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## Q1

## Candidate Information

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## Q2

If you make it past the primaries, do you intend to attend the 2021 Public Officials and Candidates Night Reception from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, September 22, 2021?

**Yes, I intend to attend the event and have blocked out the time on my calendar**

## Q3

Why are you running for elected office?

The short answer is unfinished business. I'm 6 months away from my first term's completion and due to COVID half my turn was emersed in unprecedented challenges. This caused our city's efforts to be hindered on moving forward at our marina, downtown, Redondo and throughout Des Moines compared to the goals we had set as a council. We had to shift our focus to public safety, assistance for businesses and support where possible for our residents. I decided to seek out a second term to continue the progress our council set out to accomplish: development of our marina and downtown, continued efforts to help our businesses, ensure the safety of our residents and promote and improve their quality of life, improve our infrastructure, and continue efforts to build community amongst our residents during these trying time regardless of their make-up. Most of all though, I truly love serving this community and I'd like to do it one more time.

**Q4**

What do you consider to be our community's top challenges?

Marina and Redondo Development – The Permitting, Funding, Red Tape, Resistance in moving Des Moines Forward. Economic Development – By way of the Marina, as the marina amenities improve so will our developable land in downtown, Courting Developers and Businesses by creating a favorable environment. Housing – Creating more with an emphasis of a portion being obtainable and affordable, dealing with the aftereffects of eviction moratoriums and how both renter and landowner can be assisted. Public Safety – ensuring our Police stay on cutting edge of modern methods and use of resources. Equity and Equality – Creating a culture that celebrates our differences and is welcoming. Parks and Recreation – Providing quality safe spaces for our families. Assisting Kids and Seniors especially those in need.

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**Q5**

How will you work with the business community to find solutions?

Continue doing what I have done the past three and half years. Engaging and building relationships with business owners. Encouraging other businesses to move to Des Moines. Creating a desirable town for business to prosper through development. I am endorsed and supported by many businesses in town and I know most of the business owners by their first name. As a business-based individual myself, I understand business!

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**Q6**

Where can your constituents find more information about you and your campaign?

<https://mattmahoney4desmoines.org/>

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