

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities as a City Council member? (200 words)

Our vision focuses on people-centered, future-focused priorities for our city. It is the duty of our city's leadership to craft policy that will have a positive effect on *people*.

My three priorities center around long-term investment, traffic/transit, and housing.

Our city requires bold solutions for long-term investment. I'm proposing redeveloping our Kirkwood neighborhood, turning it into a pedestrian paradise that would expand business opportunities, economic development, and community development. The city must also make crucial public safety investments to ensure all of our residents are safe.

Right now, our city lacks the necessary infrastructure for those without a car. My campaign is proposing more dedicated bike lanes in the major corridors, repairing sidewalks, and improving public transportation.

Finally, our city faces a housing crisis. It is to the benefit of our business leaders to support more housing stock in our city. I want to expand abatements for companies building affordable housing.

What concerns do you have about the business community and economic development in Bloomington? (125 words)

I think we are underinvesting in city services, creating significant concerns for our business community. Public safety is crucial to any business's operations. We need to boost the number of officers in our city's police department so they can operate at full capacity. We need to improve street lighting in some city areas because they create safer business neighborhoods.

What solutions would you propose to address these concerns? Specifically, what would you do to promote a positive business climate? (125 words)

A positive business climate is key to our city's future. When we really think about it, it is the people and our local businesses that make our city so great. The city needs to ensure our businesses can flourish. Along with strengthening public safety, we need to include our city's business leaders in decision making. The effectiveness of our city's business climate contributes to the lives of our workers and our residents. Ensuring all of those parties are engaged in the policymaking process is crucial.

What do you think is our community's biggest opportunity? What is its biggest threat? (125 words)

Kirkwood really is our biggest opportunity. It's a beautiful area that draws so many visitors each year. I believe we can turn it into a redeveloped community space that helps businesses thrive, promotes sustainable development, and increases foot traffic. Pedestrian walkways have worked in nearly every city where they've been tried. Some call the temporary Kirkwood closure the best thing the city has ever done. Let's go the whole way, making it permanent.

The biggest threat is rising housing costs. If our cost of living gets too high, it will be more difficult for businesses to expand their workforces in Bloomington. We want to make it easier than ever to live in Bloomington, but it will take crucial city policy to do it.