

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)

I have taught in the KCKPS school district for the last four years. I also served one year as a substitute for Spring Hill.

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.

SH Chamber of Commerce 2005-2011.

SH Ruritan Club

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

SH Planning Commission 2005-2007.

SH City Council 2007-2011 (elected) 2016-2018 (appointed)

3. Issues and Policy

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

I would like to restore harmony and trust with city government and build a team of dedicated leaders that will work together to move the city forward. Secondly, I would like to focus on our infrastructure and find new ways to fund improvements without taxing everyone to death. Lastly, I would also like to evaluate the very structure of our government to find potential cost savings.

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

I believe that our city government exists to serve its citizens. I believe we need to refocus the city in that direction. The annual operating budget of the city is over \$1 million dollars and they need to make every concerted effort to reduce costs. The city

has been trying to operate as if they have the tax base and funding levels of Overland Park. I want to take advantage of state and federal grants and other funding sources.

I would like the city to find ways to offer tax abatements to local businesses.

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

Well, first I would like to see a greater portion of it go towards infrastructure, but we have to operate within reality. Secondly, I would like to keep our word in terms of amenities (pool, etc) that our citizens can enjoy.. As far as the budget process, I believe there is complete transparency hearings available to the citizens and the city staff makes every effort to put the information on the website.

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 is a key player in economic development, but it is a part of a coalition of strong schools, local and regional business, community groups, and the citizens so it's not definitely not something we can take lightly. We are blessed to have this strong base, but we can always do better!

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)

There has to be a balance between the two. I know in the past there was a push to bring businesses/jobs to Spring Hill, but I'll say it again; It is impossible to sustain a Kardashian lifestyle on an average citizen's salary so these businesses might be forced to raise wages. The tax abatements are killing the average citizen. While those corporations do "improvements" to the infrastructure that the city doesn't have to pay initial costs, we (our children) will end up having to pay for it later.

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

Again I believe that Spring Hill can play an important role in the metro area issues, if we could just receive recognition from Johnson County a little bit more.

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 thought the city operated well during the pandemic.

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)

The biggest challenge for Spring Hill right now is obviously its growth, but business development lags. I would handle this situation the same way I would handle economic development, work with the coalition of team members to continue to make our community stronger so that it can balance out and we can handle the growth the way we want.

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

I am running for public office simply because I want to represent my fellow citizens at the city level and make sure they are working for them. I am also concerned about the clear division on the council and how it's affecting our ability to stay focused and serve. If I am elected, I will be proud to work alongside my opponents, serving in their current capacities, to begin building a team that's going to work for the citizens again and move our community forward.

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 stand out from my opponents in that I have already established relationships with county and state officials and can hit the ground running to work to get what we need for Spring Hill. Our city faces an uncertain future and being one of the fastest growing cities in Johnson County, the citizens deserve experienced leadership to help navigate that uncertainty and build a community that will thrive for everyone well into the future.