

## Julie Pryor

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The following committee interest information was submitted through cityofls.

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Council District: District 4

How many years a resident: 3

High School: Stafford Senior High School

College: Brigham Young University, BA/ Park University, MPA

Employment: Teracore, FEMA Region VII

Position: Regional Preparedness Liaison (CTR)

Why interested: Since my wife and I moved to the Kansas City metro area, we've been avid investors in the community. We've been fortunate enough to invest in single family homes throughout the metropolitan area, with our current residence in Lee's Summit. Our entrepreneurial endeavors have extended beyond real estate as we own several small businesses, including a retail bakery; Cupcake a La Mode. Business has been good and we are currently developing our second bakery location in Downtown Lee's Summit. As owners, we've taken businesses and properties from the brink of bankruptcy, to growth and development. As a property owner, landlord, and commercial leasee, I'm well aware of the incentives in buying, improving, and renting everything from a small apartment to a largescale shopping center. In short, I see the development of business as a priority, and see the balance of benefits to both the investor and community in designing and planning the best city design and operation. My career in Emergency Management includes a stint as the volunteer Assistant Emergency Manager for the City of Glenaire, MO. With my roots in Law Enforcement, I cut my rookie standing as an Investigator with the US Postal Inspection Service while in college on a joint federal-state Task Force on Identity Theft in the Richmond, VA area. Finishing my degree at Brigham Young University, I decided to continue working with the Utah Constable Service, switching to Private Investigations and Security. I made the switch to Homeland Security Consulting while finishing my Master's degree in Public Affairs with concentration in Disaster and Emergency Management. I have now been retained as a consultant in my current

position with FEMA Region VII for the past six years and am well-known throughout the country as an expert in National Preparedness. My current position also entails management of seven different programs and staff in order to direct constant growth of federal projects. My professional background as a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) gives me keen understanding into city public safety planning and requirements. As Lee's Summit continues to grow, its public emergency response and incident planning will require infrastructure design and correct land-use management. City development must take into regard Hazard and Vulnerability Assessments for the area in order to correctly plan for and assume proper and sustainable public safety investments. I see potential in Lee's Summit to an astounding degree- more than any other place I've lived. The possibilities for growth require a unique outlook on balancing individual investor's ambition with what's best for the community at large- a skill which only someone with community, family, business, and investment ties into Lee's Summit can truly comprehend. Investing my own money and time into making this city the best place to raise a family and business makes the transition back into public service a welcome advancement.

Other participation: I currently serve as the Stake Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the Kansas City Stake. With an area of approximately 1,000 square miles, the Stake includes the entirety of Lee's Summit, Raytown, Harrisonville, and much of Southern Kansas City. As a non-paid position, my coordination for the Church includes coordination with municipal partners throughout the Stake. Development of Church emergency response plans, safety coordination, and emergency communication plans requires coordination with county and city partners. My experience in this position for the past seven years has resulted in my name being well-known throughout the area as an expert representative of the Church's Emergency Management. My service in the Church has also been paired at times with service in the Boy Scouts of America. I served as a Scoutmaster for a four-year stint within Troop 661. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in service to the Boy Scouts of America, and even continue to coordinate service between FEMA nationally and the Boy Scouts. Among other interests, I continue to plan for youth outings and assist with disaster planning for non-profit entities.

Interested in serving on: Planning Commission ,Public Safety Advisory ,Special Ad Hoc Committees ,Strategic Plan

Other interests: Of all the sports I've played and loved, I played Rugby in High School and club leagues in Kansas City (Kansas City Rogues) and Racquetball with Brigham Young University. If further character or professional references are required, I can supply as desired, to include Don Gustafson.