
2019 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

NAME

Candidate for Brighton City Council Ward 4

Fast Facts:

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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 been a Colorado resident for nearly forty years, thirteen of those right here in Brighton, six of those thirteen as a member of my HOA board, and more than half of that as board president. I'm a dedicated husband, father, and community member. I'm an active member of the Orchard Church where I've volunteered as a Sunday school teacher for nearly two years.

My wife Shanna and I have been happily married for twenty-three years. Together we have four dynamic children, two biological, and two adopted, who are all students in 27J Schools ranging from 4th through 10th grades. Our family also includes a dog, two cats, and two birds so, like many families, it can sometimes be a little chaotic at our house.

2. Why are you running for City Council?

I believe the unique skillset and perspective I have can help Brighton with a fresh look at problems that have been challenging. I am a self-proclaimed solutions geek. I work in Information Technology, overseeing network infrastructure and cybersecurity. I literally spend my days solving problems, making things work together, and planning ahead to proactively reinforce and protect existing systems and processes. My leadership style is straight forward and no nonsense—I pride myself on my work ethic, rooted in honesty, integrity, listening skills, and critical thinking. I am not afraid to ask the hard questions and I welcome answers and feedback from different

perspectives because understanding the various facets and possibilities of a situation helps to formulate a more informed and thorough approach and solution. I will not shy away from jumping in with both feet and doing what needs to be done to ensure our local government is functioning as it should, working FOR ALL the residents of Brighton.

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

Help guide the unavoidable growth occurring in our community in a way that promotes sustainable economic development without compromising quality of life

Manage the necessary infrastructure development to support growth by working with developers to create win-win scenarios with accountability

Improve the day-to-day operations of the city with an emphasis on customer service, consistency, and accountability

Improve fiscal responsibility and accountability

Improve communications channels to encourage more open dialogue and productive community engagement

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

Water- Brighton's water system has been one of the top concerns for Brighton. We need to do more planning to get things done right the first time, instead of fixing avoidable problems later. Brighton needs an accurate and verifiable smart meter based billing system to ensure everyone is being billed correctly and have recourse if errors are made. Projects need to be done with more transparency so it is clear what is being done, what isn't being done, and why.

Public Transportation- Many of our residents live here because they want to connect with the Denver Metro area. Having a jail in our city make having our city connected to the rest of the system every day of the week even more critical. I want to encourage RTD to participate in discussions with our council to solve these important issues.

Business- While Brighton has done a good job in encouraging many restaurants and business to open up here, we need to do more to encourage local business who live and spend their money here. Brighton needs to continue to work to make downtown a vibrant place people want to spend their time and money encouraging more local businesses.



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