

Lenexa City Council 2021

Response ID:13 Data

1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Scott Callaway

2. Candidate for Ward

4

3. Address

Street Address/Apt/Suite : 14604 W 93rd St.

City/State/Zip : Lenexa, Kansas, 66215

4. Phone Number

8168052816

5. Email Address

scottashleycallaway@gmail.com

6. Campaign Website

OnwardLenexa.com

2. Candidate Background

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

Planning and Forecast Engineer for AT&T. I have worked for AT&T for 25 years.

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.

Southwind International, Membership Director.

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

City Council Meetings Attendee.

Planning Commissions Attendee.

I9 Sports T-Ball/Baseball/Basketball Coach Volunteer.

Lenexa BBQ Festival Volunteer.

Lenexa Freedom Run Volunteer.

Lenexa Tails on the Trails Volunteer.

3. Issues and Policy

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

Property Taxes.

I-435 East-West divide between East and West Lenexa.

Policing/Community Safety.

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

The services Lenexa's citizens receive for their local tax dollars have traditionally been well used. However, with the infrastructure investment happening West of I-435 many of my constituents have concerns East Lenexa is being left behind. We need to ensure property taxes remain fair and stop any wasteful spending, and moderate what programs tax dollars are being allocated for in order to ensure fairness and prosperity across Lenexa.

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

I believe in low taxes and small Government. That being said I would like to see even more transparency and mitigate wasteful spending.

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)

The City should encourage economic development in Lenexa by welcoming business expansion and concentrate on outreach to attract new businesses to the City which will provide jobs, taxes and increase the prosperity of Lenexa.

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)

The City should consider future development and redevelopment projects on both sides of I-435. One concern I've heard from local constituents is the impression that community facilities such as swimming pools east of I-435 are not receiving the attention they need to maintain a beautiful swimming experience for families. Much of the growth appears to be concentrated on west of I-435. Perception goes a long way and we need to ensure all areas of the City are being treated with a fair and equitable approach.

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

The City plays a large role in terms of metro-area issues. The best way for City Council and Planning Commission to address the needs of residents is to encourage more public involvement in City meetings, perhaps by video broadcast and the opportunity for residents to submit questions online.

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

Lenexa residents really came together to meet the response needs to address COVID-19 safely. One area we can improve on is additional fiber infrastructure growth to meet the demands of High Speed Internet consumption.

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

The greatest challenges Lenexa faces over the next ten years include the economy in general, property and sales taxes, health and personal safety in the community. I am in favor of supporting Law Enforcement and believe with all agencies we should trust but verify how taxes are being mitigated to ensure money collected from residents is being used with prudence and wisely allocated for programs that support all residents of Lenexa.

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

Volunteering for the Community has always been very important to me. I've had experience working closely with diverse communities, listening attentively and working to address whatever need crosses my desk in a timely manner. We need motivated residents to run for public office who desire to work for the community, and I have a proven track record of volunteering at many different levels of responsibility and will continue to do so.

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

What makes me uniquely qualified to serve on the City Council include my sense of responsibility and love for Lenexa. I voluntarily served 6 years in the Kansas Army National Guard as an M1A1 Tank Crewman, many Lenexa City Festivals as well as volunteering for other non-profit organizations, have experience budgeting and forecasting and projecting growth

needs of municipalities, and I want to serve. I am a family man married for 16 years, a 15 year home owner in Lenexa, and I'm an outsider to Lenexa politics so my influence will come from the residents.