

# 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)

T-Mobile Senior Engineer; Tech Support Product and Technology. Overland Park, KS. Owner of Blue Corner LLC: Sports Promotion Company

### 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.

Olathe Chamber of Commerce: Owner of Blue Corner LLC: Sports Promotion Company

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

I've never served in any political position. I've spent the majority of my time working with and aligning with Charity organizations providing funding and awareness. I've worked with Make-A-Wish Foundation, and various others in fundraising efforts with my Blue Corner LLC events.

## 3. Issues and Policy

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

COVID-19 Recovery  
Economic Development  
Diversity and Inclusion Policies

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

Given our current COVID-19 challenges, I feel the following are services that add value to our city and citizens: Hospital and

Health Care, Police protection, Education, Infrastructure services and Maintenance.

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

At the moment, I wouldn't change anything to the City Budget. I'd need more time to dive into the current City Budget and see if there are areas of improvement. Olathe, Ks. is a well run and fiscally responsible city. If there are opportunities to improve our City Budget, and grow in areas that help our city and community, then I'd be open to push positive changes to our City Budget.

**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)**

I think there are many opportunities for the City to help with economic development and capital investment. A few areas of economic development in which we could build on, would fall within the technology areas of IT and Cyber Security. There is no reason why the Heart of America, shouldn't be the hub for Technology and Cyber Security.

**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)**

I know that the topic of tax incentives can be one of complicated measures, but I'm for programs or incentives that support the growth of our city in a positive and effective way. I am not for tax incentives that negatively impact our city or leaves us with a bill that is unnecessary and unsustainable. If there is a tax incentive that positively generates job growth, brings business, opportunities, increases city value, and is a win, win, for everybody; I am open to such opportunities. I'm not for one-sided gains or gains that negatively impact our city long term.

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

I need to better understand Metro-area issues to answer further.

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

I feel that COVID-19 caused us all to re-evaluate and re-invent our lives in many respects. Some important aspects related to survival in general, that were takeaways for me and my family, consisted of the need for the following: IT/Cyber Security Infrastructure for online jobs and opportunities to work from home. Financial Resources, Safety, Ease of Access to Products and material, Public Safety and Preparedness.

**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)**

Public Safety and Security is key in maintaining a healthy and secure community. I also feel that adding some focus to our Information Technologies and Cyber Security infrastructure will prepare us for future growth and economic opportunities.

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

Like many before me, I want to serve my community in any way possible. I want to be a voice for those that are not represented in the Olathe, Ks. community or politics. Being Puerto Rican American, I am bilingual, and want to help those that don't have a voice.

**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'm new brand new to politics. I feel that there is a need for transparent, honest, fair, and centered, representation for our city. I've lived in Olathe, Ks. for over 10+ years. I love my city. I love the people, and just want to help serve anyway I can.