



## West Jordan Candidate Survey 2023

Thank you to the candidates for their willingness to serve our community. We appreciate their consideration of this issue survey on matters that are important to voters. Best Friends Animal Society is the leading organization working to end the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters by 2025. Best Friends runs lifesaving programs across the country, and we operate the nation's largest no-kill animal sanctuary in Utah.

Candidate responses below are verbatim to how they were submitted and have not been altered in any way.

### West Jordan City Mayor

**Candidate:** Kayleen Whitelock

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- **Which public offices have you held?**  
Board Member Jordan School District Board of Education  
Council Member City of West Jordan  
Chair of the City Council City of West Jordan
- **Are you an incumbent?**  
No

### General Background Questions

- **Please describe your experience with Best Friends or other animal organizations.**  
Best Friends helped when residents had an issue with feral cats and helped to find new homes for animals. Best Friends helped to create a no kill policy for our animal shelter. I've adopted dogs from the humane society and my son volunteered there. For his Eagle Scout Project we collected supplies which were then donated to the humane Society of Utah.
- **Do you have any pets? If so, what kind?**  
Not currently. In the last year our pet gold fish Goldie passed away, who knew a gold fish could live for 6 six years(not I when for a summer pet I let my visiting grandchild

purchase one). My dog Trixie was such a good dog. We got her from a family in Riverton, they wanted to raise chickens and Trixie wouldn't leave them alone. She was the perfect pet good with children house trained and so sweet. After many years it was time for her to pass on as her health was not good and her pain level was high. Taking her to the vet that day was the hardest thing I have had to do.

Currently 1 dog (cutest boxer dog ever)

Have had dogs, cats, fish & birds

- **Why are you running for this office? What makes you qualified to serve?**

I am running to make a difference for the city. I want to lead with a vision to elevate West Jordan so that people know the city and all it has to offer. Many know Gardner Village but aren't aware that it is in West Jordan, this makes me sad. I will bring the businesses and services our residents desire. I will work on investing in aesthetics as when a place looks nice it feels safer and it becomes the place people want to be. I will work to serve the residents and to help them with their needs.

My background in nursing and as the director of a pharmaceutical research company as well as my volunteer work in PTA have all prepared me to lead the city with a vision to Elevate West Jordan. I have leadership experience as well as government budget knowledge from serving both on the council and the school board. I have been active in advocating for causes at the state legislature. I have good working relationships with county and state leaders as well as other municipal leaders. My education and experience have given me the skills needed to run the city.

- **What groups have endorsed your campaign as of today?**

none as I don't have an election until November

- **What civic and/or professional organizations are you a member of?**

none

- **What boards or commissions do you serve on?**

Utah Leagues of Cities and Towns

Western Growth Coalition

### Issue Questions

- **How do you propose to influence municipal animal services policies should you win the office you are seeking?**

The current code in West Jordan is working so I don't see the need for changes at this time. As for influencing other municipalities I plan to stay very involved with the ULCT and watch for state legislation that can effect West Jordan.

- **How much freedom do you believe that animal control facilities and shelters in Utah should have to implement new and different programs designed to save all healthy and treatable dogs and cats?**

As with all things a balance is needed, certainly the animal control officials have the most knowledge on what is the best practice. Without more context as to what those programs might be and the cost associated I don't feel I can fully answer this. I can say

that for me life of all living things is of value and should be considered in all decisions. I like most wish we had a country where all cats dogs and children that are born could be in a safe loving environment, sadly we aren't there yet.

- **Please describe what you believe are the top priorities of the animal shelter and field services in the city.**

Number one priority is to respond to resident concerns and to keep animals and humans safe. Education that is easy to access on what services are available is important as well as providing spay neuter and vaccine clinics.

*The number one reason owners report surrendering their dog to a shelter, in Utah and nationwide, is housing barriers. Often these barriers are a lack of pet friendly rental housing and rental housing that has bans on certain breeds of dogs.*

- **What can you do to help keep pets with their families and incentivize more pet-inclusive housing?**

As mayor in West Jordan city code is in the legislative branch. The one thought that comes to mind is perhaps with our good land lord program we could include something about animals. Ultimately a property owner has the right to decide within the law who they rent to.

