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1 – The City is now in the process of updating the General Plan. Will you support the results of the survey that show an overwhelming support of the night sky and strengthen the provisions in the General Plan to preserve and protect the night sky?

Yes

Would you like to comment on your response?

I support the survey results. I am hopeful residents will come forward during the public hearing for updating the General Plan and speak up in support of the night sky and strengthening the provision in the General Plan

2 – The General Plan includes Vision and Goals for protecting the night sky by carefully regulating lighting while also promoting growth and safety for residents. With increased growth comes increased lighting. How will you balance the two?

With Governor Cox designating April as Dark Sky month and our own mayor being a dark sky advocate I believe we have the opportunity to work with developers to promote smart lighting that supports our growth and provides safety for residents.

3 – It's been proven that well designed, appropriate lighting can protect the night sky and provide safety for residents. Will you support a lighting ordinance that meets both needs?

Yes

Would you like to comment on your response?

I was a member of the Night Sky Initiative. A lesson learned by me is that in our enthusiasm we came across as inflexible. I believe we need to reach out to all communities in Ivins and address their concerns and earn their support. We can then create an ordinance that protects the night sky and provides safety to for all residents

4 – The General Plan states “The purpose of the Ivins City General Plan is to steer development toward a well-conceived future preserving the city's magnificent natural assets and desirable lifestyle by avoiding the pitfalls of reckless growth.” Do you believe the night sky is a natural resource?

Yes

5 – In 2019 Ivins Night Sky Initiative was on track of achieving the International Dark Sky Association's (IDSA) Community Designation for Ivins City which would have acknowledged and promoted the city's commitment to protecting the night sky. While the City chose not to pursue the city-wide designation at that time, the IDSA does have a smaller "development" category. Would you support and help facilitate developments within the city applying for the IDSA designation?

Yes