

Greater Moscow Alliance Voter's Guide

	City Council Race (3 seats)						Mayoral Race	
	Scott Billing	Tim Brown	Dennis Deccio	Nels Reese	Sue Scott	Walter Steed	Nancy Chaney	John Weber
1	The GMA advances quality of life and economic prosperity by supporting free market enterprise, private property rights, stewardship of natural resources and responsible government. To what extent do you identify with the GMA's stated purpose?							
	No Response	Complete agreement	Complete agreement	Differs on some points	Complete agreement	Complete agreement	Differs on some points	Complete agreement
2	What do you believe to be the most important issue facing the future of Moscow?							
	Community Mobility.	Sustained economic growth through sound transportation planning and zoning management.	Comprehensive Plan, Third Street bridge, more retail, attract industrial and manufacturing sectors.	Wise and thoughtful growth...Currently one very important issue is that of the Urban Renewal District known as Legacy Crossing.	Enacting a viable Comprehensive Plan and Uniform Zoning Code...and storm water funding.	The attraction of technology-based companies and other employment opportunities to Moscow.	In the near term, community development. Long term, management of shared water resource.	A growth rate that will allow the town to sustain itself now and in the future.
3	As a result of the 2007 City Council election, is the community of Moscow better off now than before?							
	Don't know*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
4	Has Moscow's reputation as a retail and business hub suffered over the past several years?							
	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
5	How would you have ruled on these past City decisions?							
Smoking ban	Same	Opposite	Opposite	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same
Hawkins water deal	Opposite	Same	Opposite	Don't know	Same	Same	Opposite	Opposite
Big Box Ordinance	Don't know	Opposite	Opposite	Same	No response	Opposite	Same	Opposite
Third St. bridge	Opposite	Opposite	Opposite	Same	Same	Opposite	Same	Opposite

See reverse side for candidate responses to an economic development question and for any (*) clarifying comments.

Vote November 3, 2009

6 What role should city government play in trying to promote economic prosperity?

Plus clarifying comments indicated by a () entry in response boxes on the reverse side*

Scott Billing

"In review of the Moscow Economic Development Strategy, I note that there are six or more types of organizations that are working to stimulate business opportunities in Moscow. This diversity of organizations is probably good for the community in the long run, yet the common thread of oversight is not apparent to me. I believe the City has a role in working with these organizations to ensure they all are working toward a common goal and sending the same message about our community to prospective business opportunities."

Clarification comment for Q3: "I don't know. I did not live in Moscow prior to 2007, so I do not have a basis to compare Moscow before the 2007 election."

Tim Brown

"City government must promote economic development along with the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and the Latah Economic Development Council."

Dennis Deccio

"Work together with Chamber to promote growth."

Nels Reese

"Economic prosperity is a great arena for public/private efforts. Our city officials have the ability to visit and work with the State and should do so. On the other hand, new business activities are usually spawned by individuals who see a need or a possibility to make a buck."

Sue Scott

"Encourage through ordinances, creative entrepreneurship with predictable consistent processes. Establish zones for light industrial, industrial, and have turnkey properties available for businesses to move in and 'do business,' expand to larger properties, and not be in the real estate business."

Walter Steed

"City government should continue, cautiously, to fund economic development efforts realizing, due to our location and limited transportation resources, we are probably not going to attract business or light industry from other parts of the country. Home grown start-ups initiated by the universities remain our best source of business growth."

Nancy Chaney

"Government's role is a delicate one, to facilitate development patterns that can be served by available resources (police, fire, utilities, transportation infrastructure), that are not injurious to the welfare of others (the "smokestacks" scenario), and that fit within the collective values articulated by citizens. Various levels of oversight help ensure that development comports with regulations to maintain orderliness (zoning, building standards). In Moscow, government works closely with the Chamber of Commerce, Latah Economic Development Council, Idaho Departments of Commerce and Labor, partners at the University of Idaho, Moscow Urban Renewal Agency, entities like Inland Northwest Partners and various agencies and non-profit organizations to identify economic opportunities and ways to achieve them. Legacy Crossing, Alturas Technology Park, the fiberoptic project, and efforts involving affordable housing, food stamps at the Farmers Market, leverage local resources through grants to help promote economic prosperity. Other things that relate to government's role: Rallying to keep the WWAMI medical student program here, thereby keeping related jobs and program funding at the University of Idaho, and improving the likelihood that Program graduates will return to this area to practice. I look forward to broadening the economic base and creating jobs with a new light industrial park. Ideally, it could include a professional-technical training/job re-training facility, and coincidentally, manage storm water so as to comply with recent EPA mandates. In some situations, government may collaborate with public and private partners to secure grants, identify and prepare sites, or even construct buildings. Policymakers can streamline processes to make them as reasonably predictable and affordable as possible, while still providing for citizen input. The City's new Grants Coordinator and Economic Development Specialist are also examples of the City's efforts to enhance economic prosperity. I encourage GMA members who are interested to inquire of my colleagues on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce and Latah Economic Development Council about my obvious commitment to those efforts."

John Weber

"The City should be a leader in letting people know that Moscow is open for business, that the City will help with the process of business and economic development and that we know that business growth is not only necessary but wanted in our town."