

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

MERRIAM CITY COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Candidate's Occupation: Project Manager/Interior Designer

Work History – Last Five Years (25 word limit):

Scott Rice Office Works, 2013-present Designer and project manager focusing on education market

Most Recent Political/Community Experience (25 word limit?):

Merriam Public Art Committee 5701 Merriam Dr Steering Committee, chair

Are you, or have you been, affiliated with a local or state chamber of commerce? If yes, please list chamber(s) and any leadership positions you have held (25 word limit):

N/A

Are you, or have you been, affiliated with any other business organization(s)? If yes, please list organization(s) (25 word limit):

N/A

As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues (25 words per line):

1. Revitalization of Downtown Merriam
2. Family Driven - striving to keep Merriam safe and family friendly
3. Independent Voice - make sure the constituents are being heard and kept in the know on issues that effect daily life in Merriam

What are your views on the services and value citizens receive for their local tax dollars?

I think that Merriam is an outstanding city to live in and all of our basic needs are met on a daily basis.

What changes, if any, would you propose to the current City budget?

I wouldn't propose any changes.

What role, if any, do you believe the City should play in economic development to bring jobs and capital investment to our City?

I believe the city should make smart choices when it comes to offering any type of incentives to businesses that want to develop in Merriam. We don't have a lot of spaces to develop, so we need to be extremely careful with the types of businesses that we align ourselves with.

What do you think the three greatest opportunities are for the City's economy in the next ten years and how would you capitalize on them?

1. Development of the KMart site at SMP + Antioch - try to work closer and faster with Block to get this site operational 2. Revitalization of Downtown Merriam - use 5701 Merriam Drive as a catalyst to help people want to be downtown again 3. Merriam Town Center - try to create a relationship with SITE (the developer who owns) to make the shopping center stay relevant with changing trends in retail.

What is your philosophy on the role the City should play in terms of metro-area issues?

Merriam should stay relevant on metro-area issues, especially ones that involve the environment and road systems that connect us to downtown and the rest of the metro.

What do you think are the greatest challenges and/or opportunities for the City in the next ten years and how would you address them?

I believe one of the greatest challenges in will be the amount of older families leaving the city to downsize, etc. A lot of younger generations don't have a desire to own a home or don't have the means to do so. My hope is that we can keep Merriam a community that young people want to live in and move to because of our proximity to the highway and downtown and also our efforts of continuing to invest in the community through public art and community driven activities and spaces such as the new community center.

What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race, making you best suited to serve?

I believe I am the most suited to serve in this position because of my current professional experience as a licensed interior designer and project manager. It is my daily duty to help create safe environments for people to occupy by working with a team of many trades. I am very logistically focused and I want to make sure that I am always listening to my constituents, being responsible with their tax dollars + providing solutions to the daily problems they are concerned with.