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THE RACE:

Douglas County Commission | District 1

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Douglas County has a historically high poverty rate. What is the most innovative thing a commissioner can do to address that?

CANDIDATES:



PAT HALEY
prefers Republican Party
Independent engineering
consultant and contractor

ANSWER: The primary responsibilities of a county commissioner are the professional management of county services. This includes budgeting and appropriation of county expenditures, constructing and maintaining roads & public buildings, designing safe and efficient transportation systems, enforcing federal and state ordinances, assuring reliable public safety, providing long range land-use planning, prosecuting and defending all legal actions for and against the county, and supervising and hiring of non-elected management staff for county agencies. The better a commissioner focuses on excellence in governance—good roads, low taxes, disciplined budgets, wise planning, and quality service — the better he/she can be a supportive team player with other public & private agencies in solving these types of challenging issues in Douglas County.



DAN SUTTON
prefers Republican Party
Owner of Cottage Inn
Restaurant in Wenatchee

ANSWER: Encourage economic and private sector development including tourism, education, transportation, infrastructure and affordable housing.

We must create a climate which encourages growth and development throughout the county by establishing economic development areas, be it through temporary tax deferral or reduction and presenting a climate conducive to growth rather than burdensome and discouraging through unrealistic site improvements and regulations causing many businesses to look elsewhere. I support private sector growth, due to the very nature of diversity. It is more beneficial to the health of the county to have 10 businesses employing 25 people than to have one business employing 250 people, however I would be happy with both. When business development and entrepreneurship are stifled by inappropriate regulation, excessive taxes and unstable policy application, lack of growth and increased poverty occur. By collaborating with groups like the Port of Douglas County and the WVC Chamber of Commerce we will succeed.

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