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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 will be a strong advocate for any provisions that help protect the night sky in Ivins. As an avid birder and stargazer, I will work diligently to protect our air quality and our night skies.

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?

Working with developers and new homeowners to educate them about the types of lighting that can enhance both security and maintain night skies is the key. If people hear "night sky" and think, "Oh, no, my neighborhood will be dark and unsafe" then I haven't done my job to educate them about the marriage of the two concerns.

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

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

Would you like to comment on how you will adhere to the above declaration?

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