

## 2024 Charter Institute, Co-Thrive Local Election Questionnaire

To respond, please follow these instructions:

- **Answer this question:** “Why should people vote for you instead of your opponent(s)?”
- **Word limit::** 300 words
- **Deadline:** Tuesday, October 2 -- 5:00 pm
- **Publication date::** Before early voting opens October 8 – circulation to local (-ish) readers of about 2,200

No other candidate has my depth of experience on the issues that matter most. From leading the JH Conservation Alliance in the 1980s to showing up at climate change education programs, including the Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Solutions Summit October 15-16 of this year, I've always championed a sustainable future for Teton County. That focus was baked into my DNA when I was a 16-year-old student at the six-week field ecology course at Teton Science School.

In 1984, I lobbied in Washington, DC, for the successful Wyoming Wilderness Act. In the early 2000's, I helped save and restore the Old Wilson Schoolhouse Community Center. I authored the first-in-Wyoming land use regulation to stymie unauthorized private feeding of big game in subdivisions. In 2006-2008, I was on the leadership team that stewarded the Snake River Headwaters Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. I helped lead the effort to buy, restore, and relaunch Hungry Jack's General Store in Wilson where we feature locally grown food. My wife Anne Ladd and I raised a strong Jackson Hole family: Madeline – 27, Reed – 24. From diapers and daycare to school and sports, we've done it. I see the world and its future through their eyes too. I've hiked and backpacked through the Wyoming Range, the Snake River Range, the Tetons, the Winds, the Gros Ventres and around Yellowstone. I've kayaked and rafted down every watershed in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem. My career as a Wyoming lawyer, 1996 to present, has helped me understand how to turn ideas into policy. Non-profit boards: Wyoming Outdoor Council, Teton Raptor Center, Interconnections 21 (Model UN), Friends of Pathways, Community Children's Project, Snake River Fund, Wyoming Community Foundation.

I understand the needs and unique challenges of Teton County. I do what I can to turn good ideas into good results.