

City of Post Falls Council Member Seat #6

	Ryan Davis	Marc Lucca	Eric Petersen
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	No Response Received	<p>My name is Marc Lucca, and I am running for Post Falls City Council, Seat 6.</p> <p>I am running because this year, our Council will update the blueprint that will define what our city becomes over the next critical decade. I want to ensure that during that process and beyond, Post Falls has true conservative government that honors the wishes of the people who live here. My years of service in business, corporate America, public safety, church leadership, and conservative politics have made me uniquely qualified for this role. That's why I was recommended by the Kootenai County Republican Party.</p> <p>I would like to see more measured growth, not the explosive expansion we have seen in the last few years. I will encourage home ownership and family friendly public spaces. I will also work to keep crime low, stop the revolving door in our police department, and keep our taxes low. Civic engagement by people of faith is something I have advocated for for 24 years and I will continue to do so.</p>	No Response Received
2. How could our city be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	No Response Received	<p>The first way we can improve is to change the city's Comprehensive Plan, which is the blueprint that guides all of our development decisions, to prioritize single family home ownership over high density development. We can and should grow, but the explosive growth over the last few years is too much. Let's grow responsibly and with intention.</p> <p>Second, as a former deputy sheriff, I recognize the need to prioritize public safety and stop the revolving door in our police department, where we pay to train new recruits and then see them leave for better pay in other agencies. Let's give them a reason to stay, so that we don't lose institutional knowledge.</p> <p>Third, we should implement a Liberty Dividend...if someone comes up with a way to reduce expenditures while still preserving vital city services, they should receive a percentage of the 1st year savings. This would encourage city employees and citizens to suggest innovative ways to save taxpayer money.</p>	No Response Received
3. In your opinion, is growth in North Idaho being handled appropriately?	No Response Received	No, it is not. The area is growing too fast. Like a marriage or a business, we either grow or die...but that does not mean that we have to allow it to grow faster than our infrastructure can keep up. We need to grow with intention and a modicum of restraint, while still protecting the property rights that are our birthright as American citizens.	No Response Received
4. As cities face increasing costs to pay for city services including law enforcement, fire districts, schools and increased traffic due to increased home developments, what are your suggestions so that growth pays for itself?	No Response Received	<p>Growth that pays for itself is concurrent growth...developers pay for the infrastructure that they need, and the infrastructure is placed either before or along with the development - not after. However, this only covers the new costs, so responsible government is one that looks forward to the future, when that infrastructure needs to be maintained. We have to have ample reserves and not overspend today so that we can pay for future needs without raising taxes.</p> <p>Another area to be mindful of is urban renewal districts, or URDs. These also need to be used judiciously and responsibly so that we don't increase the demand for services that don't pay for themselves. URDs can be a useful tool, but should be operated with the whole city in mind, not just the developments in the district itself.</p>	No Response Received

