

Joe H. Ritchie

Age: 72

Occupation: Retired police chief

Qualifications: I am presently the mayor of Roy City, seeking re-election. Further qualifying experience as former Weber County commissioner, plus 40-year Roy City resident.

- 1.** I want to continue serving Roy City residents by completing projects already started such as water line upgrades, Hope Community Center construction, economic development projects, and code compliance. I will start the expansion of walking/biking paths, and continue to respond to citizen needs and desires.
- 2.** Reduced revenues caused by shaky national and regional economic projections are our major problems right now. I will fight to not raise taxes by continuing to be frugal in our spending, and continuing strong efforts to grow existing businesses and entice new businesses which generate property and sales tax.
- 3.** I do not consider 1900 West a blighted area, but rather a work in progress. I will continue extra effort assisting new and existing businesses to expand and occupy existing buildings. We walk a thin line regarding private property rights as we work with property owners to fill their buildings with desirable businesses. We are working with developers and property owners on projects for almost every vacant building and lot on 1900 West which will hopefully see completion as the economy improves. We have been proactive by sending city staff and council members to real estate and shopping center conventions to interact with property owners, developers, and prospective businesses.

Dave Tafoya

Age: 41

Occupation: Supervisor, Department of Public Safety Driver License Division 20 years; city councilman 10 years, Roy Days chairman, North Davis Sewer District vice chair, proud resident.

- 1.** To bring true leadership back to Roy, unite a council that currently has no direction, work together as a governing body to improve what is now a stagnant community. Most important have an open, honest, and straight forward communication with the citizens of Roy and be accountable.
- 2.** I believe that we as a community are just going through the motions, not trying to improve on what we have, and in doing so losing our identity, losing our pride, and not even trying to reach our potential of what Roy is or can be. We need to inform the public more of what is going on, by doing better on the information given in the newsletter, having a working usable Web site, and I would also ask the council to go out to the citizens and hold neighborhood meetings, get input, take criticism, truly listen to what our

citizens are saying. Working together we need to set goals, make plans to achieve the goals, and most important follow through with what we say we are going to do.

3. In order for any revitalization to occur we must involve all parties that have a stake. In this case it would be the property owners and business along 1900, UDOT, who controls 1900, the city and its citizens. By doing so I believe we can come up with a great streetscape design and plan for an identity, and revitalization. As far as funding once its sells a property the RDA would have around \$800,000, which is a start, we then would have to be proactive in apply for state and federal grant and stimulus money which I believe we have been lax in doing so. I have faith that we can revitalize 1900 and still be fiscally responsible.