

# Gardner Mayor/City Council 2021

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## 1. Candidate Information

### 1. Candidate Name

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

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## 2. Candidate Background

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

Currently: Program Development Director  
Commercial Facilities Services | PRIDE Industries PRIDEIndustries.com  
last 5 year: Area Distribution Director | Staffmark

### 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.

I am a current member of the local Chamber of Commerce.

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

Currently a City Councilman and JoCo Fire Board member of Fire District #1

## 3. Issues and Policy

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

As your Mayor, I will drive policy, through the Council agenda, with the support of citizens & the Council, to address / support:  
Public Safety, Community Investments, Fiscal Stability and Future Development

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

A fair tax, for a fair return.

As Mayor, I will insure City services, are delivering on that promise and supporting changes, when needed to bridge any gaps; furthermore, I will continue to make myself available (LISTENING, LEARNING AND LEADING) to citizens, insuring delivery of services.

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

As Mayor, I want to continue to make the budget readily available to our citizens and insure City staff are fielding (promptly) any questions from our community, concerning the budget. Changes, if needed, will be addressed and communicated clearly, more importantly operating in budget is the GOAL & should be for each elected member of the governing body.

**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)**

Elected leaders and staff play a unique role in reaching EcoDev goals - as Mayor, I support COMMUNITY INVESTMENT and FUTURE DEVELOPMENT - each are important and linked to the City's EcoDev goals. Example: Investment in sidewalks leading to parks is important to the safety and wellness of a thriving community; in turn FUTURE DEVELOPERS acknowledge the City's investment in its community, creating confidence to develop / invest in our community.

**14. How do you plan to communicate effectively with the businesses and citizens of the community? (100 words or less)**

Communication is key, as Mayor, I will work with / challenge the City Administrator and Public Information Officer to drive quality communication to our citizens and the business communities. Just as I go door-to-door, during my campaign, I believe we need one-on-one communication with our business partners in Gardner & utilize (beyond Council meetings) the Chamber, Southwest JoCo Economic Development, County meetings and other groups that touch the above mentioned groups and communicate effectively.

**15. 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 location of Gardner, is prime for new development and redevelopment, considering the amount of rural land available. As Mayor, working with City staff, landowners and investors, I'll strive to be the voice of the community, insuring a balanced approach and good use of (if any) incentives. Incentivizing, may NOT be needed, considering the growth of our community, (approx. 28,500 citizens) investors will easily identify value in a safe, thriving community.

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

As mayor, I will continue to be a good neighbor / partner / communicator with Edgerton, Olathe and the County. Partnering with these entities on WIN-WIN metro initiatives, that directly benefits our community (new services and local employment) would be my goal. Gardner, as discussed, is well positioned for growth, and our City is ready & nimble (fiscally and operationally) to meet such opportunities. I will add, our community is OPEN for BUSSINESS and now, well positioned to be balanced and intentional.

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

The fluidness of information and support was challenging, as a Councilman, it was important (to me) that the City support / focus on the safety of our community.

**18. 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)**

As Mayor, it will be important to understand Gardner's recent history & subsequent challenges. Forecasting the next 10 years will be difficult for anyone, with that said, initiatives built on policy governance - guides appropriate relationships between an organization / investors / community, will be important to maintaining vision during expected and unexpected challenges. With a balanced financial position, sound infrastructure & services, a strong and growing community, our City can weather any challenge - as seen in 2020!

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

I am looking forward to earning the opportunity to serve my community through servant leadership, by listening, learning and leading.

**20. 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)**

As a Councilman, the last 4 years, I have remained focused on our community - fielding the easy and tuff questions and in many instances providing (respectful) feedback and / or results to those citizen. My agenda is built around our community - safety, community investment, fiscal stability and future development, and will remain focused on our community through servant leadership.

What sets me apart from the other Mayoral candidates - I have the capacity to bring people together to resolve differences and create real world solutions, no matter party affiliation, gender, race, etc. Every citizen deserves representation!