

VAIL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Town of Vail 2015 Town Council Election

VHA Online Candidate Election Forum:

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The Vail Homeowners Association is forwarding questions to which a written response is requested of each candidate for open seats on the Vail Town Council and also those aspiring to be appointed Mayor. The Vail Homeowners Association (VHA) believes that each council and mayoral candidate should have the opportunity to respond to community issues in their own written words, rather than being filtered through others.

Candidates' written responses will be posted on the Association's website and email notices sent to VHA constituents directing them to the Homeowners Association online Election Forum. The online compilation will be updated as responses are received from each candidate.

Candidates please forward your responses by email to the below email address. There are no specific deadlines for submission of candidate responses. It is advised that early voting begins on Thursday, October 22nd.

Candidates may modify or elaborate upon an earlier response. Responses will appear as candidates submitted them and in the order that they are received.

Candidates will be sent a separate email for each category of questions, please "reply" by email in a standard Word or TXT format so that the posting of responses can be expedited. A summary statement of the candidate's proposed agenda priorities for the next two years and beyond is also requested.

Candidates may desire to consult the Vail Homeowners Association website for background information www.vailhomeowners.com. VHA is available to discuss issues and related matters with each candidate.

Thank you.

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Visioning Vail - Where Do We Go From Here?

With the completion of the 2015 World Alpine Championship the upcoming Town Council election is a logical point to pause and reassess priorities. The worse effects of the Great Recession are now in the rear view mirror and in many respects the future for Vail is bright. But questions remain. Is the emerging Vail what the community wants or should there be some adjustments of priorities? Is the community satisfied with continual across-the-board growth or are we reaching capacity levels that could degrade the quality of life in Vail? Is it time to place more emphasis on solving the parking issue? Are the plans for protecting the environment adequate? Should these and other issues be given serious public debate?

Over the course of 2015 VHA is seeking to encourage an open community dialogue focused on the policies, strategies and tactics that can sustain Vail in its premier leadership position within international mountain resorts. The Vail Homeowners Association has prepared and published a series of Vail Visioning Reports (see below) that express the issues and concerns that VHA believes are important issues for the candidates to address. The Association is providing a copy of a recent Urban Land Institute report entitled "Ten Principles for Responsible Tourism" to provide a comparative context for each candidate to shape their responses and articulate to the community their agenda for the next two year term of the Town Council and the years ahead.

The questions VHA believes should be addressed by candidates for Mayor and Town Council are:

1. Quality of the Vail Experience:

- As Vail reaches peak capacity, what needs to be done to maintain the quality of the Vail lifestyle?
- What is the probability of the Vail experience becoming too commoditized; for quantity to overtake quality?
- What has to happen so that consumers and residents are still receiving premium level experiences?

2. Congestion:

- What can be done to reduce traffic congestion on the community's roadways?
- Is congestion creating public safety and other growth related issues that are being left unresolved?
- Should there be more/less parking on Frontage Road?
- Are the increases in street events and their impact upon available public parking adding to or diluting the Vail experience?

3. Environment:

- Is the Vail experience being degraded by water, noise and visual pollution?
- What can be done to reduce noise pollution from I-70?
- Are the plans for the Gore Creek clean-up adequate or does more need to be done and at a faster pace?

4. Governance/ Inclusivity:

- How can a higher degree of collaboration be encouraged among factional interests?
- What are the roles, advantages, and projects that should be address through public/private partnerships?
- What can be done to expand community involvement in decisions for Vail's future?
- Should efforts be taken to increase voter participation in TOV elections, such as with the use of mail balloting?
- Does there need to be more transparency in Vail governance?

5. Community Accessibility:

- How should air accessibility to the Eagle County Airport be financed?

6. Summary of desired Council Agenda priorities:

7. Please provide a brief biography: Education, employment, organization, qualifications, etc..

VHA Visioning Vail Reports:

Reports links are below and are posted on the Association website www.vailhomeowners.com

[Addressing the Parking Problem: July 24, 2015](#)

[The Vail Community: Are We Headed in the Right Direction? August 7, 2015](#)

[Guiding the Local Economy: The Role of Government. August 20, 2015](#)

[Vail's Parking Problem Intensifies Raises Question of Transparency and Public Investment Priorities. September 1, 2015](#)

[Governance Issues: September 11, 2015](#)

**Urban Land Institute Report:
[Ten Principles for Responsible Tourism.](#)**

VHA Synopsis