



2019 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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Candidate for City Council.

Fast Facts:

- Age:63
- Occupation: Retired Commander from the Brighton Police Department
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Questions and Answers

(Please provide answers to the following questions. Please limit your answers to 300 words each.)

1. Tell us about yourself.

I have lived in the city of Brighton for 38 years, all of those in Ward IV. I have one son who graduated from Brighton High school, is married, and is actively serving in the military. I have a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and a Master's degree in Management. I retired a year ago after serving 40 years in law enforcement, all of that in the City of Brighton.

2. Why are you running for City Council?

The past year has been tumultuous for the city of Brighton. I cannot stand by and watch the city continue in a downward spiral and become fragmented and torn apart. I love the City and the people in it; and I intend to give back all the good things Brighton has done for me, my family and friends. I want to unify the community to pursue a path of excellence and success. I owe that to the good taxpaying citizens of Brighton.

3. What do you hope to accomplish as a City Council member?

I want to restore public trust, transparency, and confidence in city government. I will restore credibility with our citizens. I will hold the City of



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Brighton accountable to our citizens. I will become personally involved to ensure (and demand) Transparency along with excellent Customer service to all our citizens without exception.

4. What are the three most important issues confronting the City of Brighton and how would you address them?

There are a number of issues facing the City that I am concerned about. However, I consider the following to be three of the most important.

Water

Our citizens have expressed valid concerns about the state of the City's water infrastructure and how they are paying for it. First, our recent audit prepared by Santec (an independent auditor) indicates no money is missing or incorrectly allocated between the various funds. It also revealed, that our citizen's have not been intentionally "price-gouged." Indeed, millions of dollars held in Brighton Utility funds indicated that most of that money was received from developers in the form of PIF's (plant investment fees approximately 55%). Notwithstanding, I will work to reduce the average water user's monthly charges by 5% and secondly, to raise the monthly billing tier for residential customers from 3 thousand gallons to 6 thousand gallons before a higher rate is charged.

Some of our citizens expressed frustration in receiving their water bills and the variation in cycles deviating from more than 30 days. I've been assured that steps have been taken to alleviate that and I will monitor that in the future to ensure our citizens are not subject to higher fees than those allowed in a 30 day cycle.

I was at the City Council meeting on September 3rd when the City approved the firm Brown and Caldwell to receive \$685,000 to devise and implement our water treatment expansion plan as it relates to the expansion of the Greensand water plant which will treat Beebe Draw water on the east side of Brighton. The Greensand Water Treatment Plant treats water pumped from the Beebe Draw alluvium and is designed to remove manganese and then blend the treated water with the Reverse Osmosis treated water. That water then flows into our water system. I support those \$42 million improvements which will allow us to have much more clean, safe water for our citizens in the following year. A new elevated water tank, expansion of the water treatment plant, water line replacements, water acquisition, and improvements to storm drainage are all necessary improvement projects for the city



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of Brighton. I will work to make sure that those projects are completed on schedule within the coming four years.

Public Safety

It is an axiom that if we don't have public safety we have nothing. A community free of crime and disorder is essential to our quality of life. My background in law enforcement management lends itself to understanding how vitally important this is to our citizens. Even a seemingly minor episode which makes one of our citizen's a victim is a major event in their life. One I don't take lightly.

We added six police officers this year to augment the Police Department. That puts one new Officer on each patrol shift. I pledge to annually review the needs of the department of public safety (along with Emergency management) and to ensure that they have the adequate resources to make the City of Brighton a safe and enjoyable place to live and work.

If we don't have excellent public safety nothing else matters.

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