

Watchmen Voter Guide for City of Coeur d'Alene: City Council Seat 6
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	Elaine Price	Kiki Miller
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Elaine Price, Coeur d'Alene City Council Seat #6	Kiki Miller Coeur d'alene City Council seat 6 I am running because I know one person can make a difference. I have spent nearly 40 years involved in community service and projects that have made Cd'A a great place to be. I have been listening to those who have lived here all of their lives as well as newcomers who are just as passionate about our quality of life. More about that at KikiMiller.com This community has always worked together, especially in trying times. I want to help unite the community so we can over come difficulties sooner, together. I want to continue the positive work I've been involved with to find solutions to housing and growth issues and create a bright future for our vibrant city.
2. How could our city be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	We need to get back to the basics with government, focusing on streets, traffic and parking, emergency services (Police and Fire) and city services such as water and sewer. We should not be approving any more zone requests to increase density until our streets can handle the traffic. Our Urban Renewal Agency should be an elected board who answers to the people of Coeur d'Alene.	Addressing long term solutions for affordable, attainable, and available housing for people who need to live in the town they work. Addressing traffic issues and better communication from city to/from citizens.
3. What are your views on the rapid growth of North Idaho? How should the city council manage growth?	I would like to see our city slow the pace of growth. Growth can be managed through limiting zone changes while protecting property rights. Council could also increase impact fees so growth can pay more of the burden it is causing on the local citizens. We should look at developers to carry some of the cost of improving intersections, that are already failing, if they want to increase density.	The city should continue to be involve with the Regional Housing and Growth Issues Partnership in order to put forward real solutions for Local Worker Housing.
4. In your opinion what best serves the public, elected officials, or appointed officials?	Both types of officials should serve the public whether elected or appointed. I have seen when an official is appointed, they feel obligated to the one that appointed them not to the people they really should be serving. They understand that person can remove them from that position. This can cause them to favor the person who appointed them.	A combination of both.

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5. What role should the city council have in the design and authorization of new developments?	City councils approve a comprehensive plan that sets a framework that developers are to work within. Coeur d'Alene does have a design review ordinance for certain zones and structures. As much as I do not like the modern design of housing, Government should get out of the way as much as possible. City council does have a say if a property owner comes to the city asking for a zone change or annexation. The whole city needs to be thought of, when considering these actions.	
6. In your opinion, should any services currently provided by the city be cut, eliminated, or privatized?	I would be happy for the city to privatize as many services as possible. The art commission should be one of those. I like many of the art projects the city has, the reason for this commission and the city art program is no longer needed. We could use those funds on infrastructure and emergency services.	There is always room for improvements and efficiencies and I am not opposed to reviewing them.
7. Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities and why?	It should only be done if it does not increase taxes and if there is an opt out option. People live in cities to gain the benefits of living in that city. Others choose to live in rural areas because of the benefits they see of living in those areas. Services should not be forced on those who do not want them. If you do want them, it should not be a burden to those around you to pay for it.	N/A Cd'A
8. How do you plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund but not raising taxes?	We need to get back to basics and cut as many extras as we can. If we did not budget for it then we should really look at how necessary, it is. We need to look at our impact fees to help pay for streets and public safety. We should not divert taxing authority to any new urban renewal districts. We should not buy any more land with city money. As stated above art projects are another way, we could help with this.	By being fiscally conservative and incorporating all funding methods and new ideas.

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9. What is your opinion of the increased push for affordable housing?	The need for affordable housing is a reality in our area, I know plenty of people personally who are affected by this. There is not a tangible definition of what affordable housing is. There is no outlet to hold developers accountable for following through if they say they are building affordable housing, nor do I feel the government should. I would like to see communication with developers to see what solutions they are willing to offer. I do not see a tax break for building affordable housing a solid solution. Our homeowners are already taking the burden of growth through the property tax shift. If we give developers more of a tax break, then it just adds more to the burden the homeowner is dealing with. I also feel we do not have the public safety officers to deal with more density.	N/A Cd'A
10. How should the public's input be taken into consideration and implemented in the decision-making process?	If the public's input is not given some weight in the decision-making process, then there is a disconnect with the Council. Citizens may then think that the council do not care about them. Council makes decisions that affects the lives of the local citizens. The citizens should know the council is looking out for their best interests.	I've been an advocate for public opinion gathering and have regularly, and will continue to use it to guide decision making.
11. Is there anything in your personal or business life that would be a conflict of interest in your ability to serve the people of this city?	No	No
12. Should the concept of "equitable outcome" be implemented as a part of the city council's decision-making process? Why or why not?	No. This is a social issue, and the government should not be involved in social issues.	N/A city council

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13. What role should the health board play in the city council's decision-making process?	Advisory only. Government should not be involved in anyone's personal health decisions, this includes masks, vaccines or needing papers for any sort of travel.	The city council should support the regional health board recommendations or decisions.
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	I have worked several jobs that work for and with the public. I understand what it takes to work with diverse people to find solutions to get tasks accomplished. Currently, I serve on the Parking Commission and have served on focus groups for the Comprehensive Plan. I have participated in many townhalls the city has sponsored for various plans and projects. I have attended nearly all the City Council meetings for the last two years. I serve on local boards and organizations, positions include treasurer, one of those being my church. My husband and I started a new business on Sherman Avenue about 7 years ago which has turned out to be successful. Otherwise, I'm just an average citizen wanting to help the community.	I've been involved in community service in Cd'A for nearly 40 years. I'm a 25 year business owner who understands how to manage in a changing economy, and I've learned how to make positive changes within city government during my time on council. I'm a do-er who listens and is not afraid of new methods or ideas. I'm an problem solver and advocate for public involvement.