2017 CANDIDATE PROFILE

SHAWNEE CITY COUNCIL        WARD: 3

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Occupation/Work History (last five years – 25 words):
I am a High School Social Studies teacher at Olathe East High School; this year is 11 years.

Most Recent Political/Community Experience (25 words):
I am Shawnee Ward 3, Precinct 9 committeeman

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):
No, I have not.

Are you, or have you been, affiliated with any other business organization(s)? If yes, list organization(s):
No, I have not

As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues (10 words per line):
1. Smart Economic Growth
2. Fiscal Responsibility
3. Livable neighborhoods with better access to parks and recreational amenities

I am seeking public office because (50 words or less):
I want to make a positive difference in the community in which I live in. I want to bring more amenities to Western Shawnee, while lowering property taxes. There
is an abundance of land, and it is time to develop the area in a smart, thoughtful way.

What role, if any, should the City play in economic development to bring jobs and capital investment to Shawnee? (50 words or less):
I feel that the city is the key player in bringing jobs and capital investment through smart economic development. Currently the city has an unequal balance between commercial and residential property taxes; it’s time to equal out the ratio.

Do you feel Shawnee 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)
Yes, I feel that the citizens of Shawnee receive quality services and value for their tax dollars. With an increase in commercial and industrial development, there will be more tax revenue to bring even more amenities and safety to the city of Shawnee.

As Shawnee 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):
There needs to be an even mix of all three: residential, commercial, and green space. I envision Western Shawnee as an area like Mission Farms, Overland Park Place, and/or Lenexa City Center. Walkable shopping, restaurants, and businesses within a residential community with green space is the way of the future.

What role should Shawnee play in terms of Metro issues that impact the local and regional economy? (50 words or less):
Shawnee has and should continue working with the county and the state to help out wherever needed. For example, a division of the fire department traveled to Houston to help flood victims in need. This is the type of work our city needs to continue doing.

What do you think the three greatest challenges/opportunities are for the Shawnee economy in the next ten years and how would you address them? (100 words or less):
The city of Shawnee is at a point where we can either be a city of growth, prosperity, and one where people come to visit on a regular basis for shopping and restaurants or continue being a bedroom community. Shawnee has the third highest population, and many residents travel outside of the city for amenities. This election will determine which road the citizens of Shawnee want to travel down; I hope it is the path of economic development and lower property taxes.