

RESTORE THE BALANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. My name is Roger Christian. I am 73 years of age, retiring from Delta in 2019 after 31 years as a public servant for the city. I worked for 21 years as a police officer, working my way through the ranks before retiring as the Commander. I held the position of Interim Chief twice. The last 10 years I worked as the Code Enforcement and Animal Control officer.

I was required to attend Staff and City Council meetings during that time. I learned how the Council worked to govern the city and how city Staff worked to see that the wishes of the Council were carried out. I learned how important it is to see that the concerns of the citizens are honestly and fairly dealt with and to maintain a healthy relationship with both Council, staff and citizens.

2. This is the first time I have been made aware of Restore The Balance in Delta County.
 - a. I agree that the principles are important, however, I feel that I need more information before I can endorse any of them or the organization. As I stated before, this is the first time I have heard of this organization. I have not heard anyone else say or mention it either. These principles appear to be a down to earth, common sense approach for politics and elected officials in general.
3. I do put the public's interest first. The public is the party that will or will not elect me to the office to which I am seeking. I have not personally heard of any decision that I did not or would not agree with.
4. (a) Extremist activity is that activity which leans to the far left or the far right. It tries to persuade one to abandon your way of thinking and align with theirs by whatever means necessary. Municipal government may find it more difficult to function as it needs to function but will persevere in the end.
 - (b) Harassment is against the law and can be dealt with in a lawful manner. It would not be unreasonable to try to talk first with those who want to disrupt the governmental processes or any peaceful gathering.
5. I see no reason to discontinue mail-in-ballots. For some, it is a fast and easy way to cast their ballot.
6. The governing body in Hotchkiss is small, but yet performs the same duties as the other municipalities. It strives to be fair, honest and transparent in all transactions with the public, citizens, and with the other municipalities.
 - (a) The best way to promote and maximize the interests of my community would be as pro-active as possible.

7. Feral cat issue. I would like to see a good TNR program. Possibly an ordinance making those who feed the feral cats more responsible, like spay, neuter, vaccinate and license if there is no TNR.

Affordable housing. Hotchkiss needs more housing, period. But Hotchkiss has neither the funding or land to tackle this yet.

New Business. Growth is essential for the good of the town. More restaurants, more shopping opportunities. We could come up with some kind of incentives to attract new business.