

**Candidate Qualification and Biographical Statements**  
**(Statements supplied by the candidates)**

**CARLTON CHRISTENSEN** - District 1

Qualifications

Carlton currently serves as the Chair for the Salt Lake City Council, and also served as Council Chair for the years 2000 and 2003 and as Council Vice-Chair for 1998, 2002, and 2008. Carlton previously served as Chair of the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City in 2006 and 2007. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Utah League of Cities & Towns from 1999 to 2001. Carlton currently serves on the Associates Board for the Utah Museum of Natural History and as an ex officio member of the Salt Lake City Airport Board. Appointed by the Governor in April 1999 to the Utah Quality Growth Commission, Carlton served eight years as one of the inaugural members of that commission. In April of 2003, Carlton was also appointed by the Governor to the Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board for the State where he is currently serving. Having grown up in Rose Park, Carlton is a lifelong resident of Salt Lake City. Prior to the council, Carlton served on the Salt Lake City Planning Commission, and as Vice Chair of the Rose Park Community Council. Carlton is a graduate of West High and the University of Utah.

Biographical information, current:

- (I) age; 43
- (II) occupation; Community Development Representative – Zions Bank
- (III) city of residence; Salt Lake City, UT
- (IV) years of residence in current city; 43 – lives in childhood home
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**F. JOSEPH IRISH** – District 1

Perpetual, persistent candidate, perennial thistle

F. Joseph Irish "frank"

Born - October 28, 1944

Camp Afford, Kearns, Utah

64 years as a conscientious observer, over 100 years Irish ancestry.

Occupation: Mechanical Industrial engineering

Pragmatic, ultra conservative Republican.

Educated: private Catholic schools.

**LESLIE REYNOLDS-BENNS** – District 1

Qualifications

Leslie is a committed, innovative, results-producing community activist who, beyond being committed to having a community that works for everyone,

- has advocated strongly for re-development and planning of North Temple for the past four years, now coming to fruition through the urging of outside agencies, with the city now playing catch-up.
- is working with the assistant District Attorney to alleviate prostitution on North Temple, by finding a grant that will make it possible for prostitutes to get treatment for their drug-addiction, therefore alleviating the need to work the streets.
- will hold town meetings on the gang problem and implement solutions.

As the Westpointe Community Council Chair, Leslie

- ran a successful anti-litter campaign, purchasing, stone/rock garbage cans with posters in English and Spanish.
- began a bi-lingual four-page newsletter
- instituted our Annual Night Out Against Crime, with 500 diverse residents in attendance
- instituted a beautification award
- established blinking speed signs on Independence and Starcrest and No Parking signs in the neighborhood, and
- also on Redwood Road, ridding it of the Used-Car-Lot appearance from the accumulation of cars for sale
- is CERT -trained and served as Coordinator for Emergency Preparedness
- was an ad hoc member of the Mayor's gang forum.

Bio

Leslie is a vibrant 68-years old. She currently runs a business teaching classes to court-referred clients from Taylorsville and Salt Lake County and also performs wedding ceremonies. She has lived in Salt Lake City for a total of 46 years, in stretches of 28 and 18 years -- eighteen being the most recent. She has served on numerous boards, commissions and committees, and in many volunteer capacities, both here and in California. She's taught at UofU and SLCC and has numerous degrees, ranging from mathematics to theology. Her email address is [electlesliebenns@aol.com](mailto:electlesliebenns@aol.com). She has been married to Robb T. Benns for nine years, who is a member of the Police Civilian Review Board, and vice-chair of the Westpointe Community Council. They have between them 11(3) children, 20(8) grandchildren and 28(0) great grandchildren. (Leslie's number in parentheses.)

She says, "It is a privilege to serve my city and its residents."

[www.electlesliebenns.com](http://www.electlesliebenns.com)

### **EDWARD JAMES AHO – District 3**

Born and raised in Salt Lake City, I have owned and operated my business for 32 years in district 3. I am 67 years young. I started my business in 1978, this was the period of the last deep financial recession (carter era) with a lot of self control and budget cutting, I successfully survived this phenomenon my business is still alive and very respected. I believe this council race is the most important election locally in a long time with deep love and respect for this district and the voters. I will be an important asset to the council. With a freight train of debt coming at us from Washington D.C, no one knows how our tax debt will crush our financial condition both personal and governmentally, I am concerned with the money the S.L.C Council wants to spend at this questionable time. I think we should look at more thought out alternatives concerning the cop shop. Government needs downsizing and the budget needs serious cuts. We need private sector, not big government control, look at Los Angeles and what big government

spending and tax increases do to a once thriving city, let's start with common sense with our decisions and our beautiful city.

