## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICE PRESENTED BY RESTORE THE BALANCE, DELTA COUNTY a nonpartisan, nonprofit, organization

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To: Candidates for Municipal Office Town of Orchard City, Colorado

1. What qualifications do you have that can give voters confidence that you should be a member of the Orchard City Board of Trustees? Please be specific.

I have always been a team player. I was a problem solver in my 25 plus years as an Electrical Engineer. I will take the time to research the answers to problems that may come up in this position.

- 2. By now, upon reading and considering the seven political principles we feel should guide political conduct in Western Colorado.
  - a. Do you endorse each of the seven principles restore the balance feel should guide political conduct in Western Colorado?

Yes, I endorse them.

b. If you endorse them all, please explain how you will work to execute these principles.

I am a fact driven person, I enjoy examining all the evidence. I have always been and will continue to look for common ground. I am a registered unaffiliated voter.

c. If there are any principles you do not endorse, please identify them and explain why.

3. It is important to let people know that you put the public interest first. In looking back over the past year or two, are there any decisions of the Orchard City Board of Trustees has made that you do not agree with?

I have not disagreed with any of the decisions that I have seen published.

If yes, how would you change them?

- 4. In the aftermath of recent political events, some security experts cite increased risks to local governments from extremist groups which pose a threat to the right to peacefully assemble and to the proper functioning of government.
  - a. How would you define "extremist" activity and do you view it as a threat to the proper function of municipal government?

Extremist activity is any activity that is intended to be "destructive" to the process they are against, and yes it would be a threat.

b. What, if anything, should be done to protect elected officials and the public from those using harassment to stop civil engagement in the exercise of democratic processes?

We need to talk civilly.

5. Our county allows the use of mail-in ballots. Do you feel this method serves the public interest?

Absolutely yes

6. Do you feel municipal government in your Delta County community in the recent past has been moving in the correct direction?

Yes

a. What additional steps would you promote to maximize serving the interests of your community in an efficient and cost-effective manner?

Getting more public involvement when decisions are being made.

7. What do you feel are three important issues and/or concerns facing the municipality in which you are seeking elected office and what solutions do you have in mind?

Water, Water. We need to keep the focus on our water. We need to keep it clean and safe. We all want good quality water at a reasonable price. We should try to be efficient with the public's money.

Kevin M Walsh

Thanks for your help in encouraging public participation in our election process.

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