



### **City of Joliet Questionnaire for 2023 District Candidates**

1. Please list your top three priorities / initiatives of action once elected.  
Infrastructure a) Streets and Sidewalks  
b) Vehicles and equipment; c) personnel - increase City service's equitably
2. What type of working relationship do you plan to have with neighborhood groups?  
Open door policy. Hands on
3. Please share your thoughts on possible economic development opportunities within your district.  
Westfield Mall area is a huge area for development. Development that will help lower our residents tax rate without taxing our City services.
4. What would you do to improve the overall safety of citizens in your district and in the City of Joliet?  
Increase our community oriented policing by increasing our training and staffing of our Police Force.
5. Do you feel there is adequate affordable housing options in your district and the city?  
I do not. We need to work with our partners in the real estate field to support more workforce housing and first time home buyers housing.
6. Share with us your background and what unique qualities you believe you possess that stand out from the other candidates.  
I have 31 years of Public Service working in the Department of Public Works In Municipal services. I have experience on the ground floor. I know what works and more importantly I know how to get things done.
7. Have you previously or are you currently serving on a governing board such as a business, nonprofit, other government, or a religious or education organization?  
No.
8. If so, how would this experience prepare you for this role and if not, do you believe this lack of experience would be a concern for voters?

My experience in Municipal Services and Public Works is invaluable. I have extensive experience in Public Service working with my superiors for projects and programs that I believe will enhance the City of Joliet.

9. What level of interaction do you plan to hold with constituents and do you feel that you have the ability to be continually accessible?

Through my 31 years of experience in Public Service, I have always been accessible to the residents of the City. I intend to continue this relationship.

10. Do you believe that the city is providing quality services such as water, garbage removal, sewer, snow removal, and infrastructure?

Quality services - Yes. With that said however, our workforce providing those services are short handed. City Departments are understaffed and are not currently getting the positive support from our leaders.

11. How would you work to improve communication with the citizens of Joliet?

Transparency is more than just a word. You must be open and honest at all times with your constituency, not just when it's convenient or suits you. There are many ways to open communication through neighborhood meetings, town halls and one on one engagements.

12. What strategic alliances can be explored and/or better utilized? Do you feel the city has a solid relationship with county, state, and federal elected officials? Please explain why or why not and how that can be improved.

I don't believe we have a solid positive relationship with our County, State and Federal leaders as a whole. I believe in a strong relationship with our leaders in these offices and the ability to talk and listen to people we may not always agree with. I have positive relationships with our County and State Officials already and intend to harvest additional relationships.

13. Do you have any conflicts of interest that would prevent you from participating in council business?

I am currently retired and have no conflicts.

14. How do we maintain and enhance Joliet's position as a complete community with a thriving commercial and retail sector, highly ranked schools, diverse workforce, affordable housing, vibrant and walkable neighborhoods, and plenty of opportunities for recreation?

First let me put in a plug to support the School Referendum! Strong and healthy school systems help to nurture a strong and healthy city. We must work together with our community leaders, our County/State/Federal representatives and our leaders and experts in each discipline. We must reach out and embrace change where the "normal" isn't working. We are the 3rd largest City in the State of Illinois. We can be that beacon of light on the hill and step to the forefront. Collaboration is key.