

League of Women Voters | Voter Guide Campaign Questions

Qualifications for office

Lifelong resident. Worthington High graduate. First-ever female CEO, statewide biz group. Fmr. chief counsel. Fmr. attorney general, Crime Victims Div. Mother of an autistic daughter. Champion for residents worried UMCH site development will overcrowd schools. Advocate, Worthington Pools revival.

What are the city's one or two top needs and how would you address those issues?

We need new leaders on Worthington City Council. Residents say Council disregards them. I will listen to their concerns. Worthington Schools' growth rate is unequaled. Supt. Bowers said a major UMCH buildout would mean moving kids to all-new schools. Who on Council is heeding this unease? Separately, why is Council ignoring State of Ohio capital budget precepts, risking \$1 million in funds for our city pool? This is a complete lack of leadership. Council has failed to make decisions on core issues—UMCH (7 years+), pool update (3 years+). We need leaders who act rather than let issues fester.

Why are you particularly qualified to meet your community's primary needs?

Residents are dissatisfied with city council. It is why 13 candidates are running for only three seats—a new record for our city. We need to elect first-rate leaders this fall to fix the bad decisions Council has been making, and drive solutions for tomorrow. I am just one candidate, but I hope you agree. The time for change is now. My lifelong affinity for Worthington, business savvy, legal expertise, and forté for consensus-building, make me uniquely qualified to protect residents' interests and leverage our strengths to make sure we emerge a more vibrant place to live, work, and play.

Given your city's fiscal responsibilities, how would you fund your primary goals?

Top city officials know. Residential development costs cities money. Commercial development generates money for cities. It's basic economics. Much of Worthington's revenue comes from income tax. That's why it is so puzzling that Council President Bonnie Michael first backed 350 apartments and 200 homes for the UMCH site. It never made fiscal sense. Worthington deserves better. With offices and a park, the UMCH site would drive more income tax revenue to fund overdue updates to parks, Worthington Pools, Selby Shelterhouse, etc. This plan would forestall, not fuel, school overcrowding as well.