

Watchmen Voter Guide for City of Dover – Council Member

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	Kimberly Bledsoe	Merlin Glass	Amy Lizotte	Marianne Ochs	Mark Sauter
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond	My Name is Merlin Glass and I am a candidate for City Council of the City of Dover. As resident of Dover I feel a need to represent my ideas and those who support me in the function of this City and as a citizen participate in our governance.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
2. How could our city be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	Declined to Respond	Dover is a unique blend of Residential and Resort type actives. But in that contains the challenge to strike a balance and not over develop. Some may say it already has. I believe there is much to consider in the future but I don't want to lose what Dover was or what Idaho is. Also, I am concerned with the area Emergency services keeping up with the rapid growth of the last few years. I have served the last almost four decades in the Fire Service and have insight to the needs of emergency management here. Recruitment, retention and training will continue to be a priority to watch.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
3. What are your views on the rapid growth of North Idaho? How should the city council manage growth?	Declined to Respond	Area development will always be a concern. I believe a balance must be struck between zoning issues and personal property rights. Agricultural uses should be encouraged and open spaces discussed.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
4. In your opinion what best serves the public, elected officials, or appointed officials?	Declined to Respond	I believe elected officials serve the public best in terms of accountability; appointed officials serve a purpose but should serve as an expedient until elections can be held.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
5. What role should the city council have in the design and authorization of new developments?	Declined to Respond	The City Council should have a oversight role in the process that fits a master plan and fulfill all local and state statutes and laws established.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

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6. In your opinion, should any services currently provided by the city be cut, eliminated, or privatized?	Declined to Respond	I don't believe any cuts are to be made. The City of Dover is small enough to manage contracted services it provides and oversees.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
7. Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities and why?	Declined to Respond	City managed water and waste water must be managed and shown to be fiscally responsible and financed.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
8. How do you plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund but not raising taxes?	Declined to Respond	Managing projects with funds that match and avoiding the desire to fiscally project income that may not materialize and have regular budget reviews at public meetings.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
9. What is your opinion of the increased push for affordable housing?	Declined to Respond	Affordable housing must be planned and focused, Sandpoint area suffers greatly from not enough housing for its service workers, Zoning issues are some of the most contentious a City Council faces.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
10. How should the public's input be taken into consideration and implemented in the decision-making process?	Declined to Respond	Every meeting begins with Public comments, and they have a right to be heard and listened to.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

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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?	Declined to Respond	I have no conflicts of interest, my only interest is the Citizens of Dover.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
12. Should the concept of “equitable outcome” be implemented as a part of the city council’s decision-making process? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	You can have equal opportunity or equal outcome but you can’t have both. It is more a question of fairness and correctness.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
13. What role should the health board play in the city council’s decision-making process?	Declined to Respond	The Health Board can be a great asset as a advisory to the Council.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	Declined to Respond	I feel I bring a different approach to city management that is a little more deliberate and outcome based. Coming from an emergency management background I am aware of the need and limitations of infrastructure and services. As a member with FEMA I helped support and restore city services of National disasters throughout the States. Planning and executing those plans and working with other Non-Governmental Organizations gave me insights to carry into City Service.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond