

Kwon Atlas
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Office Sought: Mayor	District (If Applicable):
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Employment: Wells Fargo Banker	
Length of Residence: In City: 5 In District: 2	

1. Education:

B.A. Economics;
Minor in Business Administration and Political Science
Colorado State University

2. Past and Present Community Service Including Offices Held:
ASCSU student senator.

3. Past and Present Employment/Business Experience:
Wells Fargo banker

4. Specific Qualifications for This Office:
Experience conducting council and committee meetings
Outspoken leader in the community
Community Organizer

5. Why Are You Running for This Office?
I'm running to create an impact on the Fort Collins community by being a more effective leader by seeking out the opinions of the community. Throughout my life I have worked on the behalf of others and I view this as the next step in that progression.

6. If you are elected, what are the top three accomplishments you want to have completed by the end of your term and how will you get them done?

Ending “U+2”, I want to seek out the opinions of city members and prove the community isn’t in favor of the ordinance. Second, I want to improve parking accessibility by approving more parking garage complexes, and possibly mandating new housing projects provide parking for at least 80% of their residents. Third, I want to create a more dialogue between the city and residents. I want to have clear and timely information relayed to residents so they are aware of what the city is accomplishing. I can do this by partnering with the CSU community and possibly starting up a political media internship program to jumpstart this idea.

7. What do you think are the top 3 economic priorities the city government should undertake during the next four years? What role should the City of Fort Collins have in economic development? How will you make the economy a City budget priority?

Number one is ending “U+2” and creating more affordable housing opportunities. This issue directly drives perversions in the housing market that are not favorable to the type of demographics the city has. The second priority is small business. Small businesses are vital to preserving the unique experience of Fort Collins. The city should always consider CSU student as a full resident and work with them to ensure CSU is taking care of students economically so that that burden does not fall on the city. The city should act as a liaison to local businesses and organizations.

8. How will you make Fort Collins a more Jobs Friendly community? Are you willing to engage with business leaders to discuss these solutions? Please explain how you will stay in touch with business leaders.

As a candidate, I have already committed to doing business walks in the community and engaging with them about positives and negatives of the current city administration and what can be improved. One tactic I plan to develop is a stronger communication channel between the city, Chamber of commerce and the

North and South business association. If elected I would continue my business walks to constantly be engaged with the community.

9. What role should the City of Fort Collins have in the region? What do you believe are the top issues facing Northern Colorado in the next several years?

The top issue is the attractiveness of our state and managing skyrocketing rent prices due to a rising population. We see CSU's population rising as well which will create growing pains the city needs to plan for. Fort Collins should play a leadership role in the region and work with neighboring cities.

10. Colorado will continue to grow, including our area. How should the City Council plan for growth, if at all?

The city should plan for future growth by communicating with residents about growth trends and removing ordinances like "U+2" and building height restrictions. Fort Collins should also lobby for additional resources for public affordable housing and shelters.

11. What are the top two issues facing city government over the next 4 years and why do you believe they are the most important?

Housing

Growth

12. In recent years, the City Council has been prone to push ahead on issues that are clearly not popular with the public. An example would be trash districting. Though public support was absent, the Council pressed forward with the results being significant negative response by the public and hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars spent on consultants and staff time. What would you do to ensure good governance and the prudent use of staff time and resources?

I believe I will lead my example by being a delegate and not a trustee. Someone who will listen to the community and act upon their convictions not mine. I also believe in strong management of the city budget.

13. The City adopted very aggressive Climate goals in 2016. What role does government have in driving achievement of those goals?

The city has a critical position in making sure these goals are met. However, the city must stay in constant communication with residents to see if these goals continue to be in the best interest of everyone. I do believe Fort Collins, like every city has to play their role in combating climate change.

14. Past droughts and the High Park Fire showcased how vulnerable the City is to lack of water storage. What would you do to help the City be better prepared for water emergencies?

I need to fully review relevant materials to make a full judgement on ways to better prepare.

15. What are the top three transportation improvements the City of Fort Collins should accomplish? Should the City of Fort Collins be investing in North I-25?

Yes, the city should invest in I-25, as well the city should find creative ideas to decongest traffic and provide adequate parking. Additionally, I believe the city should push for a transportation neutral agenda. where we are working towards new alternative transportation methods while improving traditional modes of transportation.

16. Why would a business person support your election to office?

A business person should support my election because I'm the sole candidate with a background in business and economics. Although I can be liberal on social issues I also support strong infrastructure and will be a steward of public funds. I will have the ability to understand macroeconomic risk coming from federal policy and how Fort Collins should position itself. I further commit to favoring small businesses and removing ineffective regulations.

17. If business groups endorse you, is there any significant information that could come out about you during a campaign that could potentially embarrass you (and them) publicly? (ex: bankruptcy, arrest, conviction, etc.)

No.