

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

OLATHE CITY MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Candidate's Occupation: Budget Director for the State of Kansas

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

35 yrs banker, 7 yrs adjunct professor, 1.5 yrs State Budget Director.

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

Olathe City Councilman 1991-2001 and 2007-2019. Kansas State Rep 1997-2005 and 2012-2018.

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 was a past Chamber board member.

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
2. Infrastructure - transportation
3. Lowering city property taxes

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

According to numerous surveys, citizens rank Olathe very high on value received per tax dollars paid.

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

We need more money going into street repairs.

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

Olathe has a well thought out tax incentive program to bring in jobs and quality developments. Those incentives, and strong collaboration with the Chamber, have been a winning formula.

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?

Since I've been on the council for 20 years, I'll simply state that I will keep doing what I've been doing.

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?

Bio-sciences, technologies industry and building a culture supportive of start-up small businesses... perhaps in home internet driven businesses.

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

We should be at the table... we should think regionally and be a partner in the discussion.

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

Growth is our strength and challenge. Managing growth has been a long term challenge. It also provides great opportunity. Having an organization that can quickly adapt and a culture that constantly looks to innovation is the key.

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

Experience.