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Arrest Record:	No arrest records.
Political Experience:	None.
Current on Taxes:	Yes.

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Why should voters vote for you?

If we want different results from City Council we need different reps, and I've done the work to show I'll serve in this role well.

I Am Motivated To Run For Office Because:

I was motivated by a whole list of factors, but the real reason I committed to this was because I want to prove democratic cynics wrong. I want to rebuild trust in local government. I want to set a high standard for what our City Reps should be, how they should lead and interact and engage with their constituents. People have lost trust in government overall, but particularly in local government, and for good reason. I'm going to put in the work and we'll build the foundation for a more informed and engaged district to build and flourish upon.

I Admire:

John Oliver. I wouldn't elect him as president or anything, but deep down my heart is in education, and John is a modern day, difficult-topic teacher, who makes lessons in subjects that are relevant and important for people to understand, yet don't receive mainstream coverage. His blend of education with comedy, often self-deprecating, finds a balance that I hope I could one day embody for my future classroom students.

I Will Vote As A Trustee* Or As A Delegate*

**A trustee votes their conscious on public policy. A delegate votes what their constituency wants.*
 One of the aspects I am trying to bring back is the "delegate" style of policy making. With weekly community meetings I plan to be among constituents constantly, taking feedback, educating on upcoming votes and how they will impact their lives. I'll use any manner of poll taking & feedback gathering I can, giving constituents opportunity to engage with & inform the decision that is being made on their behalf. (edited)

I Will Stay In Touch With My Constituency By:

Weekly community meetings. (edited for space, full answer online)

Top Three Issues

1. Property taxes.
2. Streets.
3. Public safety.

The 2012 Multipurpose Cultural Arts & Entertainment Center

After a decade which was capped off by a once-in-a-century pandemic, the consequences of which we are still feeling today, it is not unreasonable to take a step back and reassess the project. In my humble opinion, even the "world-class" arena that had originally been promised would not have had the success supporters claimed. The watered down version that we are being told we must accept and move forward with will certainly not solve our financial woes. This is our money, our future, our past that they are so willing to unceremoniously bulldoze to build on top of, and for what? Another tax-payer funded money-pit that will be the final nail in our coffin if we go through with it. My position is simple: we should kill the arena project.