

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

SHAWNEE MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Candidate's Occupation: Vice President and Business Development Officer

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

25 years experience in financial services. Vice President and Business Development Officer at Academy Bank

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

Shawnee City Council (elected three times) – Shawnee Tomorrow Leadership Program – Shawnee Rotary – Shawnee Economic Development Advisory Council (2010 – current)

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):

Shawnee Chamber of Commerce EDC Advisory Council Member 2006-current. Member, Shawnee, Lenexa, Northeast Johnson County. Have Chaired numerous events for numerous Chambers.

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

Shawnee Chamber of Commerce EDC Advisory Council Member 2006-current. Member, Shawnee, Lenexa, Northeast Johnson County. Have Chaired numerous events for numerous Chambers.

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

1. Creating a vibrant community that attracts new residents while also initiating policies that allow current residents to retain and improve their homes. Examples include, Establishing a tax Rebate program for residents who improve their homes, advance po
2. Presenting a forward-thinking attitude by passing a non-discrimination ordinance, which will serve as a draw to companies from across the nation to invest in Shawnee.
3. Building and enhancing Shawnee's profile in the business and development community.

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

Shawnee citizens receive an excellent ROI for their tax dollars. Shawnee has made substantial investment in new fire stations, Justice Center, public safety, park/rec opportunities and accelerated infrastructure repairs which are supported at a cost of under \$100 per month for a resident. That said, we need to create initiatives and policies that will grow the commercial tax base in Shawnee. This helps

reduce tax burden shouldered by residents and helps create a more diversified base spreading the tax burden more evenly between commercial properties and residential properties and provide more opportunities for residents to eat and shop.

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

I would not change the current budget. I support the current funding levels. I would recommend allocation of a set portion of future revenue generated from increased valuations be dedicated to funding storm water projects, and as a potential funding source to expand sidewalks, curbs and gutters for neighborhoods lacking them.

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

The City should work closely with the Shawnee Chamber EDC to build relationships not only with local businesses, but to also work with the Kansas Department of Commerce to recruit companies across the nation, and even internationally. Shawnee is poised for great opportunities for growth, and should at all times convey the professionalism needed to draw businesses both near and far, while offering growth opportunities to the businesses that currently exist within our boundaries.

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. Create reputation for Shawnee as innovative, welcoming community for commercial development. We need to take our seat at the table and have a known voice among people bringing development/creating jobs. 2. Maximize opportunities to create a city with diverse housing, attractive amenities and entertainment. One of the most important criteria for new business is having a stable, educated and sufficient work force available. Downtown Shawnee revitalization key component in this growth. 3. Shawnee must invest in acreage at K7 and 43rd to help ensure utility sewer connections, other infrastructure in place.

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

I think that Shawnee should increase our communication with other cities in the metro, and should be cognizant of our own "border war" on our side of the state line. We often battle with other large cities when offering business incentives, and a calm, measured, communicative approach is necessary.

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?

Shawnee is facing a great opportunity for economic growth and business development, and has opportunities to continue revitalizing our eastern core. These same opportunities can also pose a threat, because our city needs to be unified, and has very different needs. This can be accomplished first through extensive communication with voters and stakeholders, and going beyond the basic town hall to conduct true voter outreach so that our constituencies feel genuinely heard and respected.

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

For a number of years, Shawnee has been in need of strong professionalism that will gain us a seat at the table as we continue to grow. My years of experience on the Shawnee EDC and in the finance industry put me above my opponents, making me uniquely qualified to lead our city into a prosperous future.