



Candidate Profile - City Commission

Name	Kenneth Post		
Office Seeking	City of Lakeland Commissioner SE District D		
Do you currently reside in the district?	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>		
Years lived in Lakeland?	1.5 fulltime /home owner almost 20 years		
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Education	Bachelor of Education, Health, Nursing, and Arts 1987 New York University		
	Associate Degree in Biblical Studies Fellowship Bible Institute		1993
Occupation	MST Technician		
Employer	Lowe's		
Have you attended a Public Leadership Institute/Political Leadership Institute (hosted by a Chamber of Commerce or Economic Development Council)?	<input type="button" value="No"/>		

Have you ever run for office before?

No

b. Did you win?

No

Describe your civic involvement:

I have participated in several mission trips to Haiti, Mississippi and Kenya. In Haiti we built a church in the town of Baltimore, on two trips to Mississippi after Katrina we rebuilt several homes. Most recently we went to Kenya to help Living Hope High School build additional class rooms. For many years I was on the adopt a road team cleaning our main street.

List any Boards on which you serve, including positions of leadership

Leading Age – Member Since 2006
United Methodist Church – Lifetime Member
Fire Protection Advisory Council, Tyco SimplexGrinnell – Member Since 2015
Evangelical Fellowship Chapel – Board Member, 2000-2008, Chairman for 2 years

Describe your political involvement:

Voting since 1984

Why are you running for office?

I decided to run for the City of Lakeland Commissioner because after managing multi-million dollar projects for over 20 years, I have acquired skills in making sound investments, equitable negotiations, and conservative spending that could be useful in discerning the future of our city. I have been closely following the development of the city's comprehensive plan and I want to make sure all segments of our city residents have a voice and are heard through its implementation.

My family and I have developed this deep love for this city because of the hometown friendly atmosphere, focus on the arts, the cultural scene, and the opportunities it provides for small businesses to thrive. We are running a campaign on the values of our city and my personal and professional values. I believe in the power of a community that works together for the greater good and the thoughtfulness needed to ensure we care for our citizens' quality of life.

What do you consider to be the top three (3) issues facing the City (listing in order of importance)? If elected, when would you plan to address these issues and hope to see them accomplished?

I. Managed Growth, as a rapidly growing city we need to ensure proper planning and infrastructure to develop top quality, safe and attractive neighborhoods. This is an ongoing issue for growing cities and would be accomplished in phases.

II. Economic opportunities to create an environment to attract and retain a qualified workforce. Working with the local Colleges and Universities to build relationships to provide our city with creative, talented, educated and technically equipped workforce. This is also an ongoing issue for our city which would be accomplished over time.

III.

Quality of Life for all of our residents to develop a city that maintains its hometown friendly atmosphere, while providing:
proper transportation and traffic management
care for young and older adults
preservation of clean water and green spaces
access to information and technology
affordable and safe communities
This is also an ongoing task for growing cities and would be accomplished over time.

Rank the following as you see their current order of importance for the City of Lakeland:

- 1: Improving roads and infrastructure
- 2: Reducing taxes and government spending
- 3: Improving parks and recreational facilities
- 4: Improving public safety

During an economic downturn, how should the Lakeland City Commission handle increasing and decreasing City tax revenues caused by the normal economic cycle? You may check more than one choice. Depending on your choice/choices, please state what you would cut and what you would increase.

- Cut Spending
- Increase fees for services

Depending on your choice/choices above, please state what you would cut and what you would increase.

By increasing fees for service the city residents using the services would pay a little more rather than increasing ad valorem taxes which would affect all residents. As for spending cuts it would depend on the amount of lost revenues, but to start it would be across the board reductions within all departments to close the gap.

What do you believe are the main issues facing Lakeland's downtown urban core?

Downtown continues to grow and revitalizes, as it does areas of concern are ease of driving and parking as well as keeping the area affordable for both small businesses and those city residents who prefer to live in downtown.

What is your opinion on government providing incentives to businesses?

It incentivizes businesses to locate in our city as well as commit to staying a vital part of our city.

How can the City of Lakeland help attract and retain a vibrant and talented workforce?

Create an environment to attract and retain a qualified workforce through economic opportunities. Working with the local Colleges and Universities to build relationships to provide our city with creative, talented, educated and technically equipped workforce.

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