

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

OLATHE CITY MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Candidate for Ward #: 1

Candidate's Occupation: self employed/e-commerce

Work History – Last Five Years (25 words or less):

Prior to leaving to pursue my own e-commerce business in 2017, I worked in IT development for Commerce Bank for 10 years.

Most Recent Political/Community Experience (25 words or less):

I am a first-time candidate for office.

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):

I do not have any previous affiliations with local or state 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):

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As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues (25 word limit):

1. Public safety and infrastructure
2. Economic development
3. Balanced budget

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

Olathe is a great place to live but we can always strive to achieve more, streamline processes and cut cost where we can.

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

I would continue to prepare a balanced budget and minimize the use of long-term debt to avoid placing debt on future taxpayers.

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

It's important to ensure we are not part of the problem " that is to say, our local regulations do not inadvertently impede or constrain business development and economic activities. We need to get out of the way and let business do business.

Over the past 20 years, the City of Olathe's development has outpaced other Johnsons County communities, how would you help continue high quality growth in Olathe?

When families are looking to move to an area, schools are one of their top priorities, and Olathe has one of the best in the nation. Another top priority is safety, so we need to continue to concentrate in these areas and look to increase our police and fire departments as the city grows.

What do you think the three greatest opportunities are for the Olathe economy in the next ten years and how would you capitalize on them?

Green technology and with that, self-sustainability. We also need to embrace social media platforms to get the citizens involved as much as possible when it comes to shaping the directions of our city.

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

Continue to be Johnson County's anchor city, which provides thousands of local quality jobs. Be a leader and set the standard of excellence with our schools and our police and fire departments.

What do you think are the greatest challenges and/or opportunities for Olathe in the next ten years and how would you address them?

Improve east-west traffic flow. Thinking of future growth when planning infrastructure. Enforce codes and ordinances that are on the books and finding ways to improve citizen involvement.

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

It's time to have a fresh perspective and look at things. I am not a career politician, I come from an IT and business background. I am able to have an unbiased look at issues from both sides, and make decisions on what's best for people, not what's best for a particular party or special interest. I have raised my daughter in Olathe and want to make it a place she would want to someday possibly raise her children.