

Downers Grove Community Advocates
Candidate Questionnaire Responses

Candidate for: Commissioner, Downers Grove Village Council

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How long have you been a resident of Downers Grove? 35 years

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Do you own a business in Downers Grove? No

Reason for running for office?

It has been an honor serving the residents of Downers Grove in my first term as Commissioner. As a lifelong resident of Downers Grove I know where we have been as a Village, where we are now, and the challenges ahead of us. One of the main reasons for running for office is to follow through with the current path of fiscal leadership, strong policy making, and to work with my Village Council colleagues and Village staff to continue to provide exceptional municipal services that the residents of Downers Grove have come to expect. This can only be achieved by a majority of the Village Council continuing with the approved long range financial plan which outlines the next few years of revenues and expenses. Another reason for running for re-election is to use my experience both as a Commissioner and as a long time observer of all things Downers Grove, this knowledge helps guide me to decisions and votes that can best serve our entire community. Serving the residents of Downers Grove is a fulfilling experience and I look forward to another term.

What are the three most important issues facing the Village? (In order of priority.)

1. Maintaining the Village's budget in line with our long range financial plan keeping appropriate levels of funding available for excellent municipal services like police, fire, water delivery, and public works.
2. Investing in our community by repairing, maintaining, and improving our aging infrastructure including streets, sidewalks, storm sewer system, water delivery systems, Village buildings, and equipment.
3. Communication with residents and community groups. Using our community notification system, Village website, DGTV, local media, and e-newsletter we can send out important information about Village issues in specific neighborhoods or Village wide.

Previous community service or volunteer activity, including previous elected positions.

- Village of Downers Grove Transportation Advisory Commissioner
- Village of Downers Grove Human Services Commissioner
- Village of Downers Grove Public Services Committee
- Council Liaison to the Downtown Downers Grove Management Corporation
- Council Liaison to the Village of Downers Grove Human Services Commission
- Council Liaison to the Village of Downers Grove Community Grants Commission
- Council Liaison to the Village of Downers Grove Community Events Commission
- Council Liaison to the Village of Downers Grove Environmental Concerns Commission
- Council Liaison to the Village of Downers Grove Downers Grove Park Board
- Council Liaison to Downers Grove Grade School District #58
- Chairmen Village of Downers Grove Community Grants Commission
- Chairmen Village of Downers Grove Public Safety Committee
- Civic Member Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- President Downers Grove Custodial & Maintenance Association IEA / NEA
- Downers Grove Grade School District #58 Financial Advisory Committee
- Downers Grove Grade School District #58 Insurance Committee
- Downers Grove Grade School District #58 Safety Committee
- Member St. Josephs Parish
- Member Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge 1535
- HGNA Volunteer
- Downers Grove Park District Golf Instructor
- Downers Grove School District #99 & #58 education Foundation supporter