

**CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT**

I, the undersigned, being a qualified voter under the laws and constitution of the State of Missouri and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, counties of Jackson and Cass, State of Missouri, do hereby announce and declare myself a candidate to fill a vacancy for:

COUNCILMEMBER - DISTRICT 4

for a term to expire April 2026.

Per State Law and City Charter provisions, I do solemnly swear that:

1. I am a qualified voter in the State of Missouri;
2. I have been a resident of the city for two years next preceding appointment and a qualified voter;
3. I shall remain a resident of my district and a qualified voter;
4. I have been a resident of my district for six months next preceding appointment;
5. I am not in arrears for any unpaid City taxes or municipal user fees; and,
6. I am not in forfeiture or defalcation in office.

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SIGNED: _____

(PRINTED): _____

Donald K Funk

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: 64084

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of January, 2025.

Stacy Lombardo
Deputy City Clerk
City of Lee's Summit

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The Candidate Application from CityofLS.net was submitted.

Name: Donald Funk

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How long have you been a resident of District 4: 6 years

Years as a Lee's Summit resident: 25+ years

What compelled you to run for Lee's Summit City Council?

My love for my community and the opportunity to shape our future for the next generation. The time I have spent on the planning commission, CEDC, and the historic preservation has fueled me to move to the next level to serve the citizens of Lee's Summit. As a local business owner, I have aligned my company to allow me to devote the time needed to serve my community.

What are the three top issues/concerns you have as a candidate for City Council and why?

A.- PRI/SLR Ground-This allows us to expand our commercial/residential base and this needs to be executed according to the ignite/strategic plan as this had a large amount of public input.

B. -Storm water improvements- I feel there are several areas in our community that have this issue, and some areas are developed others are not, it is a focus that our capital expenses are going towards these projects to help developed areas mitigate storm water issue. as well as help potential sites for future development.

C.- Community engagement/Education/Public Services- It is important that we get out and educate our community on development projects, infrastructure improvements, and housing projects. This allows them to understand why the council approves these projects, if incentives are used, and how it all benefits the city's overall growth. We have to continue to support our public service members, this allows us to recruit and retain great employees.

The City Council will have the opportunity to play a key role in the City's major economic development projects. What are your thoughts on the incentive policies that have been adopted?

I agree with the current incentive policies; it is the duty of the Council to use these incentives

in a manner that spurs development and benefits the City as a whole. Again, as mentioned in another question I feel that it is the responsibility of the Council to educate the community on how the incentive policy's work.

As a potential elected official, what policies would you support to encourage new investments to increase our current commercial base?

I am supportive of the incentive policies that have been developed to continue to encourage new development in our commercial base. This is important to bring job opportunities to the community. This would then bring additional housing opportunities.

The ignite/Strategic plan had a lot of public input, and we need to follow that road map as much as possible.

I am supportive of the bond policies that have been approved for our first responders, this brings a great community together with excellent public safety.

Attainable housing is not only an issue facing Lee's Summit but regionally as well. How should the City of Lee's Summit address this growing issue?

There are UDO amendments in the process to potentially bring housing cost down such as, lot sizes, streamlining the process, as well as economic assistance. Even first-time buyer program are options to explore.

What steps should Lee's Summit take to prepare for the 2026 World Cup properly?

Keep our citizens and business owners informed all the time. Possibly build something into the LS aware notification system to update the public regularly on the World Cup process.

Look at our first responder's needs for the influx of people.

Look at collaboration with our neighboring cities to discuss potential traffic issue, housing concerns, and crowd impacts at restaurants and local businesses.

What type of community engagement, organizations, or public service positions have you been part of or been involved in during the last five years?

I have been on the planning commission for 10+ years and the Chairperson of the commission for the past 4 years.

I have served liaison positions like the CEDC and the Historic preservation community now the Culture arts committee.

I attended the Leadership of Lee's Summit academy.

My wife and I have been a part of Have a Heart pet rescue for (3) years now.

My business as well as myself have been a member of the LS Chamber for many years.

Discuss the role of the City's Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Plan in the City Council's decision-making process and how you would incorporate these documents into your thinking. In having the opportunity of playing a role in developing these plans, this is the development road map for the city. Our citizens had major input in these plans, and this allows me to understand what the community is wanting for the future.