- **70% of lost pets traveled less than one mile from their home. What steps can Utah take to ensure families get reunited and pets do not have to travel to the shelter?**

If all pets were chipped reunification would certainly be sped up. Pet licensing could include chipping to help with this, also perhaps the police department could have chip readers for when animal services is closed. Owners also need to ensure they keep their contact information up to date.

*Studies show that Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return programs are effective at controlling stray populations and reduces the number of cats killed in shelters by more than 75%.*

*Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) Support*

- **Please describe your position on trap-neuter-vaccinate-return (TNVR) programs by animal control facilities and shelters to humanely reduce the free-roaming stray cat population as provided by the Utah Community Cat Act.**

When everyone is participating as the program outlines it works well. Sadly when the trap part doesn't occur because kittens are so cute it can and has become problematic in some areas. Animal shelters and sanctuary's need to help by not allowing single residents to acquire more than the accepted number of cats per home. When all humans do there part it can be a good program.

- **Many cities across the country, and in Utah, provide funding for spay/neuter services, for the shelter and residents, in the city budget. Would you support city-funded support for spay/neuter procedures for dogs and cats in the city? Please explain.**

Yes I support some monetary support for spay and neuter programs.

- **Do you agree that animal shelters should publicly share all inspection, intake and disposition data for the purpose of better lifesaving strategic planning and community engagement? Please explain your position.**

On the surface it sounds appropriate, I would ant to speak with our animal services director to hear his opinion as I may not have all the information to make this judgement call. what I can say is I would never support keeping information from the public that would be helpful.

- **Would you support policies and ordinances to allow for the implementation of the necessary programs by animal control facilities and shelters that will save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats?**

Again I don't feel I have enough information to give this a good answer.

- **Do you support allowing animal control facilities and shelters in Utah to implement the programs that they deem necessary to save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats? Please explain your position.**

This question on the surface is an easy yes. Again, however I don't have enough knowledge concerning all that this might entail to truly answer yes or no.

- **Do you support the No-Kill Shelter movement saving 90% or more of the dogs and cats that enter an animal shelter?**

Yes, when it makes sense for the animals and humans we should save lives.

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- **Which public offices have you held?**

City Council 2016-2020

Mayor 2020-20204

- **Are you an incumbent?**

Yes

#### General Background Questions

- **Please describe your experience with Best Friends or other animal organizations.**

As a child, I dropped off stray cats.

As an adult, I have visited the West Jordan Animal Shelter.

I have visit a pet store a few times.

- **Do you have any pets? If so, what kind?**

None of

- Why are you running for this office? What makes you qualified to serve?**  
 Having been a business owner since 2018, I have learned how to lead and run an organization. I have seen how public policy affects small businesses. I have participated in many organizations in a leadership capacity. I have been a member of the West Jordan Chamber of Commerce for over 20 years.
- What groups have endorsed your campaign as of today?**  
 None.
- What civic and/or professional organizations are you a member of?**  
 West Jordan Chamber of Commerce  
 Chamber West  
 Independent Electrical Contractors  
 Utah Foundation  
 Wasatch Front Regional Council  
 Utah League of Cities and Towns  
 Economic Development of Utah  
 National Fire Protection Association  
 Boy Scouts of America  
 International Association of Electrical Inspectors  
 Salt Lake County Council of Governments  
 Salt Lake County Council of Mayors  
 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
 Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- What boards or commissions do you serve on?**  
 See above

### Issue Questions

- How do you propose to influence municipal animal services policies should you win the office you are seeking?**  
 Respect Animal Rights
- How much freedom do you believe that animal control facilities and shelters in Utah should have to implement new and different programs designed to save all healthy and treatable dogs and cats?**  
 Sufficient to provide a safe harbor to animals and prepare them for adoption.
- Please describe what you believe are the top priorities of the animal shelter and field services in the city.**  
 Protect people from animals and protect animals from other animals or people. Provide a safe and economical system for animal adoption.

