will benefit the city and residents of Albany. Moreover, I am running for Albany City Council because I care about the place I have called home for the past five years, the people in this community deserve a city councilor and city council as a whole who will hear, actively listen, and address their concerns, who will do what is the best interest of our city and who will be nimble and aggressive to ensure a bright future of Albany!

Bryan Munson

“All it takes for evil to prevail is good men to do nothing.” A neighbor that volunteers for several things, including as a poll watcher, asked me to run. I asked my wife, people involved in local, state, and federal politics-all encourage me to run.

Question 2: As a City Councilor what one principle would inform your decision-making process and vote?

WARD 1

Greg Hamann

I believe that Collaborative Leadership, working with Engaged Citizens, will lead us in the direction that is best for all of us. I believe I have the experience as a collaborative leader and I would be eager to work with the Chamber and others who represent our engaged citizens to make sure decisions are both well-informed and well-understood.

Steph Newton

Transparency. I believe that including the voices and concerns of residents in the decision-making process ensures that the decisions we make are those needed most by the community. Making sure to maintain communication with residents ensures that city councilors are accountable to those who elected them to represent them.

Dick Olsen

No response provided.

Matthew E Prudell

No response provided.

WARD 2

Josiah Blaisdell

Business and commerce are a cornerstone of long-term sustainable growth in Albany that should be checked and balanced by accessible and functional public services.

Jackie Montague

As a certified change practitioner, I have a deep knowledge of processes and how to facilitate people through change. When making decisions, I will consider how the choices presented would impact the entire city both now and into the future.

WARD 3

Bessie Johnson

My ability to listen. I listen to all sides of an issue, ask questions for clarification and then make the best decision I can. I have found in some instances that I wasn't aware of some pertinent information and have had my mind changed. I also know there are laws and procedures that have to be followed and a sworn oath to keep.

Ramycia McGhee

One principle that would inform my decision making process and vote is the maintaining of a balanced city budget and residents needs.

Bryan Munson

Liberty. We have seen government overreach in the past few years and the devastation it had on local businesses.

Question 3: What do you see as the top three issues facing the City of Albany and why?

WARD 1

Greg Hamann

Economic Opportunity – Quality of life depends on having quality a job, and the quality of our community depends on having businesses that can create those quality jobs. We as a City need to foster an environment where business can thrive.

Skilled Workforce – Quality Jobs require quality skills, and the City needs to work with both business and education partners to ensure that people can gain those skills right here in our own community.

Available and Affordable Housing – Having a safe, comfortable, and affordable place to live is something that every one of us needs, and deserves.

Steph Newton

Rising Housing Costs: We are continuing to see rising housing costs and a lack of housing available. In order to grow Albany and make it a place where our community can thrive we need to make sure that people are able to find affordable housing to live in.

Transportation: A lack of transportation impacts the way people spend money as well as our community's ability to make sure services are able to be accessed by those most in need. It also opens up traffic to our small businesses which in turn increases economic revenue for these businesses.

Public Safety: Making sure to focus on creating safer roads and sidewalks keeps not only our children but everyone safe.

Dick Olsen

No response provided.

Matthew E Prudell

No response provided.

WARD 2

Josiah Blaisdell

- 1) Improving the quality and accessibility of our public services, including rail, public transit, roads, and sidewalks. This includes improving communication with the public for why this is valuable.
- 2) Reducing the number of homeless people in Albany by attracting organizations that have creative, compassionate, and open-minded approaches to meeting the needs of homeless people.
- 3) Balancing housing affordability with long term sustainable growth.

Jackie Montague

Growth – Albany grew by almost 40% in the past 20 years and is on track to reach almost 80,000 citizens in 2040.

Housing Affordability – Maintaining affordability while meeting the increase in demand

Infrastructure – Maintaining increase in city services needed without overly increasing the burden to taxpayers

WARD 3

Bessie Johnson

Homelessness, drugs and mental health, and the unfunded mandates the Legislature passes along with the terrible laws like the decriminalizing of drugs making it impossible for our police to do their jobs to keep our city a safe place to live.

Ramycia McGhee

The top three issues I see facing Albany are infrastructure, housing, and the lack of engagement of our youth and retired/senior communities. Due to Albany's steady population growth, it is essential that we have an infrastructure that can meet that growth. Furthermore, because of this rapid growth we must exhaust all options from homeownership to transitional housing, and lastly to affordable apartment rentals for all Albany residents is imperative, and the East Albany plan in Ward 3 aims to do just that and more. Lastly, we need a formal platform to hear and address the needs and concerns of our youth in this community, as well as utilizing our retirees and senior communities through mentoring our youth, volunteer opportunities and more.

Bryan Munson

Homelessness. Look at Portland and Salem to see the consequences of homelessness run amuck.

Taxation. I work in process improvement, essentially eliminating waste. Every process can be improved but it seems that governing bodies resort to throwing money at problems or blame the lack of funding.

Infrastructure. Government's main duty is to do things private industry cannot, and our infrastructure is showing their age. Everyone benefits from a solid infrastructure, and it is required for businesses to operate efficiently.

Question 4: Housing affordability is critical to our community's success. How do you plan to ensure Albany remains an affordable place to live?

WARD 1

Greg Hamann

When demand exceeds supply the price goes up, and this principle certainly applies to housing. Our best approach to addressing housing affordability is to increase the supply of housing in all of the market ranges that the people in our community need. Making buildable land available, reducing development costs and timelines, and streamlining permitting processes are all things that the City should consider to increase the quantity - and reduce the cost – of Albany's housing.

Steph Newton

I want to make sure we are building housing for all stages of life. This allows people to invest in housing that fits their current family size now so that in the future they can take that equity and invest it in a bigger home as their families continue to grow. I also want to make sure to continue to grow our economy by focusing on creating opportunities for local businesses to grow and expand as well as creating programs that promote small business owners and their businesses.

Dick Olsen

No response provided.

Matthew E Prudell

No response provided.

WARD 2

Josiah Blaisdell

- 1) Eliminating barriers for developers interested in building housing and businesses in Albany.
- 2) Finding creative solutions (multi-family housing, tiny home village) for people to live and save for home ownership or retirement.
- 3) Incorporating the voices of historically disadvantaged groups in the decision-making process for housing development.

Jackie Montague

Working with the Housing Affordability Task Force to come up with and implement strategies to address housing affordability. These strategies include using code changes, like density requirements, and incentives to increase inventory of affordable housing.

WARD 3

Bessie Johnson

I feel that the city needs to continue working to bring in new businesses. We need to have a trained workforce and the businesses to provide living wages. This will keep workers here where they will pay taxes, shop in our stores and grow our community. Also, the city needs to work with developers who will continue building the housing infill which hopefully will provide affordable housing prices.

Ramcyia McGhee

In an effort to ensure Albany remains an affordable place to live, we need to attract bigger business while supporting small businesses in the community and continue to develop holistic housing solutions that meet people's needs.

Bryan Munson

Building regulations should establish a functional baseline for housing and anything beyond that needs to be scrutinized for its value. Punitive rules and regulations need to be identified, evaluated, and removed. Local government costs need to be challenged and improved upon which will bring down taxes.

Question 5: Considering our communities housing affordability concerns how will you balance the city’s increasing labor costs, demands for city services, and keep costs down for residents and businesses?

WARD 1

Greg Hamann

While I cannot give specifics until I’m more deeply acquainted with the City’s budget, I have had experience building and balancing many budgets at LBCC (and elsewhere) and would apply the lessons learned there to the budget challenges that the City has. I am also a member of the Central Willamette Credit Union Board and there I have gained a much deeper understanding of how money works in our economy, and I believe this will help me better understand the challenges and opportunities we have.

Steph Newton

This is not something one city councilor can do alone, but as a member of the Albany City Council, I will help prioritize services and key community needs to ensure we have a balanced budget.

Dick Olsen

No response provided.

Matthew E Prudell

No response provided.

WARD 2

Josiah Blaisdell

I will consult with experts in this area who have proven records for achieving this balance. I will listen to people with a proven record of objective and balanced perspectives prioritizing sustainable growth.

Jackie Montague

I do not have all the answers to these pressing issues facing Albany – and most other communities in Oregon and across the country – but I am committed to working with and learning from the parties involved, like city staff, the community, and our Citizen Advisory groups, to implement the best possible solutions for our city.

WARD 3

Bessie Johnson

Labor costs are on the rise everywhere. The City manager, Human Resources Department and Department heads work diligently to negotiate fair contracts for the city and staff. Employee retention in all departments has been an issue so we have to keep competitive to retain our experienced staff. Police and fire are a prime example. Keeping experience is imperative to keeping city services to the highest level.

Raising fees is not what Councilors want to do so we try to find alternatives and do what we feel is best for the community. Prices everywhere are rising. Cities have limited funds and most funding the city gets cannot be transferred and used in other departments. They're dedicated funds.

Ramecyia McGhee

Considering that these all impact each other, it would be beneficial to be resourceful; and realistic when balancing the city's budget and ensuring we maintain the level of service that taxpayers are accustomed to

Bryan Munson

I have lived in a world of process improvement for the past 30 years. Lean principles, eliminating waste and holding people accountable and reaching out to the private sector are just a few of the things that can be done to reduce the costs of our local government.

Question 6: What specific issue, challenge, or concern are you interested in solving while serving on the City Council and why?

WARD 1

Greg Hamann

While I am not focused on any one issue, I do believe that the City can always find new and better ways to partner and collaborate with education, business, and other entities to more effectively and efficiently serve the needs and take advantage of current and future opportunities in our community. At the same time, I believe my experience best suits me for addressing issues of economic opportunity in our community.

Steph Newton

I would like to increase our public transportation and address our roads and sidewalks while increasing green spaces for our communities. Specifically, as we continue to make programs to address affordable housing across Albany.

Dick Olsen

No response provided.

Matthew E Prudell

No response provided.

WARD 2

Josiah Blaisdell

The challenge that interests me most personally is reducing homelessness. I have spoken with Oregon State Police and found out that 172 transient sex offenders live in Albany. Of these 172 individuals, 81 have not been assessed for recidivism risk, 59 are level 1, 19 are level 2, and 13 are level 3 (highest risk). An organization in Eugene called “Sponsors Inc.” has identified a way to use state and federal funds to provide housing to these individuals with great success. I can approach Sponsors Inc. as a city councilor and open up a discussion about opening a branch for their organization here in Albany.

Jackie Montague

As stated earlier, Albany grew by almost 40% in the past 20 years and is on track to reach almost 80,000 citizens in 2040. The decisions we make today will either set us up for success or leave our children with an infrastructure that cannot sustain the population. We need to be thoughtful and forward-thinking in the choices we make now. This means listening to experts and using the examples of neighboring cities to inform our decisions in Albany.

WARD 3

Bessie Johnson

I want to continue to pursue a way to give our citizens as much rights as the homeless and criminals have. They need to have the right to protect their families and properties. I continue to ask what we CAN do not what we CAN'T do.

Ramcyia McGhee

One of the main issues I am interested in solving while on City Council is the housing challenges. We need housing developments that are connected to accessible resources such as but not limited to child care, grocery stores, laundromats, and infrastructure that effectively move people to their destinations.

Bryan Munson

The impact the homeless has had in Portland and Salem cannot be denied. Keeping it under control and even reversing the trend in Albany is the most critical threat to our quality of life.

Question 7: As a City Councilor would you support regulating or restricting the use of natural gas in homes in business. Why or why not?

WARD 1

Greg Hamann

While I do believe that we need to be taking responsible steps toward addressing climate change, I do not believe that limiting access to natural gas in new construction is the best way to do this. I believe that as we learn more about the principal causes of climate change and continue to develop new energy resources, more and more people will in time make their own informed choices about their energy consumption, and cities and businesses alike can support this.

Steph Newton

I would not. I think that having natural gas as an option can help businesses and homeowners feel better at ease about what happens if we see more bad weather where we lose power. Not to mention that banning any new buildings with natural gas would increase housing costs for both current natural gas homes and businesses but would also increase the building costs of building new housing which is already high.

Dick Olsen

No response provided.

Matthew E Prudell

No response provided.

WARD 2

Josiah Blaisdell

No, I would not support regulating or restricting the use of natural gas in homes:

- 1) Natural gas is a minor contributor to climate change and sustainability compared to other issues like recyclability and repairability of goods, improving public transit and higher quality education.
- 2) Bans on natural gas exacerbate poverty because electricity is more expensive than gas. These costs would inevitably eventually fall on those least able to pay for them.

3) Risk to infrastructure and quality of life are mitigated by having multiple sources of heat and energy.

I will not vote for policies that exacerbate problems of energy poverty, discourage developers from building here, or fail to meet the severity/priority threshold for long-term mitigation of climate change risks.

Jackie Montague

At this time, I do not have sufficient understanding of this issue to make an informed decision. As a City Councilor I will study the impact of natural gas use in homes and businesses on the environment and the economy before making a decision regarding regulations or restrictions.

WARD 3

Bessie Johnson

I do not believe I would support it. It is clean and less expensive than other fuels. It's a reliable and safe energy. Since it's been used for years, the infrastructure is already available.

Ramcyia McGhee

Yes I would support reasonable regulations for businesses and fair equitable regulations for homes that align with state laws.

Bryan Munson

I would not restrict the use of natural gas in homes. Government should not dictate home energy unless it impacts someone else or their property. Liberty. Additionally, why would we restrict the use of natural gas? It is a renewable resource (RNG per DOE), it offers competition to other forms of energy keeping prices down, and it diversifies our energy resources.

Question 8: How would you involve and work with the Albany Area Chamber and business community on issues that impact the business environment and economic development?

WARD 1

Greg Hamann

Consistent with how I worked with the Chamber when I was LBCC President, I will continue to see the Chamber as an important partner and resource for understanding and addressing the challenges and opportunities that are ours here in Albany, especially those relating to the business community.

Steph Newton

I would listen and learn from the experiences of those in our business community, the chamber, and subject-matter experts to become well-informed on key issues and ensure I am able to advocate their needs.

Dick Olsen

No response provided.

Matthew E Prudell

No response provided.

WARD 2

Josiah Blaisdell

I would meet with Albany Area Chamber leadership and business community members regularly to hear their perspective before voting on issues that affect business environment and economic development.

Jackie Montague

As a certified change practitioner, I know how important it is to include all those who are impacted in the decision-making process. As a City Councilor, I would make sure to consult and listen to all stakeholders when making decisions for the city which would include the Albany Area Chamber and business community. There are few issues in governance that have simple solutions. Decisions made to solve one problem may have predictable or unforeseen consequences in another area. The role of a City Councilor is to try to look at all sides of issues and make decisions that may not be popular with everyone but provide the best solutions for the overall good of the city.

WARD 3

Bessie Johnson

I will continue to work with staff and the council to include those affected when decisions are made. If it affects the business community then businesses should be included in discussion. Economic development is such a key for our future. I feel that sometimes we have to spend a little to reap the benefits. We have to think forward, not live in the past.

Ramecia McGhee

It is always productive to have multiple perspectives, thus working with Chamber and gaining insight on various business issues through consultation, surveys, and possible collaboration would be a few ways I would involve the Chamber in an effort to assist in continuously strengthening Albany's economic development.

Bryan Munson

It is essential to work with business owners to maintain, improve and create an unobtrusive, stable environment for businesses to operate, with an infrastructure to support industry at all levels. The business community knows what that looks like better than anyone else, they also have the most to lose.

State Representative - District 15



Endorsement goes to incumbent Shelly Boshart Davis: A lifelong resident of Linn County, Shelly is a successful business owner, economic conservative, and daughter of a trucker. She has been an outspoken advocate on issues that impact agriculture, transportation, and job creation. She believes that businesses need less regulation and more positive support from government. Shelly is an active member of several organizations, including the Albany Area Chamber, which provide her with the opportunity to gain an understanding of a broad range of issues. We need Shelly's experience, energy, and common sense in the legislature. Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis is the right choice to represent Albany in Salem.

Linn County Sheriff



Endorsement goes to Michelle Duncan: Michelle has been serving Linn County since 1997, serving as a resident patrol deputy, narcotics detective, patrol sergeant, patrol captain, and public information officer. As she moved up the ranks, she received over 2900 hours of professional education through the DPSST and is an Oregon State Sheriff's Association Command College graduate. Sheriff Michelle Duncan has dedicated herself to the principles of leadership, experience, and dedication. Having served with distinction in various divisions she understands how each division contributes to the overall success of the office and how each and every day they must live up to their mission statement "keeping the peace with dignity, honesty, and compassion. Michelle has the unwavering support of the last five Linn County Sheriff's for a reason, she's the right person for the job. Sheriff Michelle Duncan deserves to continue as Linn County Sheriff. Vote for Sheriff Michelle Duncan.

Mayor of Albany



Endorsement goes to incumbent Alex Johnson II. Alex has worked diligently for the citizens of Albany since elected as Mayor. He is a small business owner who understands what it means to work hard and smart to be successful. Alex has distinguished himself as someone who can build relationships and is willing to listen to resolve the tough issues. Alex is dedicated to helping the young, old, and those in between. He helps seniors find resources, helps kids through his involvement in sports, and helps us all by building positive connections that create positive results. Alex Johnson II is the right choice, re-elect Alex Johnson II as Mayor.

Albany City Council



Ward I: Endorsement goes to Greg Hamann. It's time for people in Ward I to have a city councilor that can help lead Albany forward in a positive and inclusive manner. Greg is recognized as a strong and effective community leader who will take his experience as president of LBCC and work with others to help Albany thrive and prosper. He helped lead the way on The Pipeline program that provides local training that in turn leads to great job opportunities at Albany's local businesses. Greg has given his heart to Albany. Now Albany has the opportunity to bring Greg's passion, problem-solving and leadership skills to the community he loves. Greg Hamann is the right person at the right time. He deserves your vote for Ward I City Council.



Ward II: Endorsement goes to Jackie Montague. For the first time in years Ward II has an open seat, a great opportunity for Jackie to step forward and become your next City Councilor. Jackie currently serves on the Planning Commission and will bring her thoughtful and analytical approach to the issues that come before City Council. Using her background as a SR. Process Manager, Jackie will be someone who takes time to do her homework, listening to businesses and the community before making a decision. If you live in Ward II, Jackie Montague should be your next City Councilor.



Ward III: Endorsement goes to incumbent Bessie Johnson: Bessie is a strong advocate for her constituents in Ward III. With a firm understanding of the issues facing Albany, she brings a thoughtful and balanced voice to the City Council. Committed to listening to all sides of an issue before making her decision, she often asks questions that dig deeper and provide more information on the subject in front of the council. Bessie believes in a strong economic base and creating family wage jobs to build community prosperity. Bessie is the right voice for Ward III on the City Council.