



Candidate Questions

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Greetings South Weber. I'm TG George, and I am a Write-in Candidate for South Weber City Council.

As a Candidate and hopeful future City Council member, I want you to know that I am all about the Constitution and ***"We the People"***. I believe that our collective voice is what should shape our community. As a representative it is of paramount importance for all elected to assertively learn the voice of the people, and secure the desires of the people.

I am always straight forward and honest. I won't mince words and be "political". I owe it to us all to keep us informed, with all the options on the table, and I owe it to us all to vote with the decision that best represents the vision and desires of our community. My campaign is about ***"We" not "Me"***.

I've lived in South Weber since August, 2009 and have loved every minute of it! Our house literally fell into my lap. A saying I hear a lot is: "You don't choose South Weber, South Weber chooses you." That is spot on for me and my family. The second I stepped into the front door of our now current home I just knew this was the place for my family.

At the time I moved here I was a single dad with three kids. Fast Forward to 2019 and I found myself getting married to the most amazing woman I've ever known; Ms. Lisa Malloy (Now Mrs Lisa George) who is a 5th Grade Teacher at South Weber Elementary, and is just starting her 26th year as a teacher. For those of you that have had her teach your kids, you know that I am the luckiest guy in the world!

Together Lisa and I have 2 Son's 5 Daughters, 3 Son-in-laws, and 2.5 grandkids. Life is good!

I'm a retired Air Force Officer that started out as an Enlisted troop. I spent 32 years serving our wonderful Country with the majority of that time served as an F-16 Fighter Pilot. Back in my younger days I also served 6 years as a West Valley City Police Officer. I love my brothers and sisters in blue every bit as much as I love my Air Force Family.

I currently work as a Contractor on the base at the F-16 SPO (System Program Office) as an F-16 Pilot SME (Subject Matter Expert). I've been very fortunate to have lived my dream career and to still be contributing to our military efforts.

As my campaign efforts continue I hope to have the pleasure of getting to know you and to hear your concerns, ideas and desires for our amazing City of South Weber!

Why did you decide to run for this position?

I want to state upfront, that I believe all of our current elected officials, as well as all the current candidates running for office are great people with good intentions in their actions. We all have different views and positions on issues. It's what makes all Americans amazing. With our diverse make up, even here in our home of South Weber, there are varying and vast differences of political opinion. As I write my reason for running for this position, know that I am writing about outcomes and positions of things that matter deeply to us all, and decisions that will forever change the way we grow. It's not personal, it's politics.

The event that led to me running as a Write-in Candidate for City Council happened this past July 20th. On that day our City Council approved the Re-Zoning request for the Poll Property with a vote of 3 in favor of the Re-Zone and 2 against the Re-Zone.

What that Re-Zone approved was 62 Townhomes mixed with some commercial on the plot of land that starts to the west of Highmark Charter School and runs west to the storage sheds. That approval by the three council members who voted for the Re-Zone (Angie Petty, Blair Halverson, and Quinn Soderquist) was a vote that favored the Developer and ignored "We the People" and our General Plan.

It was that failure of our three City Council members, and my surveying the then current three candidates for City Council (Angie Petty, Marty McFadden, and Joel Dills), that

made me realized the only way “We the People” are ever going to flip the vote from 3-2 AGAINST the People to 3-2 FOR the people was for us to have another candidate along with Joel Dills that supports the voice of the people and supports our General Plan. That was when I knew, after careful deliberation that we need another voice that is loyal to our community. As a citizen I have always stood for “*We the People*”, and as a Representative I will Always remember *I WORK FOR YOU*.

What are some of the things you would like to achieve in your time in office?

1. ***Follow our General Plan in it's entirety:*** The voice of the people deserves to be heard and respected.
2. ***Complete Transparency:*** Enhance the Communication from the City to the community, deliver that communication in a timely manner, and listen to the People. No more pet projects or quid pro quo's.
3. ***Earn back the trust and Respect of the people for their elected Representatives.*** By doing the first two above, I hope that we can re-establish our community and government bond. However, As a general rule, always keep a watchful eye on all those elected, even if it's me. Make sure our government always remembers they serve the people.
4. ***Institutionalize “Citizen Liaison” groups for different departments and projects within our City.*** The best results for any endeavor will come with the most involvement from the citizens. Why allow just 6 elected officials to control every vector and outcome when we have a community that has shown time, and time again, their willingness to be involved.

What is your vision for the future of South Weber?

It's not about my vision, it's about the collective vision of us all. That vision is clearly laid out in our General Plan; *We the People want South Weber to preserve our small town charm, and to stay as small as possible at full build out.*

Along those lines, If elected I am committed to re-visit the way we use our planning commission, committees, and staff. I feel that we have given them too much control on how they shape our City. We need to get more of that control back to the citizens.

“Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.” - President Abraham Lincoln.

What do you think are some of the most pressing issues facing the city? How would you like to handle them?

The issues I see that are most “pressing” are:

- 1. This coming Election and it’s outcome.***
- 2. Gravel Pit dust mitigation & Control.***
- 3. Safety and Security in our community.***
- 4. Balancing the fiscal requirements between what we “Need” and what we “Want”.***
- 5. Future increase of demand on our infrastructure.***

Now let’s go a bit more in-depth on each one of those and how I would handle them.

1- This coming Election and it’s outcome. This upcoming City Council election will define how we are moving forward as a City. The Council is the legislative body that votes on the decisions that most impact our lives and the future of our little home town. It behooves us all to be good stewards of our voting power and make sure that what we want, is what we get.