*The number one reason owners report surrendering their dog to a shelter, in Utah and nationwide, is housing barriers. Often these barriers are a lack of pet friendly rental housing and rental housing that has bans on certain breeds of dogs.*

- **What can you do to help keep pets with their families and incentivize more pet-inclusive housing?**  
Private property owners should have the right to decide if they want pets on their property.
- **70% of lost pets traveled less than one mile from their home. What steps can Utah take to ensure families get reunited and pets do not have to travel to the shelter?**

*Studies show that Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate–Return programs are effective at controlling stray populations and reduces the number of cats killed in shelters by more than 75%.*

*Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) Support*

- **Please describe your position on trap-neuter-vaccinate-return (TNVR) programs by animal control facilities and shelters to humanely reduce the free-roaming stray cat population as provided by the Utah Community Cat Act.**  
I voted to have West Jordan become a TNR as a council member.  
I still support that today.
- **Many cities across the country, and in Utah, provide funding for spay/neuter services, for the shelter and residents, in the city budget. Would you support city-funded support for spay/neuter procedures for dogs and cats in the city? Please explain.**  
Yes. I think West Jordan already does.
- **Do you agree that animal shelters should publicly share all inspection, intake and disposition data for the purpose of better lifesaving strategic planning and community engagement? Please explain your position.**  
As it is a public facility, the way the facility operates should be public.
- **Would you support policies and ordinances to allow for the implementation of the necessary programs by animal control facilities and shelters that will save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats?**  
The city does not have veterinarians on staff and it would be improper for staff to perform such procedures.
- **Do you support allowing animal control facilities and shelters in Utah to implement the programs that they deem necessary to save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats? Please explain your position.**  
If outside organizations want to receive animals in need to perform medical procedures, it would be appropriate to work in conjunction.
- **Do you support the No-Kill Shelter movement saving 90% or more of the dogs and cats that enter an animal shelter?**  
Non-threatening, healthy animals need not be euthanized.

# West Jordan City Council District 1

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- **Which public offices have you held?**

None yet

- **Are you an incumbent?**

No

## General Background Questions

- **Please describe your experience with Best Friends or other animal organizations.**

My wife has adopted pets from you and am very familiar

- **Do you have any pets? If so, what kind?**

Two cats, hamster and also had two golden retrievers that I have fostered

- **Why are you running for this office? What makes you qualified to serve?**

I am as qualified as anyone and as a tax paying citizen . I've worked with the community for years and know budgets.

- **What groups have endorsed your campaign as of today?**

None as of yet

- **What civic and/or professional organizations are you a member of?**

Fraternal order of Police

- **What boards or commissions do you serve on?**

Citizens board

## Issue Questions

- **How do you propose to influence municipal animal services policies should you win the office you are seeking?**

To keep animals safe and cared for as well as advocate for no kill shelters.

- **How much freedom do you believe that animal control facilities and shelters in Utah should have to implement new and different programs designed to save all healthy and treatable dogs and cats?**

I think there should be guidelines but put into the trust of what's best for the animals.

- **Please describe what you believe are the top priorities of the animal shelter and field services in the city.**

To treat and care for animals humanely and keep them safe.

*The number one reason owners report surrendering their dog to a shelter, in Utah and nationwide, is housing barriers. Often these barriers are a lack of pet friendly rental housing and rental housing that has bans on certain breeds of dogs.*

- **What can you do to help keep pets with their families and incentivize more pet-inclusive housing?**

Promote a positive influence towards fostering great relationships with housing to allow pets.

