

SLC Council Candidates District 1	1. The Utah Inland Port, created by the Utah Legislature, could potentially render the Salt Lake Valley unlivable. What authority does the city council have to limit the growth of the port or reduce the damage it causes?
Richard Barnes	Did not respond.
Victoria Petro-Eschler	(1) Insist on accurate and rigorous data collection in keeping with the legislation passed by Senator Luz Escamilla; (2) Enforce zoning and planning requirements in the implementation of the sites. The presence of the bluegrass at the current Amazon site stands as a reminder that we cannot be passive and must be vigilant around enforcing zoning and planning ordinances; (3) Be prepared to assume proactive control should the state Supreme Court return it to us fully.
Blake Perez	Did not respond.
2. On bad days, Salt Lake Valley has some of the worst air quality on the planet. Huge increases in truck and car traffic in the northwest quadrant will only make it worse. What is the city's role in addressing this?	
Richard Barnes	Did not respond.
Victoria Petro-Eschler	(1) Secure accurate data regarding current baselines for PM 2.5 as well as accurate projections for what the full fledged port will bring; (2) Insist Utah Inland Port Authority provide data required to the Wasatch Front Regional Council to conduct the Human Health Risk Assessment; (3) Create and enforce anti-idling ordinances and anti overnight ordinances in residential areas; (4) Advocate for established truck routes that will minimally impact residential neighborhoods and traffic patterns, in an effort to avoid failed traffic planning such as in Elmwood, Illinois; (5) Create and enforce accountability structures consistent with the claims by UIPA that the port will be zero-net emissions.
Blake Perez	Did not respond
3. What will you do to protect the health of Salt Lake City's westside citizens who must live with the port's massive warehouses, noisy and dirty rail yards, traffic volume, congestion, noise, and badly polluted air? (There had been historic neglect, even abuse of the Westside of Salt Lake City. Air quality, healthcare, schools are the poorest in the valley. Westside residents are growing more and more aware of this discrimination and neglect.)	
Richard Barnes	Did not respond
Victoria Petro-Eschler	Acknowledging the constraints of a city council position, the work I would like to accomplish in this position is a summit of the stakeholders who have more direct sway with health including but not limited to Salt Lake City leadership, Salt Lake County Public Health, Utah State Department of Air Quality, and the Environmental Protection Agency where the voices of Westside leaders and residents are centered to ensure actual environmental justice is enacted. As a mom to three elementary aged students, the

	<p>concept of protecting the health for those of us breathing this air is not an abstract concept - it is something that keeps me up at night. As a consultant in the field of Diversity and Inclusion, I have worked to assist local environmental nonprofits to recenter their mission on environmental justice, creating actionable steps, and enacting environmental justice with fidelity. These issues are at the core of my values and will receive attention and action. Beyond the issues of centering westside voices, the other thing that must be enacted is a strategy for long term monitoring of progress around eventual stated projections and strategies for proactive response to any deviations from those projections. Establishing a city level Citizen's Oversight Commission on long term Port Activity is necessary to achieve this outcome. Leveraging business licenses, fines, and other enforcement measures will give the city recourse through strategic tracking and trending.</p>
Blake Perez	Did not respond.
<p>4. As a community leader and city council member, how will you bring high wages, secure and union-supported jobs to the westside of SLC? (The Utah Inland Port touts good paying jobs but so far has built only warehouses. Warehouse employees are poorly paid, easily dismissed, and inevitably replaced by automation. These are not the high tech, high paid careers that promoters of growth hope for.)</p>	
Richard Barnes	Did not respond.
Victoria Petro-Eschler	<p>The issue of a lack of clarity in the development of this project also plagues the issue of understanding and promoting robust job creation and sustainability. A viable first step as a City Council Member to address this issue is to secure actual projections as to what jobs are coming and how many there are. Once the data is available, collaborating with entities like the Westpointe Salt Lake Community College campus to ensure customized trainings and programs are available to workers that reflect the realities will be important. Of course, ongoing responsiveness to workers and unions will be essential to ensure that the union-supported jobs are being provided. The above-referenced Citizen's Oversight Commission should also be tracking actual workforce development.</p>
Blake Perez	Did not respond.
<p>5. How will you protect the abundant wildlife and up to 10 million migratory birds that depend on the wetlands of the Northwest Quadrant of Salt Lake City for survival?</p>	
Richard Barnes	Did not respond.
Victoria Petro-Eschler	<p>The wetland habitat has been under attack here for the better part of my lifetime - with the prison, increased capacity airport, and proposed Inland Port as the most recent line of assault. Due to preponderance of privately held land in the city's wetlands, the most effective course seems to be to use policy as a carrot to those private land owners. We should create partnerships and incentive structures that engage private landowners in the maintenance of wetlands and migratory bird protections. Appealing to subject matter experts, such as the Audubon Society and Wildlife Protection organizations, to guide additional policies and opportunities will be essential as well.</p>

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