

**2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE**

**PRAIRIE VILLAGE COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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**Candidate's Occupation:** Interior Designer

**Work History – Last Five Years** (25 word limit):

SFS Architecture, Interior & Furniture Design 2014 - Present

**Most Recent Political/Community Experience** (25 word limit?):

Prairie Village Arts Council, 2019 - Present KC Scholars, Reviewer & Ambassador 2019 - Present Belinder Elementary PTA, Past President, President, 2016 - 2019

**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):

GKC Chamber of Commerce Centurions Leadership Program, Class of 2012

**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 words per line):**

1. Maintain the diversity and affordability of our Prairie Village homes through city planning and neighborhood design standards.
2. Advocate for a transparent community center study process to ensure residents are engaged and heard.
3. Support fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers by annually evaluating our Mill Levy rate in relation to property values and long term city planning.

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

Most Prairie Village residents believe that the City is a responsible financial steward of their tax dollars and that our taxes are well worth the value we get from our police department, public works, city parks, storm debris removal, and more. Many residents are concerned that Prairie Village has received too much money the last couple of years due to the rising appraisal values, however, and would like to see more transparency on where those dollars are being spent and discussion about reducing the mill levy.

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

I have reviewed the current City budget, and would not have any proposed changes at this time.

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

It is important for the City to be welcoming of all businesses, big and small, to our community. Currently, I would like us to work on bringing back more small, locally-owned businesses and entrepreneurs to Prairie Village who share their success with the rest of the community.

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

The three greatest opportunities for the Prairie Village economy are the proposed community/civic center, sustainable building and infrastructure, and diverse and affordable housing options. All of these items encourage living, working, playing, and shopping right here in Prairie Village keeping all of those tax dollars here as well.

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

Each city in the metro-area can only be its best self with the engagement of, and in cooperation with, the cities surrounding it. We're all right on top of each other, and public safety, infrastructure, residents, and businesses don't really follow city boundary lines in their daily functions. There's no value in being a lone wolf going it alone. We should be working together on all of the issues affecting our region to learn from one another, build on each other's success, and lift one another up to become a destination for visitors, future residents, and new businesses without competition.

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

Our greatest challenge in Prairie Village is going to be affordable housing for our aging population as well as for first-time home-buyers. I look forward to a county-wide housing study. Prairie Village has already agreed to partner with the County and UCS for such a study, along with other municipalities. Having this study will be imperative to seeing the true status of our housing and the trends moving forward, so that we can make specific and targeted policy decisions to maintain existing and establish additional affordable housing in Prairie Village.

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

PV has two upcoming opportunities to improve the way we build/operate our public facilities: the new Public Works buildings and the proposed Community/Civic Center with the JoCo Library and YMCA currently being studied. As a LEED Accredited Professional, sustainable design has been in the forefront of my mind and design career for the last 20 years. I look forward to assisting the City as we make decisions on what to invest in and what not to when it comes to LEED certification and making these buildings as efficient as possible. My general design and project management experience will be distinguishers.