- **70% of lost pets traveled less than one mile from their home. What steps can Utah take to ensure families get reunited and pets do not have to travel to the shelter?**

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*Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) Support*

- **Please describe your position on trap-neuter-vaccinate-return (TNVR) programs by animal control facilities and shelters to humanely reduce the free-roaming stray cat population as provided by the Utah Community Cat Act.**

I support what is humane and effective for the animals. I feel a common sense approach to most everything

- **Many cities across the country, and in Utah, provide funding for spay/neuter services, for the shelter and residents, in the city budget. Would you support city-funded support for spay/neuter procedures for dogs and cats in the city? Please explain.**

Yes, I would support funding for spay/neuter

- **Do you agree that animal shelters should publicly share all inspection, intake and disposition data for the purpose of better lifesaving strategic planning and community engagement? Please explain your position.**

I believe in transparency so am in complete support

- **Would you support policies and ordinances to allow for the implementation of the necessary programs by animal control facilities and shelters that will save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats?**

Yes

- **Do you support allowing animal control facilities and shelters in Utah to implement the programs that they deem necessary to save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats? Please explain your position.**

Yes

- **Do you support the No-Kill Shelter movement saving 90% or more of the dogs and cats that enter an animal shelter?**

I completely support no kill shelters



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- **Which public offices have you held?**  
West Jordan City Council At-Large 2018-2021
- **Are you an incumbent?**  
No

### General Background Questions

- **Please describe your experience with Best Friends or other animal organizations.**  
I have not ever worked with Best Friends but have always supported the Humane Society over the years and have worked with the West Jordan Animal Shelter when I was on City Council
- **Do you have any pets? If so, what kind?**  
I have two dogs
- **Why are you running for this office? What makes you qualified to serve?**  
I had always wanted to serve a 2nd term after not winning in the last election for At-Large Council in West Jordan. I love the city of West Jordan and always want to find ways to make the city better for our citizens
- **What groups have endorsed your campaign as of today?**
- **What civic and/or professional organizations are you a member of?**
- **What boards or commissions do you serve on?**

### Issue Questions

- **How do you propose to influence municipal animal services policies should you win the office you are seeking?**  
I have never been approached while on the council about animal services outside of the city. I would love to learn more about what we can do as a city to help animal organizations.
- **How much freedom do you believe that animal control facilities and shelters in Utah should have to implement new and different programs designed to save all healthy and treatable dogs and cats?**  
I am always for finding ways to save animals. I love my dogs and love animals that are not only pets but part of our family.

- **Please describe what you believe are the top priorities of the animal shelter and field services in the city.**

The West Jordan Animal Shelter top priority is to help out animals in any case to find a home or place they can go to live a happy life.

*The number one reason owners report surrendering their dog to a shelter, in Utah and nationwide, is housing barriers. Often these barriers are a lack of pet friendly rental housing and rental housing that has bans on certain breeds of dogs.*

- **What can you do to help keep pets with their families and incentivize more pet-inclusive housing?**

We as a city and council can look at the areas throughout the city where we might lack pet friendly housing and find ways to make it easier for people to have pets

- **70% of lost pets traveled less than one mile from their home. What steps can Utah take to ensure families get reunited and pets do not have to travel to the shelter?**

The key is to get people to chip their pets when possible so they can be found when they get away from their home. I love my dogs and would do anything I could to find them if they ran away.

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*Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) Support*

- **Please describe your position on trap-neuter-vaccinate-return (TNVR) programs by animal control facilities and shelters to humanely reduce the free-roaming stray cat population as provided by the Utah Community Cat Act.**

West Jordan does have a system set up for Feral cats. While not popular to every resident, it is a way to control the pet population without having to euthanize more cats.

- **Many cities across the country, and in Utah, provide funding for spay/neuter services, for the shelter and residents, in the city budget. Would you support city-funded support for spay/neuter procedures for dogs and cats in the city? Please explain.**

Another thing that has never been brought up in my time on council. It is definitely something we can look into. Currently it is said that 93% of residents do not license their pets. This could be way to get people to not only Spay/Neuter but also a way to look at how pet licensing can be a good thing for the city.

- **Do you agree that animal shelters should publicly share all inspection, intake and disposition data for the purpose of better lifesaving strategic planning and community engagement? Please explain your position.**

I believe this can be done. There is nothing that should be hidden when it comes to data in the city.

- **Would you support policies and ordinances to allow for the implementation of the necessary programs by animal control facilities and shelters that will save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats?**

Yes, I support anything that saves the lives of animals.

