

TOV Town Council Candidate: As a candidate for the Vail Town Council we would like to have a public conversation with you via the internet. If you wish to respond, please return your reply to my email address. We will pose questions. It is up to you whether you reply or not.

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Vail Town Council Candidate 2017



Edward Padilla:

Age: 80,

Career: Retired,

Business: Corporate Executive and Entrepreneur

Residence Streamside Circle Neighborhood in East Vail

Years in Vail: Part-time 30, full-time 2.

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Please tell us:

From: Jim Lamont

Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 1:52 PM

To: 'Edward Padilla'

Subject: RE: VHA/JFL/TOVTC/ Candidates: RE: Reply -VHA Question # 6: Confirm receipt. Thank you. Jim Lamont

6. What are Vail's most significant quality-of-life issues?

From: Edward Padilla

Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 1:09 PM

To: Jim Lamont

Subject: RE: VHA/JFL/TOVTC/ Candidates: RE: Reply -VHA Question # 4 & 5: Confirm receipt. Thank you. Jim Lamont

Jim:

I am not by any means an expert on Voter security systems but the first place I would suggest is to research Locations in the state and country where such systems are in place and working as intended.

Look, you design systems not to have errors but they happen....just ask the credit card companies.

Ed

From: Jim Lamont
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 10:23 AM
To: 'Edward Padilla'
Subject: VHA/JFL/TOVTC/ Candidates: RE: Reply -VHA Question # 4 & 5a: Confirm receipt. Thank you. Jim Lamont

Ed: Do you have any suggestions about how, to the extent possible, to remove the potential for voter fraud? Should it be a matter of zero tolerance or is there room for error? Jim

From: Edward Padilla
Sent: Sunday, October 8, 2017 7:41 PM
To: Jim Lamont
Subject: Re: VHA/JFL/TOVTC/ Candidates: VHA Question # 4 & 5: Confirm receipt. Thank you. Jim Lamont
Jim

Interesting reading

I am totally open to expanding mail in balloting for Town of Vail elections given protection against fraud.

5. When do you foresee the circumstances existing under which every Town of Vail election is conducted by all mail-in balloting?

As context, you may want to review the following [VHA analysis of voter participation rates for at- the-polls vs. all mail-in balloting.](#)

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs179/1101935191883/archive/1118136766926.html>

4. What do you foresee as potential pathways to incentivize economic growth for the TOV and the Vail community at large?

Jim:

Thanks for sending the links.....very interesting

Ed

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From: Jim Lamont
To: Ed Padilla
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2017 5:02 PM
Subject: VHA/JFL/TOVTC/ Candidates: VHA Question #4: Confirm receipt. Thank you. Jim Lamont

Ed: As context, you may want to review the following links for VHA analysis of the TOV's financial situation and the basis for the cost of deferred maintenance for infrastructure. VHA is open to exploring all viewpoints on these matters.

<http://www.vailhomeowners.com/VHA%20Vail's%20Financial%20Future%20081917%20Final.pdf>

<http://www.vailhomeowners.com/Parking%20structure%20Research%20JFL%20072617abrevised%20080217.pdf>

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From: Jim Lamont
To: Ed Padilla
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2017 11:33 AM

Subject: RE: VHA/JFL/TOVTC/ Candidates: VHA Question #3: Confirm receipt. Thank you. Jim Lamont

3. How would you suggest the TOV approach the financing of an estimated nearly \$1/2 billion in deferred maintenance to replace the Vail Village/Lionshead parking structures and Town Hall building, also should the parking capacity in the two main parking structures be expanded?

Jim:
First of all, you have assumed several things that I don't know to be fact.....1/2 Billion, the need to replace existing parking structures, town hall replacement, etc.

If all of these were true, then the sources of these capital funds would have to come from across the board higher taxes, long term financing and....

Let's not forget the Corporation that substantially benefits from these long term investments?????????

I have never been a fan of turning paradise into parking lots and worse still parking structures that are almost always economically unjustifiable.