### **LISA ALLCOTT** – District 3

In February I made the decision to become a candidate for SL City Council to give the voters in district 3 a councilwoman who will provide leadership on key issues facing our district and the city. We are a city that is on the verge of becoming a great American city and in the near future we have some key decisions to make. What do we want our downtown to look like? What transportation options are best for our communities? How can we better protect our open space? How do we best solve traffic problems? How do we blend historic preservation with the rights of homeowners to modify their property? Do we believe in the concept of a civic campus and it is a priority for us?

The city council is a legislative body and a city councilwoman should be a champion for the ideas that her district wants enacted into legislation. We should expect our city council members to LEAD on issues that are important to the district and the city. I intend to be that leader for council district 3.

Age: 50

Occupation: Project Manager, Oracle Corp.

City of Residence: Salt Lake City

Years of residence: 9 years

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### **PHIL CARROLL** – District 3

I have been active in community issues and activities in my Avenues neighborhood for nearly 30 years, serving two terms as Greater Avenues Community Council Chair. I have also chaired or participated on many committees and working groups established to deal with specific issues including traffic, redevelopment, housing, zoning, Shoreline Trail, Memory Grove, City Creek, etc. For the past 15 years I have chaired and organized the successful annual Memory Grove Clean-Up.

Concerning broader city issues I have chaired the Salt Lake City Transportation Advisory Board, served on the Futures Commission, and participated on a variety of committees such as the "Good Landlord", Memory Grove reconstruction, Shoreline Trail, I-15 reconstruction, housing and zoning, and various master plans.

Throughout Utah I have worked to provide affordable housing opportunities for seniors and families. I have provided testimony before US Congress regarding the need to provide less expense alternate housing opportunities for seniors as the population ages.

Through my years of experience I have learned that by creating opportunities for discussion, listening to the concerns, even anger, a thoughtful solution is possible and always, a better community is created.

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Salt Lake resident since 1974  
Immaculate Heart College, BA  
University of Utah, MS  
Western State University, JD  
California and Utah Bar Associations  
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### **“JJJ”-JENNIFER J JOHNSON** – District 3

Single Mother and Entrepreneur “JJJ”—Jennifer J. Johnson—was prompted to run for City Council by eco-colleague/Sugar House Councilman Soren Simonsen. JJJ’s first two “candidate weeks” were spent interviewing constituents--At Lindsey Gardens Dog Park... At Sweet Library... At Farmers and People’s Markets... In line at Smith’s... And the best place: Neighborhood streets, yards, and porches. Team JJJ asked 100-plus people “What are the top issues impacting Salt Lake?” YOUR answers? Air quality; Open Space/Intelli-development; Transportation/Walk-ability/Bike-ability; and Property Values/Taxes. JJJ’s four-part platform ensued—GREEN City, SMART City, HIP City, SAFE City. “Impressed with your campaign!” an Avenues politico e-mailed. “Fresh” and “Energetic” are oft-heard. “Ideas presented by no other candidate” is an endorser tribute. Novell, Intel, Iomega, GM are among companies JJJ has worked for or consulted with. JJJ’s innovative “virtual” business model has been profiled by the U.S. Department of Labor. NPR National produced an eight-minute profile, and *The History Channel* included JJJ alongside IBM, 3M, etc. in chronicling the history of the workplace. VISIT [www.JJJslc.com](http://www.JJJslc.com), then COMMUNICATE @ [http://jjjslc.com/Events\\_Blog.html](http://jjjslc.com/Events_Blog.html) “Let me leverage my business connections, high-stakes international experience, entrepreneurial gusto, and community connectedness to BUILD and BRAND our world-class GREEN city. More than an election... a movement.”--JJJ

#### *A. Biographical Information*

- I. Age: 47*
- II. Occupation: **Entrepreneur***
- III. City of Residence: **Salt Lake City***
- IV. Years of residence in current city: **22 years***
- V. Email address: [jjj@JJJslc.com](mailto:jjj@JJJslc.com)*

- B. Single web address where voters may access more information about the candidate and the candidate’s views: [www.JJJslc.com](http://www.JJJslc.com)*

### **STAN PENFOLD** – District 3

(A) Stan Penfold has been an active, progressive voice in Salt Lake City’s District 3 for many years. Dedicated to public service, Stan has served as chairpersons of the Greater Avenues Community Council and the Salt Lake Association of Community Councils. It is thanks to his efforts that Salt Lake area community councils have official City recognition. Stan has served as Executive Director of the Utah AIDS Foundation since 1999. He is progressive, pragmatic and fair, honoring the nonpartisan structure and tradition of City government. Stan Penfold is - first and foremost - a neighbor, with a deep understanding of neighborhood issues. He has renovated one house in the lower Avenues and is currently working on another. Stan is endorsed by many of District 3’s finest public servants including Mayor Becker and Councilman Jergensen; he will be an ideal Councilman to protect and preserve our neighborhoods, equipping them to meet

today's challenges while paying attention to future needs. To learn more about Stan and the neighborhood issues important to him, visit [FriendsOfStan.com](http://FriendsOfStan.com). Stan wants to hear more about what's important to you! Please let him know at [Stan@FriendsOfStan.com](mailto:Stan@FriendsOfStan.com) or by calling (801) 688-3927.

