

2019 Overland Park City Council

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1. Policy Questionnaire

1. Candidate Information

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Candidate's Occupation

Banker

2. (untitled)

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

I have been a banker for 16 years, the last two years I worked as an Executive Recruiter.

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

This is my first campaign for elected office.

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)

Past chairman of Hispanic Chamber of KC and past member of the Overland Park, Leawood, Shawnee and Lawrence Chambers of Commerce. Also Kansas Chamber.

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

Assoc. for Corp Growth, Nat'l Assoc Corp Directors, KCADC.

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

1 : Public Safety

2 : Infrastructure

3 : Quality of Life - Parks and Recreation

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)

Overland Park should be proud of providing the highest value of services to its residents. We must remain diligent in setting priorities so we continue to move forward and not backward. As our city continues to grow more pressure will be put on our infrastructure and I plan to not lose sight of this as we build future budgets.

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

At this time I support the themes of enhancing public safety, investing in neighborhood preservation and supporting our quality of life. As sales tax revenues fluctuate we must not lose focus on this issue and plan accordingly so we are able to maintain the high standards or residents deserve.

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)

City government is a key side of the public square and should lay a foundation that facilitates economic development and capital investment.

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)

As Overland Park continues to compete against cities across the globe we need to keep public-private partnership tools in our arsenal.

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)

Overland Park's future is bright! Small businesses and entrepreneurship thrive here; I see this especially in the technology sector continuing to grow. Overland Park will have opportunities to replace its corporate headquarters residents if we lose Sprint, Waddell & Reed or others. Overland Park has a growing health and health care industry, as this grows so will our opportunity.

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)

The three areas for me are: Welcoming - I want people to truly feel "at home" and "at ease" in Overland Park. Innovating - innovation is the lifeblood of business and new ideas, a focus on innovation has benefits for all. Placemaking - perhaps I see this in the same light as "Gathering". I would love to have a signature place or "public square" for all Overland Park residents and visitors to be able to enjoy and build real connections and bonds with our community.

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)

Overland Park must be at the table and an active participant in terms of metro-area issues. No one city or government can survive alone in our metro; the best ideas, innovation, happens when we are working together solving common problems and tackling audacious goals.

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)

Overland Park is my home by choice; I love our city and want to be a part of the team that helps govern and propel our city forward. My leadership, governance and community experience have built a solid foundation for my service. I am also an eager learner and have the curiosity and tenacity to dive into the issues, solicit input and do my best to make decisions on behalf of those I serve.