

Joy Benson

Meet the Candidate Night

About myself and qualifications:

I have lived most of my life in the house my grandfather built in 1917.

- The firrst 24 years of marriage Bill and I lived in Payson, and now we have lived here 26 years. I love living here. I love the people both old and young

- I attended school in Payson, where I participated in many estra curricular activities and service projects. I was active in 4-H, church, and in the community, on the local, regional, anad state levels. There were many opportunities available for all in this little community!

- I have a BS Degree from BYU in Home Economics Ed, and I have a MA Degree from the University of PHoenix in Educational Counseling that I pursued at the age of 48. I worked in Altamont, Utah for a couple of years teaching home ec, reading, all the girl's PE classes and coached all the girl sports teams as well as supervised the cheerleaders and drill team. I mention this because it definetly goes to show I will do my best at whatever I am asked. If I don't know how, I will figure it out!

- I met my very supportive husband in Altamont, but he was from California - a long story. We have four children and 14 grandchildren and they all live in Utah County. Our driveway always looks like a parking lot. We love it!

After retiring 8 years ago I served a mission with my husband and since then, I have just been looking for ways to serve others trying to be useful.

Through school, community and church involvement I have gotten to know your children and grandchildren pretty well and I hope I was able to make a positive impact on their lives. I love the youth. After all, isn't this why we are here, to build a community where our children and grandchildren can flourish! I can advocate for all.

Finally, about five years ago I was diagnosed with a slow moving disease of macular degeneration. It didn't work that way for me. Within a few months I had lost one eye and in a couple more months I had lost partial vision in the other. Since that time regular shots in my good eye have kept it stable. I have come to realize what a great blessing this has been in my life and how it could possibly be my greatest qualification. I have learned to be an excellent listener. I have learned to see others and their concerns with my heart instead of my eyes. This has helped me be more thankful, love everyone unconditionally, be more inclusive to all, and to be happy and spread JOY wherever I go. I have learned that everyone needs a voice. I believe I can make that happen!

What is my vision for Spring Lake

Change will happen, that's a given. Change can be managed and directed to benefit the whole community.

I love Spring Lake and its people! I've lived here or nearby my whole life. It's easy to become a "Spring Laker." I'm a positive person who finds good in everything. My vision is a united community where every voice matters and we grow together in harmony to become the BEST LITTLE TOWN IN THE STATE!

The flyer I passed out

My name is Joy Benson, and I'm excited to be a candidate for a 4-year council seat in Spring Lake's very first municipal election! I'm retired and currently serve on the Board



of the Mountain View Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary.

I hold a BS in Home Economics Education from BYU and an MA in Educational Counseling from the University of Phoenix, along with several endorsements. I love working with people—young and old—to ensure ALL have a chance to be heard. Everyone deserves a voice!

I've served as a registrar, poll worker, district chairman, county and state delegate, and on several committees. I was active in the PTA for years at school, district, and regional levels. One of my most meaningful roles was as a volunteer mediator with Payson City, helping resolve disputes—an experience that deepened my belief in listening and unity.

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