

Voter's Guide



Ward 1

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1) How long have you lived in Lakewood and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

I have lived in Lakewood for 54 years and Ward 1 for 25.

2) What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

I know my Community; I have lived, worked, and volunteered in Ward 1 for 25 years. It is said that knowing the Community you want to represent allows you to consider their needs instead of your own inclinations. I believe in and do my best to protect the US Constitution, Colorado Constitution, and our Lakewood City Charter. My background is in accounting and small business management; qualified in similar, however minute, application.

3) Why are you running and what do you hope to accomplish?

To continue in giving a voice to the citizens in Ward 1 and to ensure this vision for a sustainable future is for all citizens living in Lakewood.

4) What is your vision for Lakewood?

A community developed by strong leadership in ethics, fiscal responsibility, and an appreciation of the individual.

5) How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

Research. Frankly, I will fall on one side of an issue as well but I never assume an opposing view has no merit. It depends on the nature of the issue as to how I approach in dialogue. If the subject is quasi-judicial, I encourage the constituency to enlighten me; detail concerns they expect me to address permitting research without violating rules regarding communication.

6) You have now served one full term as a City Council member. What would you say was the biggest eye opener for you during that first term?

The biggest eye opener was/is Councils willingness to pass onto directors, who do not answer to the voters, what I see as the ability to change the character of some neighborhoods without traditional notification and hearing before Council and Community. The most recent Council decision involved subdividing land. It is my belief that Lakewood should not structure herself as a private corporation. It was never the intention of citizens to elect Board members with loyalties that lie only inside corporate walls. We vote for the candidate we believe will represent the PEOPLE. I am of the opinion that a City Councilperson should never represent his or her district by handing over to staff and appointed officials, responsibilities entrusted to him/her by the citizens and confirmed through our Charter.

7) How do you define the role of a City Council member?

My job is to ensure policy that maintains the health safety and welfare of this community and her citizens in a collective reasonable approach.



Ward 3

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1) How long have you lived in Lakewood and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

I have lived in the Lakewood area for 49 years and have lived in Ward 3 for 39 years.

2) What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

- a. Thirty plus years as a local Realtor has provided me with considerable knowledge of, and experience with, land use issues and first hand knowledge of citizen issues and concerns.
- b. Active involvement in various community organizations.
- c. The ability to carefully listen to citizen concerns and to help find workable solutions.

3) Why are you running and what do you hope to accomplish?

I am running for re-election to continue to represent the needs and concerns of citizens throughout the city. I hope to see the first Boys and Girls club in Jefferson County become a reality in Lakewood. Because of my real estate background, I will be an effective influence on issues of development throughout the city; specifically as we see development in the TMU (Transit Mixed Use) areas that are emerging with the progress of light rail.

4) What is your vision for Lakewood?

I have lived in the Lakewood community since 1960 and have witnessed, and been part of, many changes. We have grown from a bedroom suburb into a first tier city.

With that comes tremendous responsibilities for elected officials, other community leaders, and city staff. Much of the future—vision, if you will—will be directed by the influence of light rail and the city's first hospital. It will be our job to guide people and businesses, in a positive direction.

5) How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

Just like I always have—present the most accurate and complete *honest* information possible and lead constituents in a dialogue that deals with their concerns based on facts.

6) You have now served one full term as a City Council member. What would you say was the biggest eye opener for you during that first term?

I have been asked that by citizens, other elected officials, and staff. My many years of involvement with local organizations provided me with numerous contacts in the private community as well as opportunities to work with city staff. I can honestly say there were no big surprises.

7) How do you define the role of a City Council member?

Technically, City Council members work together as policy makers. I see the role to be much more broad. I see myself as a community leader, an advocate for various citizen and community issues, and a front line worker to make a wonderful city even better. I think it takes intense community involvement to be a good policy maker.

Note:
Looking @ Lakewood did not edit the candidates' responses or fix spelling, grammar, punctuation or typos.