- **Do you support allowing animal control facilities and shelters in Utah to implement the programs that they deem necessary to save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats? Please explain your position.**  
Once again, if there are policies in place to save animals and give them a healthy, happy life I am all for it.
- **Do you support the No-Kill Shelter movement saving 90% or more of the dogs and cats that enter an animal shelter?**  
Yes I would support No-Kill Shelters. The key is to get all those involved to support it as well and find ways to save more animals rather than resorting to Euthanizing them.

## **West Jordan City Council District 2**

**Candidate:** Gary Leany – No Response

**Candidate:** Bob Bedore – No Response

## **West Jordan City Council District 3**

**Candidate:** Sterling Morris – No Response

**Candidate:** Zach Jacob

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- **Which public offices have you held?**  
City council, 2016-present
- **Are you an incumbent?**  
Yes

### General Background Questions

- **Please describe your experience with Best Friends or other animal organizations.**  
I have not had any dealings with Best Friends
- **Do you have any pets? If so, what kind?**  
2 small dogs, Pomeranian mixes.
- **Why are you running for this office? What makes you qualified to serve?**  
I'm an incumbent, I know the issues and I have the experience and connections to see my priorities through.

- **What groups have endorsed your campaign as of today?**  
Salt Lake County board of realtors  
Salt lake county home builders  
Equality Utah (coming soon)
- **What civic and/or professional organizations are you a member of?**  
Na
- **What boards or commissions do you serve on?**  
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District  
Chamber West board of directors  
ChamberWest Board of governors  
ChamberWest legislative advisory board

### Issue Questions

- **How do you propose to influence municipal animal services policies should you win the office you are seeking?**  
Reduce or eliminate fees for per licensing to encourage greater compliance, increase fees for per impounding, violations. Ensure animal services is fully funded.
- **How much freedom do you believe that animal control facilities and shelters in Utah should have to implement new and different programs designed to save all healthy and treatable dogs and cats?**  
They are the experts. Councils should listen to their recommendations inasmuch as city action is required, otherwise they should be free to do what they need to do.
- **Please describe what you believe are the top priorities of the animal shelter and field services in the city.**  
To keep the relationship between the public, pets, and wild animals safe and harmonious for all.

*The number one reason owners report surrendering their dog to a shelter, in Utah and nationwide, is housing barriers. Often these barriers are a lack of pet friendly rental housing and rental housing that has bans on certain breeds of dogs.*

- **What can you do to help keep pets with their families and incentivize more pet-inclusive housing?**  
Don't require landlords to have anti-pet policies. Legislate how much landlords can charge for a pet fee/surcharge.
- **70% of lost pets traveled less than one mile from their home. What steps can Utah take to ensure families get reunited and pets do not have to travel to the shelter?**  
Require identification on all pets(which we do), and encourage Registration with the pet licensing department so lost animals can be quickly reunited with their families.

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Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) Support*

- Please describe your position on trap-neuter-vaccinate-return (TNVR) programs by animal control facilities and shelters to humanely reduce the free-roaming stray cat population as provided by the Utah Community Cat Act.**

West Jordan has a TVNR program. In some areas it has led to an overpopulation of feral cats. I support the intent of the program, but we need to figure out the proper execution.
- Many cities across the country, and in Utah, provide funding for spay/neuter services, for the shelter and residents, in the city budget. Would you support city-funded support for spay/neuter procedures for dogs and cats in the city? Please explain.**

Yes. We do this already.
- Do you agree that animal shelters should publicly share all inspection, intake and disposition data for the purpose of better lifesaving strategic planning and community engagement? Please explain your position.**

Yes. Transparency leads to greater trust.
- Would you support policies and ordinances to allow for the implementation of the necessary programs by animal control facilities and shelters that will save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats?**

Yes
- Do you support allowing animal control facilities and shelters in Utah to implement the programs that they deem necessary to save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats? Please explain your position.**

Yes. See above.
- Do you support the No-Kill Shelter movement saving 90% or more of the dogs and cats that enter an animal shelter?**

Yes.

## **West Jordan City Council District 4**

**Candidate:** David F. Pack – No Response

**Candidate:** Kent Shelton – No Response