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CANDIDATES UNITE TO MAKE CHANGES TO EAGLE CITY GOVERNMENT

Election Hopefuls Run With One Voice: Preserve Eagle

Eagle-- Believing there is strength in numbers, three Eagle residents are hoping to change the face of Eagle politics by running on a single "Preserve Eagle" platform in the elections coming up in November. Mayoral hopeful, Saundra McDavid and City Council candidates, Al Shoushtarian and Michael Huffaker believe by uniting as one, they can better represent the vision of where they'd like Eagle to be. All three candidates have spoken out in opposition to the City's recent zoning and development decisions. "Any one person would not hold a strong enough position to make any changes in the decisions being made by the current administration. By joining together we have a majority vote on City Council decisions, and can bring the people's voice back into the decision making process," stated McDavid.

There are four city council seats, with the tie breaker vote falling upon the Mayor. Two of the four city council seats are up for election, as is the position for Mayor. Said McDavid, "We would like to preserve Eagle: preserve the quality of life, the open space, the community we bought into where we could raise our family and live, work and play."

Shoushtarian stated, "Currently our developers are changing our comprehensive plan, instead of the other way around. We, in essence, have no plan for growth. Development has been approved with disregard for our lack of infrastructure; in particular water availability, transportation, public services such as schools and flood issues." Shoushtarian feels it is important to have someone with planning knowledge on the council so the future generations of Eagle families do not inherit a host of infrastructure challenges.

"All too frequently, the concerns of existing Eagle residents are ignored and outweighed by the requests of the big dollar developers. Many feel that no matter what they say, when it comes to growth and development in Eagle, they won't be listened to. As a result, many residents have become disengaged from the political process and have lost motivation to offer input into City decisions. Our candidacy is based upon a desire to open our ears to the voices of the residents of Eagle, return balance to the growth dialogue, and reasonableness and moderation to the speed, location and density of growth in Eagle and its associated area of impact," stated Huffaker.

Saundra McDavid holds a JD and an MBA from St. Louis University. She is an attorney and currently works as a University Professor in the areas of Law, Information Technology and Business Strategy. Prior work experience includes Director of IT at MicronPC where she oversaw a staff ranging from 10 to 45. McDavid has spoken at

both City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission hearings against increasing the density of developments in Eagle, pointing out the factors of school overcrowding, inadequate infrastructure, and lack of open space. She served on Idaho Power's Citizens Advisory Committee as an advocate against the placement of power lines through residential areas in Eagle. Previously she served on the board of the Boise Chapter of the National Association of Women's Business Owners, where she also served as public relations committee chair. She currently volunteers as an attorney with the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program. McDavid and her husband, Andrew Petrehn, own the popular Eagle Rib Shack restaurant in downtown Eagle. The couple have two children who attend school in Eagle.

Al Shoushtarian holds a Masters and Bachelors Degree in City and Regional Planning from Howard University. He is a partner in an investment company and has 20 years experience in planning, growth and development. He has been working as a consultant reviewing and analyzing Comprehensive Plans for cities in different parts of the world. Shoushtarian has been vocal in Eagle city issues and has expressed his technical point of view regarding the future of Eagle in City Council meetings, in the media, and in the Eagle and Boise Chambers of Commerce. Al can regularly be found doing volunteer work around the community, oftentimes with his wife Joannah, a school teacher in Eagle. He has served 22 years as a Volunteer youth soccer coach. He has helped with numerous senior citizen events and volunteered for various school activities for the past 15 years. He and his wife have two children.

Michael Huffaker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Pre-Physical Therapy and a Juris Doctorate degree from Brigham Young University. He has practiced law for 13 years, and has run his own law practice the last 10 years. He has taken continuing legal education credits in Idaho land use law. He has participated at City hearings and in court proceedings in opposition to high density subdivisions in the designated low density areas of West Eagle. He lives in Eagle with his wife Fabiana and their four children who attend Eagle High School and Eagle Middle School. He currently is the assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 308. He and Fabiana have provided many volunteer hours for various Eagle High School organizations such as Choral Union, Speech and Debate, and the Edge Dance Team.

The Preserve Eagle platform and more information about McDavid, Shoushtarian, and Huffaker can be reached via their website www.preserveeagle.com

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