

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

DESOTO COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate Name: Lori Murdock

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Candidate's Occupation: Pharmacist

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

I have owned Cedar Creek Pharmacy in De Soto for 15 years, but have worked at it for 27 1/2 years as the Pharmacist.

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

I have served De Soto on the City Council for the last 8 1/2 years.

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):

Yes, I am a member of the De Soto Chamber of Commerce.

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

Yes, I am a member of the De Soto Chamber of Commerce.

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

1. Economic Development
2. Parks and Recreation
3. Housing affordable to all

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

The City has done a great job over the last few years listening to the citizens and offering what they want for their tax dollars. Improved infrastructure, parks and recreation programs, and city staff have continued to be at the forefront.

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

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 continue to offer incentives that make a project right for the City and the citizens of the City. Growth will happen and the City should continue to guide and lead the growth with it's policy and incentive packages.

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?

The City has available land, a great staff, and a council ready to take the lead. I would continue to support the De Soto Economic Development Council and encourage other council members to do the same. Education of the citizens is also very important when it comes to future projects.

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

De Soto should always stay involved in the metro area, should always have our name in the mix for development, and should continue to set high standards for ourselves and those around us.

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?

The challenges for De Soto will continue to be leading the race instead of getting caught off guard in the rear of the race. We can beat this by developing policy, taking initiative, and putting De Soto on the map.

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

I have great experience, I am willing to work for the city, and I still have great ideas to put in place.