

Mayor and/or City Council 2021

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Staci Chivetta

2. Candidate for Ward # (if applicable)

Merriam City Council Ward 4

3. Address

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2. Candidate Background

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

Project Manager - Scott Rice Office Works, Lenexa, KS

Manage all education furniture projects, approximately \$10m/year

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.

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

Merriam Parks + Rec Advisory Board, chair

5701 Merriam Drive Committee, chair

Merriam Public Art Committee

KC Architectural Foundation Board, president

3. Issues and Policy

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

Revitalization + Development

Accessibility/Affordability

Sustainability

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

Merriam is an amazing place to live - I believe our roads and parks are some of the best in the area!

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

None that I can really see right now - interested in diving deeper in to the proposed '22 budget.

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)

It's hard for the city alone to drive economic development and investment in the community, in my mind that is the role of chambers of commerce + developers.

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)

Merriam is a land locked city - we don't have a ton of room for growth, so the development and redevelopment that happens needs to be smart, sustainable and long lasting. There are clear pockets outlined in the comprehensive plan that should be paid attention to as Merriam starts to think about the future.

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

The Kansas City Metro is extremely unique in it's straddling of state and county lines - collectively we should be doing more together to try and think of things regionally vs. every city/county for themselves. This would benefit all infrastructure in my mind.

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

Checking in with our neighbors and making sure we are taking care of each other and keeping that small town feel that people are drawn to.

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)

Keeping our retail spaces full with the rise of online shopping or rethinking them completely, this could be done with productive partnerships with the developers/owners of our retail centers.

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

I am seeking this public office to be a voice for my neighbors, to know they have someone trustworthy and someone that will listen to them at city hall. I have spent over 10 years focused on listening to my clients to ensure projects are completed on time for them in a manner that they are completely happy with and this skill and knowledge translates perfectly to public service. I will do my best to listen to my constituents and maintain a community that everyone is proud to call home.

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 feel that I am uniquely qualified and different from my opponent by being a young parent. I plan on staying in Merriam for a very long time and I want to make sure that it keeps being a lovely place to raise a family and draws new residents in every year to see just how wonderful we are.