

Group 1:

1. What do you see as the greatest land use challenge to the residents of Bend? What changes in City policies do you support to address that issue?
2. Housing affordability is not unique to Bend. It's a problem all over the United States and especially the West. Do you think Bend can ever get to the point of providing affordable housing for everyone who wants to live here and, if you do, what is your one big idea that will address affordability in Bend that HASN'T been proposed by this City Council?
3. We are starting to see drought in Central Oregon that is causing irrigation districts to reduce visible water flows in the Deschutes River. What can we be doing now to ensure Bend has an adequate water supply?
4. HB2001 is requiring Bend to provide infill with more duplexes, triplexes, and tiny homes in order to build more affordable housing, but this Oregon law does not require micro units, which are 150 square foot rentals with 10 units sharing one full kitchen. Those who support allowing micro units in all housing zones often cite the Fair Housing Act. In fact, the Fair Housing Act requires that housing discrimination occurs when it is placed in areas without proper services and public transportation. Are you concerned that putting them in all zones, including some of the Opportunity Areas that are zoned single family, would put these residents far away from restaurants and public transportation as well as social services, and what is your argument for your position?
5. What remaining undeveloped areas in the city would you like to see preserved for open space or recreation, keeping in mind that open space is very different from a developed park?
6. Many residents have “given up” on participating in the public meeting process, in particular the land use process, because they often feel their voice is not heard. This plays out in terms of creation of city code that appears contrary to citizen input, and in land use meetings where citizens never really hear how their concerns are addressed. What ideas do you have to rebuild citizen’s trust of the City with regard to land use processes?
7. When was the last time you rode a bike for transportation, rode a city bus, or walked from the West to East side of Bend and what did that experience teach you about how to provide safer and more efficient ways to bike, walk, and ride a bus in Bend?
8. To decrease traffic, the City Council has taken some steps to encourage alternatives to vehicle trips, including the use of public transit. However, the transportation bond on next month's ballot allocates only \$8 million out of \$190 million for transit. How would you address this inconsistency?
9. Bend has approximately 1000 Short Time Rental permits either issued or in process. If the goal is affordable housing, what adjustments to the code for Short Term Rentals would you propose to further restrict the number of housing units removed from the supply for local residents?

Group 2:

1. Oregon's land use laws and Bend's most recent Comprehensive Plan call for increasing density. Yet, many people moved here to escape density, so this goal often conflicts with the values that make the city an attractive place to live. What examples from other cities are you aware of that achieve this balance between density and growth?
2. The redevelopment of the core area is a top priority in the planning for Bend's future. But, the railroad tracks and Hwy 97 are big obstacles to connecting the east and west sides. For example, one report acknowledges the impossible cost of widening the underpasses on Franklin & Greenwood. What are your ideas on how the physical barriers to the east of downtown can be overcome and how should they be funded?
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4. Bend does not require fire evacuation plans for any development. The City Council has a Fire Resiliency Plan listed on its website, but it is 4 years old and was never completed. What do you think Bend should do to get serious about fire evacuation?
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6. Prices for new homes have increased at a very rapid pace the last few years yet the City provides incentives for developers in order for them to make money in one of the fastest growing towns in America. This puts the burden for infrastructure on existing homeowner property taxes. Why do you support or not support developer incentives?
7. The City is allowing thousands of housing units to be built with few provisions for how we handle the additional vehicles on the road, other than reducing parking for these new units. Other

cities require developers to bear more responsibility for the new traffic their developments cause. Should Bend do this and why or why not?

8. The concern for people without housing becomes heightened in the fall as our temperatures begin to drop. Some people believe the City of Bend should provide warm accommodations for these people. Others believe that if the City provides accommodations and services, it may create more problems. What would you propose to address this concern, how would you balance the needs, and how would you propose paying for the solution?