

**2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE**

**MISSION COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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**Candidate for Ward #:** IV

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**Candidate's Occupation:** Retired

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

Retired faculty - University of Kansas Medical Center, School of Health Professions, Department of Health Information Management

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

Mission City Council Ward IV (2017-19) Countryside, KS Mayor (1995-2003) JoCo Library Board Past Chairman Reach Healthcare Foundation Past Board-member

**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. Improved Infrastructure (streets & storm water)
2. Municipal space needs (police & court)
3. Comprehensive planning

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

I believe the departmental and administrative services are provided in an efficient and effective manner. The annual budget and 5-year Capital Improvement Plan is on target to maintain good municipal service levels and minimize debt. The city governance is focused on municipal leadership, continued long-term improvement and capital planning.

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

Promote adequate funding for the neighborhood street program and renewal of sales tax support for Mission's infrastructure, parks and recreation needs. Maintain adequate reserve funds and minimize debt service expenditures.

**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 of Mission may use incentives to encourage economic development as long as the agreements result in projects consistent with the City of Missions comprehensive planning process and in accordance with building standards. Longterm municipal benefits must be at the core of economic development initiatives.

**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 fulfillment of the comprehensive planning process must remain the focus of any opportunity that Mission embraces. The three greatest opportunities include completion of the East and West Gateway economic development visions. Increased density established in accordance with Mission's form-based code. Finally, further diversification of business profile, reflecting future community needs.

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

Mission has a very strong heritage as a first-ring suburb in the Kansas City Metropolitan Region. The City must actively participate in regional planning through Mid-America Regional Council, including the focus on regional public transportation, stormwater management, environmental sustainability, public safety, affordable housing and shared economic development. Bi-state and intra/inter county collaboration is at the heart of both municipal and regional success.

**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 of being a land-locked city with aging infrastructure provides the context for maximizing opportunities to seek balance in urban renewal while retaining the City's rich heritage and quality of life. The next ten years will require a focus on upgrading the City's infrastructure and attaining smart population housing density.

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

All candidates bring their unique experience and skills to the table. My nearly 25-years of public service and community engagement allows me to navigate demands of municipal governance, with a keen focus on the needs of citizens and the business community alike. I am retired with a flexible schedule and strong community commitment, which makes me best suited to serve in this council role.