

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

SHAWNEE MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Candidate's Occupation: Practice Architect

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

Corning Data Services - Client Manager / Pre-Sales / Practice Architect / Project Manager

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

Harvesters, Johnson County Softball commission

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):

No

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

No

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

1. Continue Business Growth
2. Continue re-developing Downtown Shawnee
3. Support the Schools

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

Very good. Shawnee has great infrastructure in place. The services including Schools, Police, Fire and Parks are first rate. With more business expansion we should be able to keep taxes where they are and continue to support our infrastructure. The Shawnee government always wants to explore way to make the infrastructure even better. Our citizen should expect and received the best a city has to offer

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

Unknown at this time

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 needs to continue to work with business to establish their foothold in the city of Shawnee. It is very important that the city of Shawnee has a plan to bring jobs and capital investment to the city. The

Shawnee government needs to identify businesses and work to try and have them bring the jobs and capital investments to Shawnee.

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. Business Growth within the City of Shawnee. New or existing business need to be focused on to ensure they grow and thus continue to add to the economic growth of Shawnee. 2. Re-development of the Parks (Mid-America softball complexes) that would allow Shawnee to bring in teams and players from all over the country. This would greatly help the local economy. 3. Growth with Multifamily residence in the correct areas. Shawnee needs to embrace apartments and duplexes under the correct situations. These complexes bring many individuals that eat, shop and spend money in the city of Shawnee.

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

Shawnee is a community within a major metropolitan area. We have to be cognizant of what is going on around us as a whole. Shawnee needs to be heavily invested in the Kansas City area. When Kansas City holds big events we need to ensure we create a city that people want to stay in while visiting Kansas City. We need to ensure Shawnee is connected with other cities in the area.

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?

Competition from other cities for business and residents. Shawnee needs to continue to provide a strong infrastructure and reasons why people want to live and work in Shawnee. Developers understand the leverage they now have and we as a city government need to understand that also. There will continue to be challenges with Infrastructure as the city streets and sewers get older. If Shawnee can continue to grow then we have the opportunity to bring business and individuals to the city to help provide financing to support the infrastructure.

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

Strong project management skills which allow me to get things accomplished. I manage multi-dollar project and ensure these are completed on time and on budget. Shawnee needs my experience of delivering projects and enhancements on time and on budget.