

<p>SLC Council District 4</p>	<p>1. What action do you plan to take related to growth in the Northwest Quadrant? In what way is Salt Lake City's adopted Northwest Quadrant Masterplan important to your district, or to the City as a whole? Link to the Northwest Quadrant Masterplan. Link to Plan Salt Lake . Link to West General Plan.</p>
<p>Ana Valdemoros</p>	<p>My approach to growth in the Northwest Quadrant centers on responsible, sustainable development. It's crucial to balance economic growth with environmental preservation, public health, and community well-being. I support the implementation of the Northwest Quadrant Masterplan, aligning with smart growth goals for organized, sustainable expansion. To address growth, I will focus on: 1. Promoting sustainable development, including green building standards and renewable energy adoption. 2. Expanding eco-friendly public transportation options, like bus rapid transit or light rail. 3. Advocating for the preservation of natural habitats and biodiversity. 4. Actively engaging residents and stakeholders in decision-making. 5. Attracting businesses aligned with sustainability goals to create jobs with minimal environmental impact. In summary, my approach prioritizes sustainability, environmental protection, and community engagement. The Northwest Quadrant Masterplan guides us toward responsible growth, benefiting both my district and the city as a whole by preserving natural resources and enhancing our quality of life.</p>
<p>Clayton Scrivner</p>	<p>First off, I just want to say thank you to Stop the Polluting Port for your collective hard work and tireless dedication to environmental advocacy. We find ourselves in a crucial moment in time where finally the movement to save and protect the Great Salt Lake, and its surrounding sensitive lands, has moved to the forefront of our public discourse. It is unfortunate that it has taken near environmental collapse to get us here. Answer: What happens in one area of the city affects us all. In my three decades in Utah, much of it involving land use, I've watched the NWQ on its perilous journey. Since the last NWQ Master Plan was completed, the facts on the ground have changed, and I would like to look at a plan update, utilizing robust community engagement and study.</p>
<p>Eva Lopez Chavez</p>	<p>The growth that we are experiencing is seeking to supply a sustainable economy and infrastructure provided by the city. My concerns are a plethora because we are contributing to the expansion of the Inland Port in exchange for zero amenities and tax credits. It is important that as a City Council, we seek to deter any expansion. For environmental, ecological, and economic benefits: at a minimum, we need to be creative and lobby our efforts to ensure that the workers seeking opportunities are receiving proper pay, benefits, and transit opportunities to avoid driving as the main form of modality. The NWQ Plan does not truly protect the 28,000 acres it seeks to transform into a warehouse and distribution district. It does however seek to incentivize more development which inequitably hurts our city but especially people of color.</p>

<p>SLC Council District 4</p>	<p>2. What is your position on how the City should exercise its annexation and zoning authority in the Northpoint Area? Do you support the draft Northpoint Small Area Plan as it's written? Link to Draft Northpoint Small Area Plan . What is your position on whether transfer of development rights could satisfy the competing interests in this area? Are your positions influenced by the issue of takings?</p>
<p>Ana Valdemoros</p>	<p>I believe that the exercise of annexation and zoning authority in the North Point Area should prioritize sustainable and responsible development while respecting the interests and concerns of all stakeholders involved. Regarding the draft Northpoint Small Area Plan, I support it as a valuable guideline for balanced growth and development in the area. The concept of transferring development rights can be a valuable tool to reconcile competing interests in the North Point Area. It allows for development in areas where it makes the most sense while preserving sensitive environmental or community areas. This approach can help address the issue of takings by providing a mechanism for property owners to realize the value of their land while respecting the broader interests of the community. My positions are influenced by a commitment to sustainable growth, environmental conservation, and community engagement. I believe in finding solutions that balance the rights of property owners with the broader needs of the community, while also respecting the principles of fair compensation and property rights. Ultimately, my goal is to ensure that decisions regarding annexation, zoning, and development in the North Point Area are made with transparency, inclusivity, and a focus on the long-term well-being of the city and its residents.</p>
<p>Clayton Scrivner</p>	<p>I am generally opposed to any further industrialization of Northpoint and if I were on the Council, I would approach the Small Area Plan with that same lens.</p>
<p>Eva Lopez Chavez</p>	<p>City staff were diligent in condensing the impact of expanding our Northpoint Small Area because of airport expansion and other amenities for the growing State. I applaud their efforts but seek to look for opportunities to ensure that Salt Lake City stays empowered to reduce further expansion from private stakeholders such as Colmena Group. There is also no feasibility study mentioned in such development that would allow the city to process each application with understanding of carbon emissions, environmental impact, and other long-term and short-term affects. Ushering in development is costing taxpayers both financially and environmentally. We owe residents the transparency of what we are building near our lake. My positions are influenced by internal city experience and by the desire to help my district have proactive representation to benefit future generations. Most importantly, to save our Great Salt Lake and the natural wetlands around it.</p>

