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The following committee interest information was submitted through cityofks.

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Council District: District 2

How many years a resident: 18

High School: Topeka High School

College: University of Kansas

Employment:Self

Position: Dentist

Why interested: Being a dentist, I am interested in the Health Education Advisory so that I might provide input on that segment of healthcare. I have worked legislatively to reinstate adult dental benefits for Medicaid eligible individuals, and drafted a rule change that just went into effect to legally allow the use of teledentistry for underserved areas. Consequently, I am comfortable in the political arena and understand the need for compromise and cooperation to achieve goals. I have served on several boards over the years and realize the commitment necessary to do a good job.

Other participation: My main focus has been in dentistry, having served on the local and state boards, am a past president of the Missouri Dental Association and Greater Kansas City Dental Society, and have served on American Dental Association national committees with work in Washington, DC. legislatively. Prior to the presidency, I was the Legislative and Regulatory chairman for four years. I am still involved with my college fraternity, and a few years ago was the chair of the board overseeing a \$1.4M renovation. I have been an advisor to Bridging the Gap, Kansas City's environmental group, and still support their efforts. I have also been involved with The Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

Interested in serving on: Health Education Advisory

Other interests: