

## **SLC Mayoral Candidate Q&A**

### **ROCKY ANDERSON**

What are your top priorities after getting elected/re-elected?

My top priorities are (1) for SLC to become, once again, a leading example for essentially eliminating chronic homelessness; (2) eliminating homeless encampments by providing sanctioned camps and housing; (3) never leaving anyone without adequate shelter or housing; (4) making SLC a friendly, clean place where residents and workers are safe and enjoy living and working here; (5) providing world-class highly affordable, mixed-income, non-market housing; (6) significantly reducing crime and providing responsive policing; (7) restore our city's reputation internationally as a major climate protection leader; (8) ensuring the sustainability of the Great Salt Lake; and (9) significantly improving air quality.

What's the plan to...

#### 1. support local businesses?

I will (1) eliminate homeless encampments by providing a sanctioned camp with toilets, showers, laundry, food, and outreach workers; (2) allow police officers to "protect and serve" by enforcing laws and implement restorative justice programs focused on solving problems (e.g., mental health and addiction treatment); (3) ensure faster police response times; (4) restore free parking during the holidays; (5) expand free parking program for low-emission vehicles; (6) provide equal, transparent processes for RDA loans or subsidies; (7) promote businesses participating in revived e2 Business program; and (8) provide grants or other financial assistance to businesses harmed by city malfeasance.

#### 2. address the need for more affordable housing?

I will, in collaboration with the City Council, (1) expand the areas where housing is permitted; (2) require that anyone displaced by any development will be provided equivalent affordable housing; (3) require that developers must increase the amount of affordable housing eliminated by any development; (4) provide non-financial incentives for housing developers to provide permanently affordable units; (5) expand housing funding significantly, through RDA funding and bonding, utilizing it for the provision of

thousands of units of affordable, mixed-income non-market housing that incorporates world-class architecture and surrounding open spaces, thereby vastly improving SLC's built environment.

3. provide resources/housing to people experiencing homelessness?

I will (1) ensure adequate winter shelter for unsheltered homeless people; (2) provide a temporary sanctioned camp, with toilets, showers, security, laundry, food, and outreach services for unsheltered people; (3) set more aggressive goals for the housing of homeless people than are now set by governmental entities and set aggressive goals for employment; (4) work with the philanthropic and corporate communities, the VA, churches, other non-profit organizations, and governmental entities to once again fund the provision of abundant, cost-effective supportive permanent housing; (5) provide professional, competent outreach and case management to facilitate the transition to treatment, permanent housing, and employment.

4. improve community policing?

I will (1) have many officers on foot, becoming acquainted with people and establishing constructive relationships; (2) provide job descriptions and a code of conduct legally binding officers and the city to serve and protect, with full legal accountability; (3) restore the credibility of the SLCPD discipline process through reforms of the Civilian Review Board and insist on more efficient, fair discipline investigations (one claim of abuse has been under investigation for over 3 years!); (4) ensure that first-responders utilize their training and help those who are in need (instead of "supporting" officers who don't provide aid to a person dying of injuries).

5. increase access to open spaces, city parks, trails, etc.?

I will (1) provide transparent, collaborative process for the maintenance and development of hiking and mountain biking trails, then move forward expeditiously with implementation of a final plan; (2) provide safe bathrooms, parking, and signage for what will be world-class accessible trails, open spaces, and parks; (3) expand open spaces, as I did when previously mayor (over 530 acres); (4) rid parks and other open spaces of homeless encampments and open air drug markets by (a) providing for sanctioned camp, adequate shelter, and more supportive, cost-effective, permanent housing and (b) enforcing the laws, with a restorative justice approach to help solve problems.

6. expand sustainability programs?

I will (1) restore the e2 (environmentally and economically sustainable) programs to reduce environmental impacts; (2) restore and expand the City's greenhouse-gas reduction programs that, under my leadership, led to unprecedented reductions in GHG emissions and the EPA's Climate Protection Award; (3) restore SLC's system of quantifying GHG reductions and again make SLC one of the greenest cities; (4) revive Sundance Summit, bringing mayors from throughout the nation to learn best sustainability practices; (5) broaden EV charging stations availability; (6) aggressively push for solutions to Great Salt Lake threats; (7) explore legal action against polluters putting SLC residents at risk.

What are the best ways for Salt Lake City residents to get more actively involved in their communities?

Community Council participation is an excellent way to become informed about what's happening. Participation on city commissions and on city and non-profit boards is a powerful means for people to make a difference. As mayor, I sought as much input as possible from people of all points of view. Informed advocacy is a powerful tool for effecting change, especially if people are organized together to push elected and other governmental officials to bring about change. When elected officials want change, they need the support of people in the community.

What is the most important thing for Salt Lake City voters to know about you?

I am passionate about, and capable of, making SLC a far more livable place. I will collaboratively pursue compassionate, evidence-based solutions, helping homeless people transition to better lives, end the heartache experienced by businesses as a result of the lawlessness caused by the Mayor's leadership failures, and improve quality of life for all. I'll make certain everyone can safely use our parks. I'll fix our roads and maintain our parks, as my administration did for 8 years. I can restore SLC's reputation as one of the greenest cities, provide international leadership on climate protection, and clean up our city.