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5. What improvements should be made to the city council's role in the planning and authorization of new developments?	No Response Received	The city council should have approval of all developments following review by planning and zoning. Since the planning and zoning team is not elected, their role should be advisory and not legislative. Currently, they are able to pass some developmental changes without further council review, and some of these loopholes should be closed and more public input invited. For example, any non-conforming use that increases density should be looked at by the council prior to approval.	No Response Received
6. In your opinion, should any services currently provided by the city be cut, eliminated, or privatized?	No Response Received	Our city is, by all accounts I have heard, run pretty well financially. There are some areas I am told that could be more efficient, but I am reserving judgment until more research is done. However, as a principle, if the private sector can do the same job more efficiently with at least the same level of quality, then it should absolutely be considered. In today's economy, where the cost of basic necessities has surged, we have to always be on the lookout for ways to reduce the burden on Post Falls residents. That starts with disciplined, efficient spending. When we optimize city operations, we not only keep costs low, we create room to retain and reward high-performing staff when they deliver exceptional service.	No Response Received
7. Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities, why or why not?	No Response Received	This question can only be answered by first asking, "what is in the best interests of Post Falls' residents?" If it is not in the best interests of the city's citizens, then the answer is no, the city should not provide access to city managed water and sewer services to those outside the city not currently serviced by the city. For example, city ratepayers should never have to subsidize rural infrastructure or development, nor should they be asked to fund sprawl in other communities. As the President has put forth an America First agenda, likewise the City Council should adopt a Post Falls first mindset. If there is a legitimate reason why the project would be in the best interests of the people of Post Falls, then it could be considered, but otherwise, it should be rejected.	No Response Received
8. How do you plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund without increasing taxes?	No Response Received	We keep a healthy reserve fund without increasing taxes by exercising fiscal discipline; spending less than we take in, and putting excesses into reserve investment accounts (a rainy day fund). Reserves should only be used for a bonafide emergency or a capital expenditure, not for ongoing operational costs. When reserves reach an ample level, the excesses should be returned to the taxpayers.	No Response Received
9. What is your opinion on affordable housing? Is it something that the city should be pursuing?	No Response Received	All housing is affordable to someone, so it is important to define what we are talking about when we say "affordable." To some, this means that we subsidize housing and import more people who cannot by their own means afford to live in our community. I do not think that the city needs to be in the business of deciding who should live in the community and asking our fellow citizens to pay their rent. We can, however, encourage lower housing prices to allow people to compete in the open market. For example, we should study ways to reduce speculation in housing by private equity firms and other large corporate homebuyers that take housing off the market and turn buyers into renters. This limits the supply and drives the cost up for everyone.	No Response Received

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10. All too often local residents feel that their public comment is not taken into consideration when decisions are made that directly affect their daily lives and their property values. What would you do differently to change the public's perception?	No Response Received	I believe in our system of government, where the citizen is respected and not dictated to. Government exists to serve the people, not the other way around. Accordingly, I will be accessible to the public and listen to their concerns, and bring those comments before the council. I will also work to increase public comment periods and notification requirements so that the peoples' voices are heard. Finally, I will follow the golden rule (Matthew 7:12) and serve each person and approach every decision by asking how I would want to be treated in the same situation.	No Response Received
11. What is your opinion on "Smart Cities" and how they apply to North Idaho?	No Response Received	I am opposed to "Smart" Cities when they increase the surveillance of our citizens and increase costs over time. We can find ways to use technology responsibly to lower costs without incrementally handing over our sovereignty to a faceless bureaucracy.	No Response Received
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 Response Received	Absolutely not. It is not up to government to pick winners and losers, but rather to provide equality of opportunity...not equity of outcomes. As the "E" in DEI, equity takes from one neighbor and gives to the other, often under the guise of righting some nebulous past wrong, but really in an effort to expand the power of the official doing the redistribution. As George Bernard Shaw famously said, "A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul." Meanwhile, the focus of western civilization has moved...too slowly, for sure...toward the Biblical command of unity. Unity is when all people of different backgrounds form a community around what they share in common, they enjoy equal status under the law, and as such have equal opportunity. Taking from one group to give to another will erode that unity and create a disjointed, angry, and divided community, and I will not support it.	No Response Received
13. Is there anything in your personal, business, or career life that would be a conflict of interest in your ability to serve the people of this city?	No Response Received	No. As I said in my previous responses, my years of service in business, corporate America, public safety, church leadership, and conservative politics have made me uniquely qualified for this role. That's why I was recommended by the Kootenai County Republican Party. I look forward to serving the people of Post Falls as your City Councilman.	No Response Received

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14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	No Response Received	<p>Too often, we elect leaders who claim conservative values, only to watch them change once in office. I am not one of them.</p> <p>I have a record of working to change the system, not letting the system change me. For over 20 years, I have been a conservative activist fighting for our Biblical and American values. This has included reducing the cost and scope of government, reforming our broken immigration system, championing the rights of the unborn, pushing for fiscal restraint, preserving our 2nd Amendment rights, defending our American heritage, fighting for medical freedom, and more.</p> <p>I am a husband, homeschool dad, Trail Life scout leader, Bible college graduate, church volunteer, and Commissioner for the Ross Point Water District. I served as a deputy sheriff, worked in party / legislative politics, owned a small business, and now manage security operations for large national clients.</p> <p>I am a servant leader, and am ready to serve again. I'd be honored to earn your vote.</p>	No Response Received