



Questions for Candidates:

Mo Mulheren – Ukiah City Council

1. Bicycling/walking and safe bike/pedestrian infrastructure enhances quality of life and addresses issues such as affordability, equity, access, health, and the safety of our streets. In your view, what can the City/County do to actively encourage more people to bike and walk?

Create safe spaces for people to walk and bike and decrease traffic speeds. Many drivers go much too fast for bicyclists to feel comfortable.

2. Studies from Portland and other US cities show people on bicycles spend more per month in local business districts than those arriving by other modes. Bicycling and walking also promote a “shop local” mindset (it’s difficult to get to a faraway store to shop if you are walking or biking). What steps would you take to ensure that local businesses in your shopping district are able to benefit from better access by bicyclists?

Increase bike rack availability and reduce speeds and traffic.

3. Childhood obesity and chronic weight related health issues are a major problem. As an elected official how would you use your position to foster an active living agenda that will make measurable improvements in these chronic but often preventable diseases?

We call that leading by example, using health activities to engage the community helps youth and adults alike.

4. Forty percent of vehicle trips are less than two miles and many of us trip-hop with our cars rather than walking when we have a number of closely located errands to do. Will you commit to using your leadership position in the community to “walk the walk” by personally walking and biking whenever possible during your tenure in office?

I sure do! I walk regularly from my insurance office to do my banking and run errands. I also created an office bike lending policy in my co-work space. We have a bike that anyone can use to run quick errands that has an easy to remember lock.

5. We are at the point now where increasing on-street infrastructure like bike lanes will require some difficult decisions, which will not please everyone. A classic example is the struggle between installing bike lanes, sometimes at the expense of on-street parking.

Give us some insight into your decision-making process and how you plan to balance the opinions of residents who may be at odds.

Streets are for everyone not just cars its important to remember that when having the parking conversations.

6. Do you have a biking or walking related story you'd like to tell?

Someone once told me they “never” see me on a bike. Well I do have two bikes that I use regularly but even as an adult I feel uncomfortable riding on some streets so you are more likely to see me in my cowboy boots out for a midday stroll.