While I have had a place here since 1983, I am still a new guy on the block full time and I've got a lot to learn about the financial structure of the town.....My view is that it presently is run well by a competent and professional staff providing services you don't find in most towns across the country and providing those services at lower RE Taxes than in most cities.

So without the benefits of a lot of important facts my best response that I could give you now is that in terms of the capital improvements, (non parking) that the town needs, those funds would have to come from tax increases or long term financing.

In terms of expanded parking, then the town and Vail Resorts need.....they to be looking at the acquisition of nearby land to develop remote parking with transportation provided by VR and the town and paid for by each to the extent that they benefit from such increased parking. (think Minturn rail yards).

Ed Padilla

2. What are your top five priorities, for the next 5 years, 25 years, and 50 years to achieve on behalf of:
a. The community-at-large (includes non-resident homeowners and local residents)?
b. The local voters (residents)?

OK Jim, let's put things in prospective

At my age of 80.....My personal perspective is to be around for five years so forget the 25 and 50 year personal perspectives.

Now what do I think needs to be accomplished in the 5 year window:

1. More low income housing aimed at young folks that live and work in the town of Vail
2. Regionalization of citizen services.....transportation/ environment/health/Branding
3. A fair and workable policy for short term rentals
4. A town budget that reflects a no growth in occupied occupants due to the lack of developable land
5. More full time residents in the town..... live.....work.....retire

6. A new 20/20 long range plan for the city and region
That's it for the next five

Ed Padilla

1. The advantages your qualifications, character, and experiences would bring to the Vail Town Council?

Vision.....Leadership.....New Ideas

Vision..... The future of Vail will require a new on ongoing 20/20 plan that deals with some very complex issues that Vail faces, ie.....today Vail is virtually built out so where will the new sources of town revenue be sourced????

What should the town's posture be with the VR organization on matters of growth in both the expanding Winter and Summer seasons???

Should the Town of Vail develop closer ties with Eagle County for future needs in Transportation, land use, the environment, etc

Leadership To a certain degree leadership is the the ability of not only having a vision but be able and willing to communicate and implement that vision.

New Ideas The Vail Town Council needs to open its discussions to new concepts, new ways of looking to the future *with a non fear of failure in looking at these new options.* The future of the Town of Vail isn't what it used to be so being open to new ideas will be critical.

So..... I would try if elected as a member of The Vail Town Council to incorporate the attributes I have outlined above.

Ed Padilla

I have no agenda to crusade except to help to define a vision for the future that will build on what has to date made Vail a good place to live.

Hope that helps to answer your questions.

Ed Padilla

From: Edward Padilla

Date: September 20, 2017 at 5:06:20 PM GMT+2

To: Jim Lamont

Subject: Re: VHA/JFL/EP: Know your are traveling, couple of more bio questions.

Jim

Right now I am on a small Gullet boat on the coast of Croatia.

I guess you could say that I have had five careers starting as a Linotype machinist in the Miami Herald Newspaper.

After ten years of working my way through the ranks I stumbled into the ranks of management as Production Director of the plant.

Somehow a guy by the name of Jim Copley, owner of Copley Newspapers needed new fellow to build a new plant for his newly acquired paper in Sacramento Ca and he hired me during a visit to the Herald.

So with a new diploma and a wife and two kids in hand we started career #2 in building the most modern newspaper plant in the world with the development of high speed offset presses and computerized composition.

I became after eight years at the plant the Publisher of the newspaper

Career# 3 came as I was hosting Katherine Graham through the new plant and she spirited me off to become the Executive V P of the newspaper division of The Washington Post Company.

Career # 4 was to become Publisher of newspapers that the Post owned and to do the acquisitions for the company.

Career # 5 happened when I left the Post to become the CEO of a large industrial manufacturer of big newspaper presses

Then in 1992 I started my own company and purchased weekly newspapers in California an Pennsylvania.

I just could not keep a job.

In 1987 I purchased a condo in Timber Falls in Vail while living in Lambertville NJ

Purchased a home in 1995 in East Vail and moved full time in July of 2015

Love Vail and wanted to keep it wonderful so decided to give back to the cause

Ed Padilla

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