

TOWN OF BASALT
2020 CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR



Bill Kane
Candidate for Mayor

Bill Kane:

Bill and his wife Carolyn have been residents of the Roaring Fork Valley for the past 45 years. He holds a Masters Degree in Planning and Landscape architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. He started his career as Planning Director for Aspen and Pitkin County from 1974-78. He served as a partner and principal with Design Workshop in Aspen from 1984-1996 and then Vice President for Planning and Development for Aspen Skiing company from 1996-2006. In 2009 during the great recession he joined the Town of Basalt as City Manager and led the Town through a host of difficult budgeting choices. During his tenure Bill was instrumental in the purchase of the Pan Fork and creation of inducements which attracted Whole Foods company to the valley. Bill is currently working on a special projects basis and Advisory Principal for Design Workshop.

In his work for Aspen and Pitkin, Bill authored the Aspen/Pitkin County Growth Management plan which contains many policies and regulations which are still in effect today. During his tenure and with his staff Zoning, subdivision and land use regulations were put into place.

Most recently Bill has just completed 10 years of service on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife commission. He also just completed 6 years as Board president of the Art Base in Basalt and completed a term on the Board of the Aspen Valley Land Trust. He co-moderated the Aspen Institute Community Forum on Innovative Mobility which resulted in an actions plan for the EOTC. He has had a career of community service.

Carolyn has also been active in the valley and completed 25 years of service at Aspen Valley hospital as an Obstetrical Nurse. She also recently cycled off the Board of the Basalt Regional Library where she served as Board President. She has been a volunteer Tutor for English in Action for the past 9 years.

The Kanes reside on Riverside drive in Basalt along the Frying Pan where Bill knows most the trout by name. He is also a long time avid skier, biker, golfer, fly fisherman.



Rob Leavitt
Candidate for Mayor

Rob Leavitt:

Rob was born in Western Massachusetts and graduated from Harvard University in 1986. He is president of Crimson Construction Inc. and is a licensed General Contractor. He started teaching skiing in 1989 and is currently based at Aspen Highlands and is PSIA certified in Alpine, Telemark and Adaptive skiing. Rob was a Basalt Town Councilor from 2012-2016 and is currently a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He was appointed to the Basalt Shooting Range Task Force and is a past-president of United Jewish Appeal Aspen Valley.

Rob is married to Erika and they have two beautiful daughters: Eden Tess, 16 and Jordan Bee, 14. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, biking and hiking, and cooking.



Bill Infante
Candidate for Mayor

William S Infante:

My family and I settled in Basalt after several decades living and working overseas. Basalt is our adoptive home, and my wife, our two children and I have put down roots. Over the past 30 years I've worked in the private and public sectors, and have managed large teams and complex challenges, conceiving and implementing strategies and plans with diverse stakeholders. At university I studied economics and environmental policy, and both have influenced my thinking and development approach which is anchored to promoting democratic values and civic/social engagement; investment in education that nurtures a next generation of leaders and thinkers; and to responsible resource use and sustainable and inclusive development. As a Basalt resident and business owner, I am interested to share global perspective and relevant experience, and thereby contribute to our extraordinary community.

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Elyse Hottel
Candidate for Council

Elyse Hottel:

Elyse Hottel moved to the Roaring Fork Valley in 2005 for an internship with the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies. Like many others, she fell in love with the Valley and stayed. In 2009, Elyse moved to NYC where she earned a Master of Public Administration in Environmental Science and Policy from Columbia University. Overwhelmed by the big city, Elyse returned to Basalt in 2010, working for the Canary Initiative (now Climate Action) at the City of Aspen until joining the City of Boulder's sustainability department as their first ever Sustainability Data Manager. In late 2016, Elyse moved to France for 7 months to pursue her dream of studying pastry, followed by a month in India earning her 200RYT yoga certification. After her travels, Elyse returned to the one place that felt like home, Basalt, CO, where she met her partner, a local business owner. Elyse served as the Basalt Community Garden manager for the past 2 years and works for Connect One Design landscape architecture and land planning as the marketing director.



