

# Candidate Engagement

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## Candidate Questionnaire | 2020 Primary Election

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Answers to the questions below will serve in evaluating candidates who are running in various local non-partisan races and may be available on the Chamber of Commerce's website. Please complete the following if you wish to participate in the Eugene Chamber of Commerce's candidate engagement process:

**Full Name:** John Barofsky

**Position running for:** EWEB position 2-3

**Campaign Email:** laperlapizzeria@live.com

**Campaign Website (if applicable):**

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**Please provide a brief bio including your professional background, volunteerism and any affiliations with local businesses or organizations.**

**Owner Beppe & Gianni's, La Perla Pizzeria**

**Eugene, Planning Commission, Eugene, Budget committee, CDBG committee, Street bond Committee, Travel Lane Co. board. ORLA board exec committee, community safety committee. Chamber LGAC**

**Please share with us your primary reason for running in this election and what impact you would like to make in the community.**

**Continue to give back to the community. Help Guide EWEB with policies for the future.**

**What individuals or organizations are either supporting your campaign, or are you seeking an endorsement from?**

**Lucy Vinnis, Claire Syrett, Mike Clark, Jennifer Yea, John Brown, Dick Helgeson, Pat Farr, Marty Wilde.**

**Do you have a fundraising plan for your campaign?no**

**If elected, what is your number one priority?**

**Clean water and reasonable rates.**

**What important leadership skill would you bring to the position and how would these skills be applicable to the business community.**

**Broad Knowledge of many city issues.**

**The business community in Eugene is critical to our community's long-term viability. How would you propose that you, as an elected official, work with the business community to ensure that fees, taxes, regulatory structures, tax incentives and service philosophy allow businesses to be successful?**

**Help to maintain low rates as much as possible.**

**How would you involve the business community in a discussion about the future of our community?**

**LGAC. And other chamber contacts.**

**What strategies would you support to control government spending to lessen the need to increase taxes, fees or other charges.**

**Look for efficiency and innovative thinking in budeting.**

**As a member of an elected body, how would you work with your colleagues to build relationships and build consensus for your ideas?**

**Listen.**

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**Please return completed questionnaire to:**

Tiffany Edwards, Director of Business Advocacy

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**Full Name: Vince McClellan**

**Position running for: EWEB Board of Directors, Wards 2 and 3**

**Campaign Email: vince@solarenergydesign.com**

**Campaign Website (if applicable): N/A**

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**Please provide a brief bio including your professional background, volunteerism and any affiliations with local businesses or organizations.**

**1982 to 1986 Electrical apprenticeship, electrical and solar construction and training**

**1985 to 1998 Owner of Independent Energy Systems**

**Design and construction of solar, wind, and hydro electric energy systems**

**1989 to 1994 Volunteer Fire Dept. Engine 10 Charlie Hawaiian Paradise Park, Keaau Hawaii**

**1999 to 2004 Owner of Energy Design,**

**Design and construction of solar energy systems and electrical contracting**

**2002 to 2006 Instructor at Lane Community College, Renewable Energy Associate of Applied Science Program**

**2004 to Current Owner of Energy Design Co, design and construction of solar energy systems, electrical contracting, electric vehicle chargers, and battery backup systems.**

**Educational Background**

**GED**

**Lane Community College, Bachelor of music program**

**University of Hawaii, Bachelor of music program**

**Please share with us your primary reason for running in this election and what impact you would like to make in the community.**

**I have knowledge of technologies that can help create more stable and affordable electricity for our community. Proper implementation of new technologies, after the due diligence of looking at the numbers and assessing the impact on our local electrical grid, will help EWEB with the challenges that face utility companies today. There are no tried and true solutions for utility companies at this time. With the everchanging landscape facing utility companies, each utility will need to find their own unique approach to providing stable affordable power to their communities based on the specific challenges in each district.**

**What individuals or organizations are either supporting your campaign, or are you seeking an endorsement from?**

**Eugene Chamber of Commerce**

**Eugene Registered Guard**

**Do you have a fundraising plan for your campaign?**

**No**

**If elected, what is your number one priority?**

**Providing support to EWEB staff so they can do the best job of running the complex business that is our local utility while keeping our utility rates low.**

**What important leadership skill would you bring to the position and how would these skills be applicable to the business community.**

**I have been a successful business owner in one of the most rapidly changing industries for most of my life. I understand how to keep a business stable by reviewing all the options and finding the best solution to implement at the proper time.**

**The business community in Eugene is critical to our community's long-term viability. How would you propose that you, as an elected official, work with the business community to ensure that fees, taxes, regulatory structures, tax incentives and service philosophy allow businesses to be successful?**

**As a fellow business owner, I will meet with and listen closely to the business community to find solutions that strengthen our local economy. I am a team player and will gladly meet with the business community to find solutions to the ever-growing challenges facing us all.**

**How would you involve the business community in a discussion about the future of our community?**

**Meeting with business leaders in our community is the number one way that I can hear their concerns and implement intelligent programs based on collaboration.**

**What strategies would you support to control government spending to lessen the need to increase taxes, fees or other charges.**

**Keeping utility costs down while implementing technologies that create a stable, renewable, electric grid is my number one priority. Implementing programs such as voluntary time of use metering will help businesses take advantage of lower cost electricity while stabilizing the peaks and valleys of the electrical load on the grid.**

**As a member of an elected body, how would you work with your colleagues to build relationships and build consensus for your ideas?**

**I believe that individuals can only make positive changes through closely working with others in their community. Sitting at the table in personal meetings with the business community is the best way to find solutions and create consensus for how to move forward with implementing the right idea at the right time.**

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