

# Voter's Guide



Ward 2

## Scott Koop

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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?

My family and I moved to Lakewood and Ward 2 in 1992 because of the quality of life Lakewood had to offer.

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

1. Reliable: It is of the utmost importance to me to deliver what was promised, dependably and accurately.
2. Informed: I will continue to educate myself on the issues for the benefit of Lakewood residents and business owners.
3. Responsive: I believe all residents deserve to have their issues heard and then acted upon in a timely manner.

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

The citizens of Ward 2 deserve a representative they can depend on to follow through on their behalf. Because of my involvement with neighborhoods, I understand the current issues facing Lakewood and I promise to be their strong voice on council if elected.

### 4) What is your vision for Lakewood?

My vision for Lakewood includes:

1. A government that promotes open and honest communication between citizens and their elected officials.
2. Continuing to provide the safest neighborhoods for all of its residents.

3. Keeping a conservative approach to budgeting while providing a consistent level of services to our citizens.

4. Exploring every opportunity to expand our parks and open space because these add to our quality of life.

5. Neighborhoods that will become more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

6. A constant search for new ways to sustain our government, community and environment for the benefit of future generations.

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

What I have found that works best is to get everyone together to talk. Sometimes when there are opposing views and people come together to discuss those views, new and innovative ideas are discovered. The most effective way for me to make an informed decision is to stay objective, hear both sides and promote collaborative partnerships.

### 6) What distinguishes you from your opponent?

My understanding of the time commitment is unique. I have for the past eight years seen exactly what it takes to be an effective councilperson. I know there are good plans and practices in place and most issues people have can be worked out when everyone has the information they need and a representative they can depend on to follow through on their behalf. I know the hard work doesn't stop when the campaign is over. Indeed, that is when the real work begins.

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

First and foremost, a City Council member is to never forget they work for the people of Lakewood. Then commit themselves to fulfilling Lakewood City Council's Mission Statement, Commitment to Citizens and to always remember their Core Community Values.



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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?

a. I lived and grew up in the Lakewood area in the 80's and attended Carmody Middle School and Bear Creek High. I moved away for several years while serving in the military. I brought my family back to Lakewood in 1998 and we've lived in Ward 2 ever since.

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

a. Throughout my career I've been a business owner, I've been in the finance industry for over 20 years, I've served in various leadership roles including serving in the Navy Reserve and I'm involved in various community service groups. The experiences that I have developed in these various roles have shaped my into a well rounded candidate. The three main qualifications I will bring to City Council are proven leadership skills, sound business scene, and superior communication and listening skills.

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

a. Lakewood is on the brink of an extraordinary growth period. Now more than ever the council is in need of solid business sense, motivated leadership and the tenacity to see the projects through to a successful end. I have done my patriotic duty by serving in the military, and I feel it is now my civic duty to serve on local government using the skills that have made me a proven community leader.

### 4) What is your vision for Lakewood?

a. This is a time to investigate the essentials of changes taking place over the next few years. FasTracks West Corridor is coming, and soon major construction activity will be visible all along the corridor. This is a unique chance to seize opportunities for balanced growth and community needs like parks and community centers that otherwise would not be an option. I am looking to encourage new business development, corridor restoration, job growth, and community stimulus.

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

a. My goal in both my personal and professional life is to sincerely listen to all aspects of a given challenge, and then to use clear discernment before offering a decision. I strive to set an example of acceptance for those that do not share the same goals or values. Instead, I encourage an open forum of discussion regarding any issue brought to the table, cultivating fresh ideas and encouraging an open dialogue in all matters. Only then will I make decisions that I feel are in the best interest for the community.

### 6) What distinguishes you from your opponent?

a. I am not inheriting the position or feel that I am entitled to the position simply because of name recognition. I bring business experience, common sense experience, and a financial background with over 20 years of banking experience. I am a good communicator and listener and bring a moral and ethical background that matches the people I will be representing.

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

a. First and foremost, I am charged with representing the city and its residents not running it. It is my responsibility to work with the community, listen to the various issues they may express and jointly determine an outcome that is in the best interest for the community. In addition I will be charged with the responsibility of being a steward of the city's budget and expenditures when making major policy decisions.

**Note:**

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