

Mayor and/or City Council 2021

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Edward Gogol

2. Candidate for Ward # (if applicable)

3. Address

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5. Email Address

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6. Campaign Website

none

2. Candidate Background

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

Retired from a faculty position at UMKC

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.

none

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

none

3. Issues and Policy

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

Keep the WWH agenda in line with community interests
Directing the work on the city Green capital improvement project

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

Since it's mostly volunteer work (ok, a tiny pay for city council), very good value

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

We (the city council) just set next year's budget at a planning session, so I think we're happy with it.

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)

We have a very small business base, and we are improving its exterior appearance this year

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)

Our city has no space for new buildings, though we do have an aging population, so we can expect some turnover in population. Hence we should support the local schools and other facilities for young families.

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

Participate, but realize that we are a tiny fraction of the metro area.

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

Let science and the most reliable health advice determine best management of contagious disease issues.

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)

We have an aging community, but are a charming, highly desirable city. We must manage changes in housing (renovations or replacements) to continue to minimize negative impacts, such as quick turnover renovations that might be problems in the future.

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

I've served just over one term, so I'm still learning about the city and its issues, while trying to provide a calm, moderating voice on the council.

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 have no opponents in this race, though I hope for some interested parties to replace me in future elections.
