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District of residence: District 4

Years as a resident: 30

High School Attended: Lee's Summit High School

College Attended: Avila University

Current Employment: Holmes Murphy & Associates

Position Held:

Interest Response: I would cherish the opportunity to serve the city that I have lived in for the majority of my life by participating and contributing to a committee. In 2018 I completed the Citizen's Leadership Academy offered by the city of Lee's Summit, and gained a new appreciation for all of the hard work and effort that goes into making our city so great. I knew at that moment I wanted to contribute more to my community in some capacity. The committees I have marked below are those I either have a special interest and skills that I believe would be of great value.

I realize at the moment there is a vacancy on the Historical Preservation Committee. This potential opportunity has me especially excited, as I graduated from Avila University in South Kansas City with a BA in History. Ever since I was a child, I recall having been fascinated with the past, as my grandfather would regale me with stories about his time in the military. This is where my love of history began. While most people believe "history" is just knowledge of the past, I learned in college to be a good historian and steward of the past means to be well researched, understand the importance of preservation and to educate others on why our history matters. Needless to say, it would be an honor and absolute thrill if I were selected to serve on this committee.

In addition to the Historic Preservation committee, I am also highly interested in serving on the Board of Aeronautical Commission. While I have always had a keen interest in aviation, I recently decided to take my

love of "flight" to the next level. I signed up to take the "Part 107" FAA exam in order to become a certified sUAS (drone) Pilot. This required extensive preparation and study. I am happy to report that hard work paid off, as I recently passed the Part 107 FAA exam in May (2019). With all of the recent and exciting developments that have occurred with regard to the Lee's Summit Airport, I would embrace the opportunity to serve on this commission should a vacancy arise.

The other two committees I believe I would be uniquely suited for are the Health Education Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Board. I have spent the majority of my career working in the Employee Benefits Insurance field. I have worked on the carrier side (Assurant Employee Benefits) the broker side (MMA and Holmes Murphy) and the client side (DST Systems Inc). I am a licensed Life & Health agent (in both Missouri and Kansas) and have served in both underwriting, analyst and service roles over the course of my career. I believe my knowledge and experiences in these roles makes me uniquely qualified to serve on the Health Education Advisory committee.

Lastly, I have an interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Board. My love for Parks and Recreation was cultivated and shaped in two main forms growing up. First, it was my participation in youth sports in Lee's Summit. Secondly, I was employed as a Site Supervisor, serving under Rob Freeborn in my teens and early 20's. While serving in this capacity I grew a deep appreciation for our community parks and the important part they play in providing enriching extracurricular activities for both youth and adults.

I know that the skill sets and experiences I have mentioned above would bring value and help shape the direction of our amazing city. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions you may have.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future!

Other Activities: 2018 Lee's Summit Citizen's Leadership Academy graduate
Active Member of AOPA (Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association)
Group Administrator for Jackson County Family Focused Voters Facebook Page

Interested in serving on: Board of Aeronautical Commission, Health Education Advisory, Historic Preservation, Parks and Recreation Board

Other Interests:

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