

## **Moderator Tamara Poelstra's summary of Demo Club candidates' debate:**

I did ask the rainbow question but it was after the forum. I am sorry and only one candidate answered. You see when DaveO walked into the room, I was all flustered with awe in stuff, I forgot.:-) In fact, Woody said he is in favor of rainbows in songs.

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By the way, the crowd was evenly split between Democrats and Republicans though I was impressed by the Republican attendance. I had spent more than few hours this morning with rain coated excuses from some of our Democratic regulars, who enjoyed themselves a little too much last night at our anniversary party. However, that did not stop the club members from making sure I had their questions and begging for a play by play next week.

The forum was very interesting and I think that two of the challengers must have made at least one or two good points. Because afterward, I had several attendees come up to ask who I was going to vote for because they liked what one or the other candidate had said about an issue.

Little bit of what you missed, as part of the forum, I asked the candidates to create a question (read by the moderator) to ask their opponent that they believed would distinguish them from each other. Here they are for your viewing pleasure.

Dan Gookin question to Deana: I've never seen you conduct a detailed review of the budget in an open meeting, and you've voted to increase property taxes for 11 years. Can you explain whose responsibility it is to watch spending and control taxes?

Deana Goodlander's question to Dan: It has been reported that you have publicly called one of our female Police Officers " a Snake" Do you feel that is an appropriate way to treat members of the City Staff if you are elected to Council?

Steve Adams question to Woody: could you please, to the best of your ability, explain Tax Increment Financing.

Woody McEvers question to Steve: Not having been involved with our cities government process, what do you think you can bring to the City Council position?

Mike Kennedy question to Jim: You have said you'll cut property taxes with zero reduction in services. That sounds like an unrealistic political promise. Please detail specifically what services you will cut to pay for your campaign promises.

Jim Brannon Question to Mike: What do you wish you had done differently the last four years?

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