(B) Biographical information

(I) Age - 52

(II) Occupation – Non-profit Executive Director since 1999

(III) City of Residence - Salt Lake City

(IV) Years of Residency - 26 years

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**YOSSOF SHARIFI** – District 3

Yossof Sharifi is a former Salt Lake City Prosecutor and Attorney focusing his practice on business litigation, constitutional and criminal litigation, and international business transactions. He has worked as Assistant Director at an international non-profit organization, and has served the community through volunteer work with underprivileged youth. Yossof lives in Salt Lake's District 3 with his wife Lindsay, and they are expecting their first child in March, 2010.

If elected, one of Mr. Sharifi's top priorities will be fighting crime. He intends to bring an innovative method of prosecution to Salt Lake City known as "Community-Based Prosecution." It is a new method of crime fighting that has been used successfully in such cities as Seattle and Portland to reduce crime.

Mr. Sharifi will also work to eliminate wasteful government spending and reduce taxes, which he believes will allow adequate funding to our important sectors and put more money in the hands of our residents to improve our local economy.

Mr. Sharifi will also fight to reduce our pollution, preserve our canyons and open spaces, and reduce traffic congestion on our streets by offering tax incentives for individuals and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and help clean up our city.

(A) the following biographical information if desired by the candidate, current;

(I) age: **31**

(II) occupation: **Litigation Attorney**

(III) city of residence: **Salt Lake City**

(IV) years of residence in current city: **22**

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(VI) a single web address where voters may access more information about the candidate and the candidate's views: **www.vote-yo.com**

**JILL REMINGTON LOVE** – District 5

Jill Remington Love has served on the Salt Lake City Council for 8 years. She has served in leadership of the Council for 5 of those years, including two separate terms as Chair of the Council. Jill has a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Utah and a Bachelor's degree in Communications.

Jill has worked to promote growth and development of our small and locally owned businesses, to preserve our neighborhoods and to do all we can to protect our environment. She sponsored new standards for parking in neighborhood business zones, giving small businesses more flexibility. She pushed for funding of a City wide preservation plan, that the Council will adopt this fall. She co-sponsored legislation giving city employees benefits for their domestic partners.

Jill is married to Perrin Love, they have three children and live in the 15th and 15th neighborhood.

### **SOREN DAHL SIMONSEN** – District 7

Soren was born in Salt Lake City and grew up in Austin, TX. He earned a Bachelor of Architecture in 1992 from the University of Texas. He is married with two children, and has lived in Sugar House since 1995.

Soren was elected to the City Council in November 2005. He has chaired advisory boards for the Utah Arts Festival, Center for Documentary Arts, PRATT (Parley's Trail) Coalition, Salt Lake Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee, and Salt Lake Historic Landmarks Commission. He serves on national and local boards and committees for the American Institute of Architects, American Planning Association, U.S. Green Building Council, and Urban Land Institute.

Soren is an architect, planner and LEED Accredited Professional. He is a partner at Community Studio, and is an accomplished design and planning professional. Professional recognition includes 18 Governor's Quality Growth Awards, and citations from the American Institute of Architects, American Society of Landscape Architects, American Planning Association, and Utah Heritage Foundation. He is a three-time Best of State Gold Medalist in City Planning, and as an Appointed Planning Official.

Soren is a frequent presenter at conferences and universities on topics of urban design, planning, historic preservation, sustainability, environment, and public policy.

**Age:** 41

**Occupation:**

Architect, Certified Planner and LEED Accredited Professional  
Owner/Partner in Community Studio, a design, planning and development services consulting company

**City of Residence:** Salt Lake City **Year of Residence in Current City:** 16 years

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### **LISA RAMSEY ADAMS** – District 7

I have lived in Salt Lake City my entire life and have been extensively involved in wide-ranging community service. I have lived in District Seven for the past 12 years.

I am an attorney and have completed mediation training, both of which will be useful on the City Council. I have reared four children so I understand the arts of both negotiation and compromise.

My community involvement includes: University of Utah Alumni Board, University of Utah Homecoming Chair, KUED Advisory Board, Salt Lake School District Secondary Schools PTA President, Salt Lake School District Secondary Schools PTA Legislative Commissioner, Highland High PTA Legislative Commissioner, Private Guardian ad Litem, 2002 Olympic Winter Games volunteer, Children's Dance Theater Board of Directors, Foster Care Citizen Review Board, Rosslyn Heights School Community Council Chair.

B. I- Age: 51

II- Occupation: Attorney, Mom, Professional Volunteer

III- City of Residence: Salt Lake City

IV- Years of residence in current city: 51

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