

## CANDIDATE PROFILE

**Overland Park City Council**

**Ward: 3**

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**Occupation/Work History (last five years – 25 words):**

Attorney - Principal at Foland, Wickens, Eisfelder, Roper & Hofer, P.C.

**Most Recent Political/Community Experience (25 words):**

OP City Council - 2005-present; OP Planning Commission - 1999-2005; Veterans Advisory Committee - Johnson County Community College; Community Advisory Committee - Overland Park Regional Medical Center

**Are you, or have you been, affiliated with a local or state chamber of commerce? If yes, list chamber(s) and explain your level of engagement (25 words or less):**

OP Chamber of Commerce - 1987- present; Member-Bd of Directors, Chair-State LegTask Force, Chair- Business Issues Task Force  
Gtr KC Chamber of Commerce, Member- Military Affairs Committee

**Are you, or have you been, affiliated with any other business organization(s)? If yes, list organization(s):**

Johnson County Bar Association; Kansas City Metro Bar Association - Recipient of President's Award; Jackson County Law Library - President

**As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues (10 words per line):**

Maintain high quality City services which are citizens have come to expect.  
Maintain sound budgetary planning and fiscal responsibility.  
Require high standards for any redevelopment project.

**I am seeking public office because (50 words or less):**

Public service has been the cornerstone of my adult life from being a soccer coach, serving as an Army officer for 27 years, to serving on the City Council. Overland Park is my hometown. It is a great place to live, work and raise a family. I want to do all I can to preserve OP's quality of life and continue to improve it.

**What role, if any, should the City play in economic development to bring jobs and capital investment to Overland Park? (50 words or less):**

The City needs to be involved in all aspects of economic development, whether it is redevelopment of the older parts of OP, or greenfield development in the new parts. Job growth and contribution to the OP standard of living must be paramount considerations.

**At 12.837 mills, Overland Park's tax rate is approximately half of our neighboring communities and remains the lowest of any first class city in Kansas. Do you feel Overland Park citizens receive quality services and value for their tax dollars? What improvements, if any, would you make to the existing City budget? (50 words or less)**

The citizens of OP enjoy a high quality of city services, while at the same time having a low property tax rate. This is due to the intentional balancing of property tax, sales tax and development fees. When these three sources of revenue get out of balance, as they did during the recession, adjustments have to be made. In the end, the goal is high quality city services.

**As Overland Park considers its future and new development and redevelopment projects being proposed, what is your philosophy regarding the appropriate mix of residential, commercial and green space in those projects and the use of incentives for their developers? (50 words or less):**

Any development must be viewed in the context of what exists around it. The ability of a redevelopment project to fit into the existing neighborhood environment must be a major consideration. Much more flexibility is possible in new development. A showing of high quality and enhancement of the OP experience are requirements for granting any incentives. .

**What role should Overland Park play as the region's second largest city in terms of Metro issues that impact the local and regional economy? (50 words or less):**

OP is recognized as being the "economic engine" of Kansas. However, we cannot be viewed solely within a vacuum. Instead, we are part of larger metro-wide economy. OP should play a primary role in addressing metro-wide issues, leading when appropriate, but always having a seat at the table.

**What do you think the three greatest challenges/opportunities are for the Overland Park economy in the next ten years? (50 words or less):**

- 1 - How to address the increasing need for repair/replacement of the City's infrastructure in the older parts of OP
- 2 - How to continue to provide quality city services to all parts of OP and, at the same time, maintain fiscal soundness.
- 3 - How to meet the challenges of the urbanization of many of the older areas of OP.