

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

OVERLAND PARK CITY COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Candidate's Occupation:

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

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

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):

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

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

1. My top three priorities include housing affordability, to make so everyone can enjoy what living in Overland Park has to offer and make it
2. easier for longtime residents to age in place. I am in favor of increasing transparency on the City Council by instituting a public comment period
3. at meetings. I would also like to review how we award tax incentives to new developments, and restrict them to those that are in line

At 13.566 mills, Overland Park's tax rate is approximately half of our neighboring communities and remains the lowest of any first-class city in Kansas. Do you believe Overland Park citizens receive quality services and value for their tax dollars? What improvements, if any, would you make to the existing City budget?

I believe Overland Park residents are receiving quality services from their city. However, we should be mindful of rising property values when considering our current tax rate and find ways to make sure that the tax burden is being distributed fairly and not just on homeowners.

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

I want to maintain funding levels for parks and libraries, two of our residents' most valued amenities. I would also like to review where our income is originating to make sure too heavy of a burden is not being placed on homeowners.

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

It is essential for the City Council to be welcoming of all businesses, big and small in our community. Currently, I would like us to work on being more welcoming to small, local businesses and entrepreneurs who share their success with the rest of the community.

What is your philosophy regarding the appropriate mix of residential, commercial and green space in development and redevelopment projects and the use of incentives for these projects?

My views are in line with those laid out in Forward OP and I would generally be in favor of awarding tax incentives to projects that meet the requirements laid out in that plan.

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

A growing public interest in sustainable living, mass transit and housing diversity give Overland Park a chance to build on the vision laid out in the Forward OP plan and build a city that can thrive in the future.

What specific elements of Forward OP's Action Agenda do you consider to be among the highest priorities for implementation?

I believe increasing the mix of housing options and affordability is important to attract new residents and businesses and to allow longtime Overland Park residents to continue living here.

As the second largest city in the metro, what is your philosophy on the role Overland Park should play in terms of metro-area issues?

Overland Park should be a leader in the area in terms of transportation by partnering with other communities. We should also join many of the smaller cities in the area by passing a non-discrimination ordinance.

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

Overland Park is a great place to live and I want to keep it that way for everyone. Ward 1 needs a strong voice for tough issues. I will be a collaborator in discussions about affordable housing, transportation, environmental issues, and bring citizens together to get their input as we move these important issues forward. The business community and citizens must all be heard as we move our city forward.