

# Mayor and/or City Council 2021

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## 1. Candidate Information

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### 1. Candidate Name

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

Ward 1

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### 6. Campaign Website

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## 2. Candidate Background

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

I am retired. I served on the Board of Zoning Appeals until I was seated on the City Council

### 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)

Currently a member of the City Council and serving on the Aquatic's, Community Foundation, Parks and Trees, and Tax Rebate committees.

## 3. Issues and Policy

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

1. Voting rights and/or voter suppression
2. Equal rights for and equal justice for all
3. Affordable housing

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

The city is constantly having a large turnover in housing and I believe that a large portion of the citizens are unaware of all the services the city has to offer. A continuous marketing of the city services and facilities through all forms of social media will help to educate the residents.

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

Our city has a growing population of "Baby Boomers" and the Property Taxes are burden on many of them. This is

overpowering their ability to purchase food and medications. The high taxes are hampering some seniors ability to age in place.

**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 has to actively market itself to attract developers, currently the city has limited space to entice retail, industrial, and housing 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)**

A delicate balance of taking care of the existing infrastructure must be maintained with growth and redevelopment. One should not take priority over the other.

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

No city is an island. Every city in our metro area is either directly or indirectly affected by all the issues and problems of the entire Metro Area. It is fortunate that the cities meet and work together on these problems.

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

The pandemic opened the City's eye to the effectiveness of Virtual meetings. Citizens that previously were unable come in person, are now able to ask questions and/or make a public comments during the meetings. Some citizens prefer to just watch the meetings. We are enjoying a new level of Transparency in government.

**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)**

1. Sustaining and expanding affordable housing, All developers want to build luxury living spaces that is how the will get the quickest return on investment. The city will have to offer some creative incentives to attract developers to build affordable housing units
2. Losing brick and mortar retailers to online sales operations. Since March 2020 we have experienced a change in how retail sales operate.
3. It is difficult to predict what further changes will occur. We most focus on the immediate tasks and then the 3 and 5 year challenges.

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

I was first elected in 2017 and there is sill work to be done. We are just now taking steps to unify the citizen of our city and also update our city codes regarding property upkeep including rental properties.

**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 been an involved citizen for several years prior to my 2017 election. I am very involved in the Council meetings and ask questions for clarification. I am not a Yes person or some one that wants to be on the winning side of the vote.