

**Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce rating for
City Council and Mayoral Candidates
On Business Related Issues**

Numerical rating used for Candidate scoring:

- 5 - Top Choice, this candidate appears very supportive of economic development and/or Chamber goals
- 4 - OK Choice, this candidate appears he/she will support economic development and/or Chamber goals
- 3 - This candidate shows limited support for economic development and/or Chamber goals
- 0 - Not a good business choice, he/she not likely to support economic development and/or Chamber goals.

The following business ratings are a numerical average based on participating member responses and are not formal endorsements.

For complete and detailed information on all written candidate responses to our business questions please visit the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce website www.missoulachamber.com

Candidates by Ward	(*) Committee Members Assessment of Written Responses	(**) Chamber Members Forum Assessments
WARD #1		
Cass Chinske	1.31	3.28
Dave Strohmaier	1.34	1.28
WARD #2		
Myrt Charney	2.11	4.07
John Couch	1.44	1.57
John Hendrickson	1.38	Not present-Family emergency
WARD #3		
Lee Clemmensen	1.91	3.50
Bob Jaffe	1.04	1.85
WARD #4		
Timothy Lovely	2.34	3.06
Jon Wilkins	2.70	3.33
WARD #5		
Mark Fitzgerald	2.34	4.06
Dick Haines	3.35	4.66
WARD #6		
Jeffrey-James Halvorson	2.00	4.13
Marilyn Marler	.94	1.66
MAYORAL		
Geoff Badenoch	3.06	3.52
Jerry Ballas	4.25	3.80
Lou Ann Crowley	1.76	1.84
John D’Orazi	1.91	2.76
John Engen	2.42	4.00
Clayton Floyd	3.03	3.04

Note: The above information is a non-scientific sampling.

(*) Committee Members from Community Affairs and The Montana Council of Industry and Economy

(**) Chamber Members attending the Chamber’s Candidate Interview Forums

THE MISSOULA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE POLITICAL PROCESS USED TO RATE LOCAL CANDIDATES

During the months of June, July and the first of August, 2005, the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce refined our political process to provide you, the members, with information to assist you in voting for Chamber and Business supportive candidates. The Primary Election is scheduled for September 13, 2005 – Please get out and Vote!

Our process consisted of the following:

- Updated and completed the Chamber’s “White Paper” which states our philosophies and positions on numerous issues affecting the business interests of our members and the Missoula Community. **(View the most current copy at www.missoulachamber.com)**
- Surveyed our membership on the top three issues affecting business in Missoula. The following were identified: *growth & development; government regulations, processes & attitudes and transportation & infrastructures.*
- Seven-“7”- questions were developed by the Chamber’s Community Affairs and the Montana Council of Industry and Economy Committees based upon members issues (Questions provided below).
- The Chamber membership responded to the “7” questions with a “YES or NO” vote. These votes were tallied and percentages were applied (See below).
- The same “7” questions were asked of all candidates. In addition to YES or NO, they could make comments or give explanations. **(View their comments at www.missoulachamber.com)**
- Four probing questions were developed from the top issues of our membership. These questions were asked of each candidate during our three public forums held at the College of Technology on July 28 – 30, 2005.
- Exit surveys were completed by Chamber members attending the forums, assessing the candidates in terms of “business supportive” answers, again on a scale of 0 to 5, with 5 being most supportive.
- The Chamber Committee members then assessed candidate’s written responses to the “7” questions below on a scale of 0 to 5. Candidate’s responses to Chamber questions #8 and #9 concerning the three most important issues facing Missoula and the single most important business issue in Missoula were considered by committee members along with the candidate’s written response to the seven questions. **(View their comments at www.missoulachamber.com)**

Chamber membership “vote” on the “7” questions:

	YES	NO
1. Should the City set aside an economic development area for Missoula?	72%	20%
2. Do you feel that the Wye/Mullan plan allows enough space for business development within the specifics of the plan?	27%	44%
3. Do you support the development of a N/S Corridor West of Reserve Street?	86%	11%
4. Do you feel the existing Sign Ordinance appropriately promotes business?	23%	75%
5. Do you feel the Office of Planning and Grants is sufficiently customer oriented?	16%	76%
6. Do you feel the Health Department is sufficiently customer oriented?	31%	60%
7. Should revenues such as Impact Fees and Local Option Taxes be increased to support infrastructure development?	42%	55%

**For complete “word for word” answers and comments
From Mayoral and City Council Candidates**

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