

Lenexa City Council 2021

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Candidate Background

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

DST Systems, Learning & Education Specialist

Netsmart, Learning & Education Specialist

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Assoc Dir Membership

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.

N/A

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

Active Life member of VFW Post 7397, Lenexa KS

3. Issues and Policy

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

#1: Public safety - maintaining superior public safety services for all Lenexans.

#2: Vibrant Neighborhoods - offering a variety of housing options & prices with opportunities for shopping, and support services nearby, as well as great parks & schools.

#3: Thriving economy - Lenexa will continue to be a place thriving with economic activity, a variety of business types and innovative people that create jobs and sustainable resources.

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

I believe Lenexans receive great value for their tax dollars. Fire is at your house in 4 min or less, Police are top-notch law enforcement officers and a safe, maintained park is within walking distance of your home. There is a lifestyle Lenexans enjoy and have become accustomed to because of our tax policy. City-wide surveys repeatedly tell us that over 70% of Lenexans are satisfied, or very satisfied with the services they receive for their tax dollars. Even so, my pledge is to be a purposefully prudent spender of your tax dollars.

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

I would like to lower the Mill Levy. Our tax portion is high. We have a unique mix of commercial and private tax revenue which allows Lenexa great opportunity to give back to our residents. I believe we can stair-step the Mill Levy down as long as we can maintain city services, and maintain funding of our reserve funds.

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)

Lenexa absolutely has a role in economic development! We must maintain an environment in Lenexa friendly to investors using economic incentives wisely. In addition, we must maintain the superior services such as, public safety, schools, municipal services and parks & recreation which draws the types of investors in to the city that creates lasting, sustainable businesses.

In addition, our Chamber of Commerce does an amazing job advertising and brining development to Lenexa. In my opinion we need to maintain the level of support we give to our Chamber of Commerce so they can continue doing this amazing work.

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 visioning process (20/40) will guide and shape future development of the city. Part of this is updating the master land-use map which identifies areas for residential and commercial development. Another important element is to ensure development is aligned to our core values of: healthy people, inviting places, vibrant neighborhoods, integrated transportation infrastructure and a thriving economy. In addition, redevelopment projects will be key to our balanced growth. We have a great opportunity in redeveloping the current Public Safety Center, and we have targeted areas which cold be looked at for great alternative (affordable) housing opportunities.

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

Lenexa should have a role in metro-area issues to the extent that these issues affect the residents of Lenexa. For example, Lenexa is bearing the brunt of the homeless population in Johnson County during winter months, surrounding cities storm-water management practices can and does affect Lenexans, the lack of KDOT funding has negatively impacted Lenexa ramps/pedestrian crossings to our highways, and broadband (4G/5G) issues out of Topeka impact Lenexans.

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

#1: Lenexa's first-responders are ready! Our public safety professionals are the best because the city makes the necessary investments in people, equipment and training.

#2: Our mix of tax revenue is strong - we learned because of the unique mix of tax revenue (commercial/private) we were able to fully fund city services and our reserves. We can/should lower our Mill Levy!

#3: Take closer look at our Master Land-Use Map. What we believe are good areas for retail and office space looks different now than before COVID.

#4: Lenexans want robust Parks & Rec programming catering to all ages.

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)

I believe the eroding away of Local Control is an issue threatening the way Lenexa will be able to manage the city in the next 10 years. We must engage State Reps and ensure Topeka policy does not strip Local Control from our city.

Uncertainty of the national economy - we must maintain a conservative approach to our budget process & execution.

Public Safety - in the next 10 years we will need a new Police Station (in-work) and (2) new Fire Stations.
We need to maintain the superb quality of our professional city staff that actually runs the city.

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

It has been my honor to serve Lenexa Ward 3 as councilman. I have been in service to others most of my life in the military and non-profit organizations such as the VFW. Communicating with residents and helping solve issues affecting them is why I am running for re-election. In the last four years I have learned a great deal about how our city is operated, where our strengths are and what areas need investment. I want to continue to bring my knowledge & experience over these last four years to the challenges we face in the next four years.

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)

Uniquely qualified as I have served as your councilperson for four years. I know and understand the issues affecting Ward 3 and Lenexa as a whole. For the last four years I have actually voted for the very things my opponent advocates for! I have a life-partner of 30 years who I draw inspiration and guidance from and we have raised a child in the Shawnee Mission school district. I am combat tested, principled and value the people connection that allows me to advance issues important to Lenexa residents.