The first person I think we should all want on Council is Joel Dills. (*“Yes”, I’m telling you to first vote for someone else before me. I promised you honesty. “No”. Joel has never asked me to endorse him. I just do it because it’s what is best for South Weber.*)

Joel brings a unique gift to our council that serves everyone. He is a genius when it comes to all things Zoning, City Codes, Governmental Rules and Regulations etc. He’s literally a “Code Whisperer.” Our City desperately needs Joel to help re-write all our Zoning requirements, City Codes etc. Those are the things that will serve us now and forever from being steamrolled by developers who have constantly taken advantage of our current poorly defined codes and zones.

To decide whom you should next vote for comes down to one critical question:

“Do we want to Grow Big with high density housing, or do we Grow Small with lower density housing?”

According to our General Plan, well over 80% of us want to preserve our Small Town Charm by keeping our growth as small as possible via low density residential zoning.

But according to the Poll development vote last month, three of our council members supported giving that development our highest allowed residential zoning. If you want Maximum residential growth with High Density housing, then choose between Angie Petty or Marty McFadden. Then vote for that person for your second vote along with Joel Dills as your first vote.

If you want to minimize growth by keeping residential zoning as low as possible, Then Vote for Joel, and vote ***Write-in TG George*** on your ballot and we will flip the developmental votes ***3-2 in Favor of the people.***

2-Gravel Pit dust mitigation: This has been a concern of many for a long time. And with the current Covid-19 pandemic this has become even a bigger concern on how it is affecting us all; especially our most vulnerable.

I will work with all our Council, Mayor, and City Staff to enforce every requirement on the two companies who operate the pit. I want us to aggressively hold them accountable to their contract.

Their contract is up for renewal in 2025. I want us as a City to formulate a new contract that will hold them accountable to the maximum allowable enforcement for keeping the dust to a minimum, requiring the companies to be more proactive at preventative measures and clean up measures. If not, then we levy them with whatever fines and penalties we can legally impose on them for failure to comply. We deserve more from them as our community partners.

3- Safety and Security in our community: We have a great Fire Department, We are bringing on board our own Paramedic service, and we have an agreement with Davis County Sheriff's office for our Law Enforcement needs. That being said, I also know we have problems with porch pirates, car burglaries, speeding through residential areas, and other issues that all need to be addressed.

If elected, I bring a unique background to the table. Working with the Sheriff's department, Council, Mayor and our community, we can spearhead the most efficient and economical means to mitigate our problem areas. The city is already looking at providing "show your speed" signs, which are a great tool. I believe together we can all find other ways to help with the other remaining issues as well.

4-Balancing the fiscal requirements between what we "Need" and what we "Want": Our Tax money is sacred money. Being fiscally responsible is critically important as an

elected official and we need to spend our tax dollars wisely to cover the things we need and then the things we want as a community.

One thing that I feel our city could do better is to make the knowledge of where the money is being spent more accessible and more understandable. This is something I will champion if elected.

I believe the more “We the People” can easily understand where our Tax dollars are being spent then when it comes time to allocate funds it is easier for us all to understand why what project got what funds.

Another struggle we seem to have as a city is the planning for the cost of operating and maintaining the things we buy. A perfect example is our Parks.

Our City Council just allocated the money for final development of our beautiful Canyon Meadows Park. I am a big believer in parks for our community, and Canyon Meadows is definitely our “Crown Jewel” of parks! It’s truly amazing, and will serve our community well for many years to come.

We also have another park, Cherry Farm Park, that at one time was the Crown Jewel of our city. Now it is neglected and barely usable. If we don’t figure out a way to plan to fund the upkeep on the things we buy, it won’t be too long before Canyon Meadows ends up like Cherry Farm. That is unacceptable.

We as a community need to work with our elected to collectively plan out how we manage and maintain our resources. I honestly believe that the best solution to any government problem is to keep the citizens informed and keep them involved in the decision process. We need to make all our parks “Crow Jewels” all the time for all our families.

My point to all this is simple. The elected need to be good stewards of the sacred tax dollars at their disposal and The elected need to work hand in hand with the citizens to prioritize and plan where it is we collectively want to spend our money and on what services.

5-Future increase of demand on our infrastructure. Along the same lines as above. As we continue to grow, we will continue to have more wear and tear on our infrastructure. We need to have a solid plan for the next year, next 3 years, next 5 years, and next 10 years that has us ready to deal with those impacts structurally and fiscally. A failure to

plan is a plan that fails. I'm a planner, and will help our city government and city staff have that mapped out for the benefit of us all.

Why should people vote for you?

I've dedicated my whole adult life to the service of others. Nothing means more to me than our Freedoms and our Country. The foundation of our Country is "We the People" and where the people make the most difference is at our Community level. I stand for supporting your voice over my own desires. I'm running to ensure our collective voice is heard loud and proud! "We" not "Me".

What else would you like your voters to know?

I have a serious Diet Coke addiction. It may be considered dangerous to get between me and my Maverick Mug. I still love the sound of jets over our city, and sometimes while I'm watching them fly the dust from the gravel pit makes my eyes water.

I want all voters to do their research on all the candidates, and then vote for the best ones that represent your visions and goals. I believe if we all do that we will end up with the best representatives for us all. I hope to be one of those for all of you.

For more information about me or my campaign, Visit my website: writeintggeorge.com

If you believe in prayer, please pray for the 13 families of our fallen heroic warriors that are saying their final farewell to their loved ones. Also pray for the safe return of our fellow Americans that are still stranded in Afghanistan.