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**Q1**

Candidate Name:

Eldon Merrick

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**Q2**

In what city/town/village do you live?

Portales

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**Q3**

For what position are you running?

City Council

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**Q4**

How long have you lived in the District you're running for?

20 years

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**Q5**

Email address

eldon.merrick63@gmail.com

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**Q6**

Phone number for voters to reach out to you

5756076242

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**Q7**

Other Information

Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551334371542&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

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**Q8**

If elected, what would be your first priority as a City Councilor?

Try to redevelop our existing well field and or establish more wells to combat our water problems.

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**Q9**

What can you as a City Councilor do to determine the usefulness of ordinances and regulations in serving citizens without unnecessarily overburdening anyone?

Explore the ordinances on the books and find out what we are following and what we are not. Less government control is a goal of mine!

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**Q10**

What would you do to streamline permitting and other government red tape in order to attract new business to the Village/City/Town?

Make it as simple as possible but still maintain the integrity of the process to establish a viable asset to the community.

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**Q11**

Our state holds top national rankings for homicide and other serious crimes. How would you use the position of City Councilor to keep citizens safe?

Make sure our Police have the training and resources needed to maintain a competent department.

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**Q12**

What would you do as a City Councilor to keep current businesses from closing/leaving while attracting more businesses to our Village/City/Town?

Make sure we are using all resources available to help businesses with promoting shop local campaigns and keeping our town clean and attractive.

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**Q13**

While you have no jurisdiction over the courts and judges, you do have influence over crime reduction in the Village/City/Town. What would you do as a City Councilor to address the growing number of criminals on our streets?

Make sure we are using all available resources to combat crime in our community. Make sure criminals are aware that crime will not be tolerated here!

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**Q14**

Regarding the growing homeless situation, what is your plan as a City Councilor to address the needs of this population?

If they are homeless because they don't have a job, lets try to find them one. If it simply because they want to be homeless, then let's find another location for them to enjoy.

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**Q15**

Relating to 2nd Amendment rights, do you support or oppose ordinances or laws that would outlaw high-capacity magazines or 'assault rifle' possession? Please explain your answer.

I oppose any infringement of our 2nd amendment rights. We all have the right to bear arms.

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**Q16**

Relating to 2nd Amendment rights, do you support or oppose the governor's health order on gun carry restrictions? Please explain your answer.

I do not support her mandate and think it is a over reach of power. Taking away legal concealed or open carry access is just giving criminals an upper hand.

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**Q17**

Relating to 'Home Rule', do you support or oppose a Village/City/Town's rights to adopt constitutionally based policies that may conflict with state mandates?

I do support local control over state control on issues.

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**Q18**

Why are you seeking this office and what makes you the most qualified person to be a City Councilor in this District?

I am not happy with the direction we have been going in with our council. I have a fresh set of ideas and a sense of urgency to get them accomplished.

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**Q19**

Have you ever been arrested for a felony or misdemeanor crime? If yes, please explain.

I have not!

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**Q20**

Have you ever been delinquent in paying taxes or other financial obligations? If yes, please explain.

I have not!

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