

2019 CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE

ROELAND PARK COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Candidate's Occupation: musician/teacher

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

I am a private music instructor and have taught at Musician's Studio in Overland Park for the last 10+ years.

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

I have served for over 20 years as a board member (president, vice-president, etc.) in the not-for-profit arts sector.

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. Revitalization of city parks, pool and community center
2. Implementation of Roe2020 (redesign of city's major North/South artery)
3. Bringing new businesses to Roeland Park to fill some of the gaps we currently have

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

In general, I believe we receive very good value for our tax dollars. Roeland Park has one of the smaller city governments when comparing staff numbers to population. We maintain our own very responsive police and public works departments. Although fiscal responsibility/transparency can always be improved upon, our most recent citizen survey (2019) indicated that citizens overall are pleased with the city's management and think RP is a great place to live.

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

I believe there are a few budgeted projects which may be reevaluated as we work on phased projects for R Park and the Aquatic Center. We must keep in mind our smaller tax base and how best we can use

those dollars to improve services and amenities. I would also like to see the pay scale for our police officers catch up with other cities in Johnson County.

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

The City is our community's greatest cheer leader. We are uniquely situated to promote all that is positive about living and working in one of Johnson County's oldest municipalities. We have the trees! We have the location - close to the Plaza, I-35 and downtown(s) KCK and KCMO. Although things are improving, I would like to see a broader base of employers choose Roeland Park as a base.

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) Bringing a medical office building to the N/E Johnson and Roe intersection. This will enlarge our employer/employee pool. 2) Developing the Rocks (old pool site). Ideas for this site include entertainment elements and possible 50+ housing options. This would be an opportunity to address the "community for all ages" concept in one centralized location. 3) Re-imagining the central part of our city to include a "town center" feel that includes green space, small business and greater density housing. This would be a win-win for all concerned as we navigate into the next decade.

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

I believe Roeland Park should be an active partner in issues that affect the whole of the Kansas City metropolitan area. We have been a leader on the environmental front and will continue to see climate change as a regional/state/federal/global issue, with solutions that start at the municipal level. I am also concerned about the need for work force (affordable) housing options. This is very much a metro-area issue as well.

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?

We have an aging housing stock and without resorting to tear down/rebuild, we need to invest in our older homes and apartments and make certain they remain both accessible and affordable. As a community for all ages, I see the graying of our citizenry as a call to be creative, helping seniors stay in the community they love for as long as possible, and then perhaps offering another local option beside the single family home. I also see as a potential opportunity/challenge the chance to recreate a Roeland Park "town center" once again. Our residents have asked for this.

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

I currently have no opponent in this race, having won my special election in February 2019.