<p>SLC Council District 4</p>	<p>3. Do you support the concept of the recently-proposed Shoreline Preservation Plan that proponents hope will protect the perimeter of the Great Salt Lake? What development would be appropriate near the preservation area?</p>
<p>Ana Valdemoros</p>	<p>I wholeheartedly support the recently-proposed Shoreline Preservation Plan for the Great Salt Lake. This plan is a crucial step in safeguarding one of Utah's most vital natural environments. Balancing economic growth with environmental conservation is paramount, and sustainable development practices are the way forward. When considering appropriate development near the preservation area, a comprehensive environmental impact assessment should precede any construction. Strict zoning regulations should be in place to control the type and scale of development. Eco-friendly infrastructure, like green roofs, renewable energy sources, and sustainable water management systems, should be prioritized to minimize environmental harm. Moreover, any development should incorporate areas for public access and education, such as trails, visitor centers, and educational programs. Raising awareness about preservation and conservation efforts is vital. Furthermore, fostering partnerships between government bodies, conservation organizations, and private businesses can lead to better preservation area management. Such collaborations can facilitate funding, research, and community engagement efforts. In conclusion, my unwavering support for the Shoreline Preservation Plan, coupled with my consistent advocacy for sustainability investments, stems from my commitment to a balanced approach that values both economic growth and environmental protection. In support of sustainability, I have consistently advocated for significant investments, such as the \$28 million budget allocation to the Salt Lake City Sustainability Department. With a proven track record of dedication to environmental causes, I am well-equipped to advocate for the Great Salt Lake's preservation and promote positive change in District 4.</p>
<p>Clayton Scrivner</p>	<p>I am absolutely supportive of the Shoreline Preservation Plan. As far as “appropriate” development along its perimeter – I would have to see proposals – but I would approach everything with caution and healthy skepticism.</p>
<p>Eva Lopez Chavez</p>	<p>YES. At a minimum, we should seek to place preservation easements and conserve our shoreline, to prevent human construction and erosion. The Shoreline should be a place for visitation and education of our Great Salt Lake but not a place for further development. The I-15 expansion seeks to also take parts of Farmington's wetlands, a critical ecosystem for our many wild bird species seeking refuge in these protected lands and wildlife center. They need protecting. I think Salt Lake City can do more to prioritize our wetlands preservation.</p>

