

Amber Whitson

Age: 35

I am a 10 year resident of Albany. I have been civically active in Albany since 2012, attending Waterfront Committee and City Council meetings. I was appointed by the City to represent Albany's Homeless Community on the Homeless Task Force. I was a community organizer for over 60 homeless Albany residents from 2012 to 2014 and continue to advocate for some of those same people today.

I feel that it is important that there be a voice for the underrepresented in Albany: people living with disabilities, those who live in poverty and those who are experiencing or who are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

There also needs to be better dialogue with (and more outreach to) the community. A city is more than just a geographic location. It is the people and places which surround us. The government of which should not seem so separate from its citizens.

If elected, I will listen to the concerns of the citizens of the City of Albany and make every effort to address those concerns and to insure that no one feels as though their voice doesn't matter.

In a small town, every person's voice matters.