

Spokane City, Mayor,

Ben Stuckart

Evaluation: **Red** (Does not appear to support Conservative Values)

Responded:

1. Should elected leadership involve local Charitable Non-Profits in issues relating to Social issues? (Homeless and Street individuals)
Yes, they do it now and contract with the City of Spokane.
2. To what level should elected leadership be concerned with individual property rights?
Very, eminent domain is a very powerful tool and one that should only be used as a last resort.
3. How can government strengthen the local economy?
By investing smartly in infrastructure. To quote the owner of the Union Tavern, which opened on Sprague last year : “Dale Kleist said it was the city’s rehabilitation of the street (Sprague) that persuaded him to open a business in a part of town dismissed for decades as unwelcoming. The city did all the work so it was appealing.”

We are also smartly spending tax dollars on the West Plains. The new Public Development Authority reinvests our annual increase in tax revenue back into infrastructure in the area. The PDA, which I helped create, was the deal closer on the Amazon facility, which will bring 1500 new jobs to the region when it opens.
4. Which is best, government controls or free markets, and why?
Free Markets work sometimes and should be encouraged, for example we should get rid of all parking requirements on projects. Sometimes the market does not work and needs regulation, like environmental regulations.
5. When should government be involved in Social engineering? I do not understand what this means in context of city government
6. How can government strengthen Families? By supporting efforts to ensure that we have great neighborhoods, great parks, great libraries and quality early childhood learning programs.
7. Who is responsible for the child, the parents or the State? Why? We all are part of the same community so we share responsibility for each other. That is why we live in communities, not alone in the desert.
8. Explain your understanding of following, regarding the US Constitution, should it be understood by “Original Intent” and /or as a “Living Document”? I follow the Supreme Court rulings as they are the judiciary branch of the federal government.
9. Have you read the Washington State Constitution, and do you agree to support this document entirely? The laws we pass must comply with the State Constitution and I do not disagree with anything I have read