

2019 Overland Park City Council

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1. Policy Questionnaire

1. Candidate Information

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Candidate's Occupation

owner installation business

2. (untitled)

2. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

Owner Installation business, office furniture

3. Most recent Political/Community experience? (25 words or less)

4. 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 words or less)

Kansas City MOC of C, Sales representative

5. Are you, or have you been, affiliated with any business organizations? If yes, please list organization(s). (25 words or less)

USA Rugby, Mid America Rugby GU and Referee Society

6. As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (25 words per line)

1 : Taxes paid by residents for Development

2 : City services for residents

3 : Brookridge Indian Creek Flooding

7. At 13.566 mills, Overland Park's tax rate is approximately half of our neighboring communities and remains the lowest of any first-class city in Kansas. Do you believe Overland Park citizens receive quality services and value for their tax dollars? What improvements, if any, would you make to the existing City budget? (100 words or less)

The citizens quality of services could be better. The City needs more Police and vehicles. Having police at all Municipal meetings to ensure safety for all attendees should be addressed. They are not addressing the residents who are flooding on Indian Creek. Additionally, they are adding to the issue with the Brookridge Development. Stop the Chip Seal on the streets and repair roads instead. Address the road intersections that have a grade of D or worse and start improvements. Not impose taxes on residents for development that doesn't provide funding for services.

8. What changes, if any, would you propose to the current City budget? (100 words or less)

Direct money to start the buyout of the residents the City has determined are in the Flood plane. Hire outside snow removal contractors to help and not pull certain city employees from their regular jobs to do it during the snow season. Hire more police and other emergency service personnel. Spend more on the City amenities like Parks, on maintenance to keep them a place to got for families.

9. What role, if any, do you believe the City should play in economic development to bring jobs and capital investment to Overland Park? (100 words or less)

The City has a role to ensure the residents have economic opportunities with in city. With the location of the City and it's current development density, there is no space for additional large developments that will not provide more than service industry jobs. I am not saying that service industry jobs are not economically valuable, but they are not jobs that typically provide enough income for a family to survive on. The City keeping the Mill levy low is also a economic help for the residents.

10. What is your philosophy regarding the appropriate mix of residential, commercial and green space in development and redevelopment projects and the use of incentives for these projects? (100 words or less)

Overall the City has done a good job in the past with redevelopment projects. The Brookridge development is eliminating green space and going to fill in a flood plane. The current multi family developments are to dense for the current infrastructure, and the developers are not being required to improve roads and create a Zero Rise Floodway. The City also has development transition standards next to existing neighborhoods, but typically gives the developers several deviations on them so they can build right next to existing properties with no form of transition.

11. What do you think are the three greatest opportunities for the Overland Park economy in the next ten years and how would you capitalize on them? (100 words or less)

I think the next ten years is going to be tough for all Cities across this area. All are suffering reduced revenues, rising costs

and the need to have more personnel to provide services. The business climate is changing with technology, so having a city that has a good tech infrastructure will be important. Keeping the Mill levy low will also attract residents to come to the City instead of surrounding Cities. Ensure that large areas that were developed, which have now become abandoned, do not sit deteriorating for years and do not provide to the revenue stream.

12. What specific elements of Forward OP's Action Agenda do you consider to be among the highest priorities for implementation? (100 words or less)

Affordable housing is important to keep the City from having a work force that is forced to live elsewhere, Improving transportation opportunities along the Metcalf corridor and other major traffic routes North of 435. Creating Micro bus routes within the City to get people to the business centers without having to drive.

13. As the second largest city in the metro, what is your philosophy on the role Overland Park should play in terms of metro-area issues? (100 words or less)

We should be a leader within the Metropolitan area. We should not be engaging in the business of making incentive deals to attract outside business to relocate to our city.

14. Why are you seeking public office? What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race, making you best suited to serve? (100 words or less)

I moved to Overland Park for the amenities, quality of the neighborhoods and schools, and the quality of the City. But since I have been drawn into the way the City operates due to Brookridge Redevelopment. I have become discouraged at the way the City is approaching the future. This includes the lack of listening to the residents. Not following the development standards set for development. Raising taxes on the residents to pay for development. I have a record of defending my position on these statements when speaking at Council and Committee meetings. I am better positioned than my opponent.
