

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

OLATHE CITY MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Candidate's Occupation: Business Consultant

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

Helping organizations with strategy, finance, marketing, sales and organization development to become more profitable.

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

Current City Councilman - Ward 2 and Mayor Pro-Tem

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 - Olathe Chamber of Commerce - work with them as a City Council member to help attract and retain the best businesses possible.

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

Yes - Olathe Chamber of Commerce - work with them as a City Council member to help attract and retain the best businesses possible.

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

1. Business/EmploymentGrowth
2. Efficient Government
3. Creating the ultimate live/work/play city for all generations.

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

Olathe utilizes the Direction Finder Survey which annually asks a representative sample of our citizens several questions. In answer to the exact question of value received for tax dollars 92% said they were satisfied in the 2018 survey.

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

We just finished the budgeting process and I would make no changes. Approximately 50% of our general fund budget goes to public safety with another 25% going to transportation which is what our citizens have requested.

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

Economic development is one of the key responsibilities of any city to provide the employment opportunities and economic base needed for progress. In Olathe the Chamber of Commerce provides the economic development activities with guidance from the Council.

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?

The key driver of development is a concentrated and intensive effort to retain and attract businesses that will be in the community for many years. This effort has to begin at the City Council from a policy perspective and flow on to the Chamber of Commerce for strategy and tactics but goals must be established every year with annual performance reviews. In addition communication with the citizens is key to explaining the development process and activities and the effect on their delay lies, which is usually lower taxes and more opportunities for all.

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?

1. Attract and support high tech businesses, like Garmin 2. Develop and retain high quality health care organizations. 3. Over-communicate the value of economic development efforts and successes to our citizens.

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

The metro and regions' success may ultimately decide the future of all cities, including Olathe. As such our policy is for our leaders to have a place at the table with regional and state organizations that will have an impact on our future.

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

The greatest challenge of any organization is finding talented people who can lead them into the future. We support all state and local educational organizations by communicating the needs of our businesses and matching those with their educational offerings to create an atmosphere of learning directed toward future job needs.

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

My international business background, City Council and City Planning Commission experience, understanding of the City and its needs and a proven dedication to Olathe to help it become the greatest city possible.