

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

FAIRWAY COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate Name: Joseph Levin

Candidate for Ward #: 3

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Candidate's Occupation: Retired

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

Retired

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

Councilman Ward 3 Fairway

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. Fiscal responsibility
2. Maintenance of City infrastructure
3. Safety of Fairway citizens

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

As Chair of the Finance Committee I help manage budget process that assures scrutiny of every major activity performed by the City as well as how the City borrows. Our mill levy rates are in the lower third of Johnson County.

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

I would try to put more aside for future Capital Improvement Projects that are certain to arise.

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

Fairway has limited resources as well as limited available land to significantly impact future economic development in the City.

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 greatest opportunity for the Fairway economy is the trend in upgrading existing residences. There is some opportunity to attracting larger employers in the Fairway Office Park.

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

Fairway should partner with neighboring cities with regard to issues such as traffic flow and stormwater. We already have inter-city cooperation with respect to Public Safety.

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 greatest challenges to Fairway in the next ten years are decline in retail sales (hence revenue) and challenges to property value assessment by the County.

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

I have more experience both in Fairway government and from my financial background. I am willing to listen to other opinions and settle differences in a civil manner.