

Questions for SLT City Council Candidates 2026

1. Why are you running for city council and what will you as an individual bring to the group?
 - a. What about your background do you feel prepares you for this role? Talk about your experience with local commissions, local advisory groups, and community organizations?
2. What City Council actions would improve housing availability and affordability and would you change anything about the City's VHR program?
 - a. How would you assess the feasibility of accomplishing these actions (given a Council with at least two conservative members)?
 - b. How would you assess the impact of these?
3. What transportation issues do you see in South Lake Tahoe and what City Council actions would you take to address them?
 - a. How do you feel the City could improve the safety or other aspects of biking, walking, e-scooters, e-bikes, etc in South Lake Tahoe?
 - b. Do you support an increase in funding for public transit? If so, where should the money be spent, and what would be the funding source?
4. How will you solicit input from workers, including organized labor, before making decisions that affect workers?
5. The City has a [5-year Strategic Plan](#), which is updated every two years. What do you think of the current Plan's priorities? What would you like to see added/changed in the next Plan?
 - a. If you haven't read it, What do you think of the City's priorities and what would you change?
6. What do you see as your biggest barriers to electability, including in your history, and how would you respond? What is your credible path to victory?
 - a. Candidate Specific: Ask about how they would address our concerns
 - b. Are you seeking or have you got endorsements, support from local or outside groups?
 - c. (Look for honesty, self-awareness. May have follow up questions or prompts for individual candidates.)
7. How would you work with staff and other council members to make progress on your objectives, even if you do not have a majority of the Council in support? Please provide examples from your experience.
8. Is there anything we missed that you would like to mention? We have 2 minutes left.

Qualities we are looking for in SLT City Council Candidates 2026

- Preparedness & Knowledge
 - How strong is their understanding of the issues facing South Lake Tahoe?
 - How strong is their understanding of the City's business?
- Effectiveness
 - Likelihood that they will be able to accomplish their vision
 - Ability to work with others
 - Ability to rally public support for their ideas
 - Self-aware regarding the limits of their skills or capabilities
- Electability
 - Do they seem equipped to run an effective campaign?
 - Do they seem likely to secure other endorsements?
 - Do they seem popular among the electorate?
 - Do they have a credible path to overcoming weaknesses?
- Will Improve Quality of Life
 - How strong are their ideas to improve the quality of life for residents of SLT?
 - Do they identify important barriers to QoL for residents?
 - Quality of Life includes
 - The ease through which we can go about our everyday lives
 - The programs and amenities available to residents
 - The avoidance of nuisances faced by residents
 - Do they support businesses in a way that advocates for local workers, consumers, and business owners?
- Will Improve Affordability
 - Supports the ability for people with low-moderate income to be able to afford to continue to live here
 - Protects and grows good jobs in our community
 - Identifies factors that contribute to a rising cost of living and has credible plans to address them
- Will Protect the Environment
 - Prioritizes environmental protection
 - Proposes solutions that are important local contributions to addressing global environmental problems such as climate change
 - Proposes solutions that address the most significant threats to the Lake Tahoe area's sensitive ecosystems
- Consideration for Equity
 - Takes special consideration for how their actions impact various groups typically marginalized by the City Council or society at large.
 - Recognizes the dominant existing dynamics of marginalization within South Lake Tahoe and proposes meaningful solutions to counteract them
 - Factors could relate to race, employment sector, neighborhood, wealth level, disabilities, or more.

Scoring Criteria

Rate each response 0-3. Also rate each quality on a scale of 0-3, based on everything you know about the candidate: **0: poor 1: fair 2: good 3: very good**

Reviewer Name:

Candidate Name:

Score each question's response from 0-3 and take notes on how it contributes towards your overall quality scores. 0: poor 1: fair 2: good 3: very good

Q1: Why are you running and what will you as an individual bring to the group | SCORE:

Knowledge:

Affordability:

Effectiveness:

Environment:

Electability:

Consideration for Equity:

Quality of Life:

General Notes:

Q2: Housing availability and affordability / VHR program

SCORE:

Knowledge:

Affordability:

Effectiveness:

Environment:

Electability:

Consideration for Equity:

Quality of Life:

General Notes:

Q3: Transportation

SCORE:

Knowledge:

Affordability:

Effectiveness:

Environment:

Electability:

Consideration for Equity:

Quality of Life:

General Notes:

Q4: Input from organized labor before making decisions that affect workers | SCORE:

Knowledge:

Affordability:

Effectiveness:

Environment:

Electability:

Consideration for Equity:

Quality of Life:

General Notes:

Q5: Strategic Plan's priorities

SCORE:

Knowledge:

Affordability:

Effectiveness:

Environment:

Electability:

Consideration for Equity:

Quality of Life:

General Notes:

Q6: Barriers to electability and credible path to victory

SCORE:

Knowledge:

Affordability:

Effectiveness:

Environment:

Electability:

Consideration for Equity:

Quality of Life:

General Notes:

Q7: How would you work with others to make progress on your objectives? | SCORE:

Knowledge:

Affordability:

Effectiveness:

Environment:

Electability:

Consideration for Equity:

Quality of Life:

General Notes:

Q8: Anything we missed that you would like to mention?

Knowledge:

Affordability:

Effectiveness:

Environment:

Electability:

Consideration for Equity:

Quality of Life:

General Notes:

Scores**0: poor 1: fair 2: good 3: very good**

Question / Quality	Score (0, 1, 2, or 3)
Q1 - Why are you running?	
Q2 - Housing & VHRs	
Q3 - Transportation	
Q4 - Labor	
Q5 - Strategic Priorities	
Q6 - Electability	
Q7 - Working with others	
Preparedness & Knowledge	
Effectiveness	
Electability	
Quality of Life	
Affordability	
Environment	
Consideration for Equity	
Total (out of 42):	