<p>SLC City Council District 4</p>	<p>4. How would you address the widespread increase in the use of insecticides and herbicides to control mosquitos and suppress invasive phragmites (tall grass) over the Great Salt Lake wetlands? Does Salt Lake City have an obligation to be more engaged in the human health consequences of these chemical treatments for neighborhoods abutting the Port (especially given that these areas are already subject to the most environmental contaminants of any area in the Salt Lake Valley)? Do the entities making the decisions to use these toxins have adequate expertise in the public health consequences of toxic chemicals? How should the City address the welfare of inmates, employees, and volunteers at the Utah State Prison as it relates to mosquito and pesticide exposure?</p>
<p>Ana Valdemoros</p>	<p>Salt Lake City must take full responsibility for the environmental concerns, public health, and social justice issues arising from the extensive use of insecticides and herbicides. Many of these chemicals have been identified as human carcinogens, posing a significant risk to residents and particularly affecting neighborhoods adjacent to the Port, which already contend with elevated environmental contaminants. The first step should involve widespread public education and awareness campaigns about the local use of pesticides. It is vital to inform residents, including inmates, volunteers, and employees at the Utah State Prison, about the potential health risks associated with these chemicals. Additionally, conducting comprehensive scientific research on the long-term effects of each pesticide and herbicide used in the area is crucial. This research should consider the cumulative health impact on the exposed populations, including socio-economic factors and historical health data. A more sustainable approach would be adopting integrated pest management systems that reduce reliance on chemical pesticides and promote natural pest control methods. Furthermore, assessing the potential harm of these chemicals on human health and the environment is paramount, with strict measures to protect vulnerable populations. Ultimately, the government should be accountable to its citizens, prioritizing the protection of the most vulnerable while involving the public in critical decision-making processes</p>
<p>Clayton Scrivner</p>	<p>The use of any chemicals should be thoroughly vetted, re-examined and frequently cross checked with the latest science. I am not familiar with MAD's pesticide practices, but I would definitely remain engaged in this issue as the health and safety of all our residents is a top priority for me.</p>
<p>Eva Lopez Chavez</p>	<p>Absolutely-- there is a statewide mosquito abatement task force that does not include Salt Lake City decision-makers. We need to be auditing the source of these chemicals and ensure we are not harming our water Ph, our wildlife, or the humans that visit and live close to the lake bed. The city is limited on it's oversight of the prison, but we do have duties to diligently asses the decaying concrete and the influx of individuals overexposed to extremities such as mosquitos, heat, and freezing temperatures. I've toured the prison and did not find adequate tools to avoid these conditions.</p>

SLC City Council District 4	5. Do you think that other topics related to the environmental impacts of the Utah Inland Port need to be addressed by Salt Lake City?
Ana Valdemoros	<p>Numerous critical environmental concerns are associated with the Utah Inland Port that Salt Lake City must address: 1. Air Quality: The Inland Port poses a significant threat to air quality in the region due to increased industrial activity and transportation emissions. To mitigate this impact, the city should enforce regulations on industrial emissions, promote public transit usage, and encourage sustainable transportation methods, such as electric vehicles. 2. Water Resources: Protection of water resources is crucial, as pollutants from the port can harm not only local water sources but also impact the environment and biodiversity over a broader area. The port's location in the wetlands, a vital migratory path for birds and a carbon sequestration area, makes it even more critical to safeguard. 3. Greenhouse Gas Emissions: The growth of international industry at the Inland Port may lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions. While economic growth and job creation are essential, we must find ways to minimize the environmental impact, considering our commitment to sustainability. In conclusion, Salt Lake City and the Port Authority have once in a lifetime opportunity to work together to build the greenest port known to date. This collaborative opportunity must also be focused and proactively address these environmental concerns associated with the Utah Inland Port. Implementing regulations, promoting sustainable practices, and safeguarding critical ecosystems like the wetlands are essential steps to ensure a balance between economic growth and environmental protection.</p>
Clayton Scrivner	<p>We must as a city remain a united voice for sustainability in a state where the use of UIPs has not only affected our environmental destiny, but now threatens to degrade land use in other communities across Utah.</p>
Eva Lopex Chavez	<p>Yes-- we have an opportunity to champion Air Quality Monitors and expand their network as we see the construction of more facilitate pollution. We also need to bring back a voting seat that includes the City on the port board authority allows more scientific research and gives the city a fighting chance to help remediate this environmental catastrophe. We need to have the foresight to correct the mistakes that will promote more growth of this port.</p>