

Mayor and/or 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)

Senior writer for Business Week magazine, writer for Ingrams, Radio talk show host KPHN

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.

Chairman of the Board of KCPT public television

Chairman of Children's Center for the Visually Impaired

Secretary of Board of Grater Kansas City Sports Commission

Honorary Consul in the Midwest for Slovenia

University of Kansas School of Languages, Literature and Cultures Advisory Board

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

Starlight Theatre, secretary of Board

Women's Employment Network, Luncheon Chair

Salvation Army Campaign Chair

Rose Brooks Cala Honorary Chair

UMKC Block School Gala Chair

Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Director and Search Committee

KC Repertory Theatre Gala Committee Chair

3. Issues and Policy

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

The City has realized the importance of Water issues from new construction and the covering of more greenspace and the

affect of climate change and the containment of storm water throughout our area.

We are award of the importance of mental Health issues especially with our first responders , and we have made a priority of employing professionals to help our fire and police departments deal with this most important issue.

We have kept our taxes in check and not raised our mill levy in years while still providing our residents with the best possible service .

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

Our citizens get outstanding and personal service from our staff. We are small enough to know our residents and to deal with their concerns on a personal basis.

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

We have been very extremely conservative with our budgeting and have an outstanding triple A Bond Rating. . It is our goal to maintain our reputation as one of the finest communities in which to live in the entire nation.

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)

Cities with large commercial areas have a much more difficult time with this question. We are very aware of the communities around us and try to enhance in any way we can their growth and development.

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 must we award of the Green space available in our city. We cannot build to the limits of each lot. It is imperative that we keep enough pervious surface to absorb the storm water run off that is rising each year and is a challenge to our drainage systems.

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

We have always been active in the Northern Johnson County League of Cities and we will continue to be.

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

That we can function if even by zoom in any dilemma. And we have team of volunteers who serve on our City Committees and Boards who give an amazing amount of their time and talents to make our City the outstanding place the it is.

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)

Water problems and climate change. We have an ad hoc committee that has spent two years examining our ordinances in an effort to deal with the construction of even bigger homes and the problem of storm water from neighbor to neighbor.

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

There is still so much to accomplish and having a history of the past problems is imperative. We have watched as our City is now younger with new families who enjoy our effort to build community spirit thru the Keim Street Fair, musical events and Holiday get togethers.

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)

My family and I moved to Kansas City 30 years ago and have enjoyed our volunteers efforts in so many areas including The Truman Library, Salvation Army, Kansas City Repertory Theatre, KCPT, the Sports Commission and many others. There is no finer way that we can show our love for this community than through our public service.