

# Mayor and/or City Council 2021

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## 1. Candidate Information

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### 1. Candidate Name

Bill Bruning

### 2. Candidate for Ward # (if applicable)

At Large

### 3. Address

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City/State/Zip : Mission Hills

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### 5. Email Address

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### 6. Campaign Website

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## 2. Candidate Background

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

Retired attorney

### 8. If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held.

KCMO Chamber of Commerce - chair of the Arts Committee (MANY years ago)

### 9. Other recent political/community experience (50 words or less)

Chair / Pres or VP: Truman Med Center, REACH Healthcare Foundation, KC Rep, KU Natural History Museum, American Psychiatric Assn Center for Workplace Mental Health, Historic KC, various homes associations, KCMO Landmarks Commission

## 3. Issues and Policy

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### 10. As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (100 words or less)

- 1) Maintain City's fiscal stability,
- 2) Maintain existing / historical development patterns and standards,
- 3) Protect parks and preserve streetscapes

### 11. What are your views on the services and value the City's citizens receive for their local tax dollars? (100 words or less)

Mission Hills residents receive comprehensive municipal services that they expect and value, as well as a remarkable amount of personalized service and responsiveness from City staff

### 12. What changes, if any, would you like to see to the City budget? (100 words or less)

None

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

Mission Hills should, first and foremost, protect the value of its citizens' property. Other economic investment is not an issue in the City, which has virtually no non-residential uses

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**14. As the City considers future development and redevelopment projects, describe your views on how the City should best manage and balance growth? (100 words or less)**

Mission Hills is fully developed, so it needs to ensure that redevelopment of property is done in a way that is complimentary to existing development patterns and surrounding properties.

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**15. What is your philosophy on the role the City should play in terms of metro-area issues? (100 words or less)**

Mission Hills needs to be an active player in both Johnson County and in the bi-State metro area. (After all, our longest border is with KCMO.)

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**16. What do you believe the takeaways for the City should be, if any, from the COVID-19 pandemic experience? (100 words or less)**

We seem to have been successful in using scientific evidence to protect our employees and in developing regulations for public spaces to protect residents.

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**17. What do you believe are the greatest challenges the City faces over the next ten years and how would you address them? (100 words or less)**

Continue to support economic / life-style pressures to redevelop properties, while minimizing intrusions onto surrounding neighbors' properties. Protect the City's AAA bond rating.

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**18. Why are you seeking this public office? (100 words or less)**

I hope to protect the century-old uniqueness of Mission Hills as a desirable place to live and to protect our real estate as an excellent place for investment.

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**19. What do you believe makes you uniquely qualified to serve in this position and most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race? (100 words or less)**

I am running essentially unopposed, but I believe my experience on a wide variety of local and state boards has given me insights into the role government can play in enhancing its citizens' lives.

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