

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

PRAIRIE VILLAGE COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Candidate's Occupation: Owner of Substream Music & Sound Design, LLC

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

I am the owner of Substream Music & Sound Design. We serve the audio needs of advertising agencies and film production companies.

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

I've been an advocate in my community for several years, leading efforts which have resulted in infrastructure upgrades both residentially and commercially in Prairie Village.

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):

No

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

No

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

1. Sustainability – We need to continue to focus on ways to implement environmental sustainability throughout Prairie Village.
2. Property Taxes – We need to come up with solutions, working with State and County representatives to limit the year over year rise in property taxes.
3. Infrastructure – We need to continue to upgrade our aging infrastructure throughout Prairie Village.

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

I believe Prairie Village offers excellent services for our local tax dollars. Our City Staff works hard to keep our budget trim while offering the best services possible. They make sure that every dollar is responsibly spent and not wasted.

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

None 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?

If the jobs or capital investment are directly tied to the City or for a not for profit, I think there is a role for the City to play. For example, I'm fully supportive of the proposed Community Center, which will bring so much value to our community; a value that goes way beyond a dollar sign. These types of projects that have a return on the greater good are the projects I think the City should support. If it's a private company, then I believe the City should not play a role. Prairie Village is a highly desirable location.

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?

1. I believe there is tremendous potential for economic growth if the Community Center comes to fruition. I envision a true City Center being developed on this block in the years ahead. 2. I see the potential for the Village and Corinth Shops to go back to their original roots and work to become more multi-generational friendly shopping districts, filled with local shops that cater to the basic need of our community. 3. I'd love to see a space for local startups and pop-up shops to be able to grow and sell their goods.

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

Prairie Village, along with all our neighboring cities, needs to be team players in regards to metro-area issues. This is our extended community that we are all a part of. We all shop, work, and play throughout the metro. The more communication and cooperation we have among one another will be a huge benefit to our residents.

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?

I think the greatest challenge will be the continued upgrades to our infrastructure. We are an established community with an aging infrastructure. I think the challenge of upgrading our infrastructure has the potential to also be our greatest opportunity to invest in the most current green technology. I am optimistic that Prairie Village will prove to be a leader in sustainability moving forward.

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

I show up. I have been listening to the needs of my neighbors and have worked hard to address issues in our community. As a private citizen, I have worked with City Staff, current Council members, as well as County and State representatives on a number of issues affecting our community. My actions have resulted in real and positive changes in Prairie Village. I would be honored to serve our community on the City Council.