Dieter Schindler
Candidate for Council

Dieter Schindler:

My name is Dieter Schindler. I've been in Basalt for six years with my wife Michelle (a local lawyer) and daughter Genevieve (7) who attends Basalt elementary school. We love the town and community. Since moving here, I've worked for Aspen Skiing Company and currently am a General Manager in the Mountain Dining division. I have a degree in political science, but my passion is hospitality and people. Both personally and professionally, I strive to listen, understand perspectives, and solve problems. As our families roots grow deeper in our community, I hope to help our Town Council move to a thoughtful, vibrant and sustainable future.



Jennifer Riffle
Candidate for Council

Jennifer Riffle is your incumbent candidate with immense institutional knowledge, who will continue working with integrity towards our community sustainability. The 2020 strategic framework (search Town-of-Basalt-Strategic-Framework) inspires the next four years and I am truly excited to carry these tasks forwards. The previous four years of my service, we as a Council, focused on improving our governance organization. Now that foundation is solid we can collaborate with regional partners to address collective issues such as housing, childcare, transportation, public improvements, public service, economic health and sustainability, public safety and emergency response. I will strive to foster a well-designed, sustainable community where all people feel valued and are motivated to be involved in making Basalt an amazing place to live. Thank you for considering me for your representation vote through 2024. It is my honor to work for you and our passionate community.



Tiffany Haddad
Candidate for Council

Tiffany Haddad:

Tiffany lives in Willits with her husband Steve and sons Sebastian and Luca. Besides helping to raise her two sons she is a certified yoga instructor that leads classes and retreats across North America. She believes there is great value in her community and strives to build connections and working together to make the place she calls home, home.



David Knight
Candidate for Council

David Knight:

David grew up in the Atlanta area and has been living in Colorado since 2002. He moved to Basalt with his wife, Melissa, and son, Luca, in 2017. He has a BS in Management from Georgia Tech and an MBA from the University of Denver. David has been working in the technology business for 20 years and is passionate about leadership, working with customers, managing projects, and good program governance. As a music major during his early college years, he still enjoys writing music for school bands and coaching percussion students as well as playing his drums. In 2019 he participated in the ASE Vision Airport Experience Working Group. You can also find David serving as his son's Cub Scout den leader, learning new skills with Habitat for Humanity at Basalt Vista, and adventuring in the valley and beyond with his family and friends.



Glenn Drummond
Candidate for Council

Glenn Drummond:

I have lived in Colorado for 15 years, along with my wife, Genny, and our two dogs, Rosemary and Thyme. Experiencing the towns of Parachute, Snowmass Village, before choosing Basalt, where we purchased our home 6 years ago. Now, we can often be found on one of our community's extensive system of bike or hiking trails or taking advantage of RFTA's bus services to reach one of Basalt's businesses or events.

Currently I am a volunteer member of the Parks, Open Space and Trails committee. I've seen issues divide our community, when active listening to all points of view and finding common ground could have brought us together. I believe government should work with transparency and active citizen engagement to accomplish solutions and established goals.

As a member of your Town Council, my priorities would be:

- **Town government that is lawful, responsive and focused on efficient, forward-looking and sustainable services.** I will provide thoughtful decision-making and seek to support our Town staff and department personnel with appropriate resources and guidance.
- **Balanced growth that is respectful of our existing community character and impact on schools, police, fire, public services and RFTA.** I will be mindful of the incredible environment in which we live and maintaining that character and level of service requires smart growth planning and execution.
- **A community transit network that connects us.** I will pursue economic, as well as physical linkage, of Old Town Basalt, Southside and Willits through transit, wayfinding and trails, thereby increasing our sense of one connected community.
- **Support for a thriving business environment.** I will ensure that locally owned businesses, which enrich our community and link neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships, are prioritized.
- **Responsible policies to support an appropriate mix of family, senior, second home, attainable and workforce housing.** I will elevate consideration of policies and action to encourage development of a continuum of housing options for all segments of our community.

My name is Glenn Drummond and I am running for Basalt town council to represent all community members. We can accomplish the goal of being a "connected" community in every sense of the word. This will take a lot of hard work, and I am willing to put forth the effort needed to get the job done and ensure Basalt's special character and vibrancy are protected and enhanced for now and the future.