

# City Of Prospect Election 2022



## Mayoral Candidates



### Sandra Leonard

Sutherland Neighborhood

#### **Employment Background:**

Retired attorney and school district administrator

#### **Educational Background:**

Bachelor of Science, Biology; JD, Law

#### **City of Prospect Involvement:**

City Council Member, more than 16 years; Resident of Prospect, more than 24 years; Library Working Group, volunteer for 20 years and chief administrative volunteer for over 15 years; currently represent all 80 Jefferson County suburban cities on the Louisville Metro Waste Management Advisory Committee as the Jefferson County League of Cities appointee and Chair, Louisville Metro Residential, Construction, and Demolition Subcommittee; served on many Prospect committees, such as the Environmental Services Review Committee, Landscape and Beautification Committee, Public Tree Inventory, Website Committee, and various budget committees; Prospect Alternate to the Ohio River Bridges Project for more than 10 years; Sutherland Neighborhood Block Watch Captain

**Why I want to be your Mayor:** Prospect is a jewel of a community. It has been one of the safest cities in Kentucky all the time I have served on the City Council. I will continue to support our outstanding police force. Our waste and recycling programs, the best in Jefferson County, must be maintained. Our tax rate must remain stable, and our unique tree canopy and parks must be protected and enhanced.

It is important to preserve the best of what we have, as we plan our City's future. As a retired attorney and school district administrator, I have governmental, executive, and legal experience which includes planning, financial and human resources management, as well as an understanding of the need for governmental transparency and community involvement.



### Doug Farnsley

Hunting Creek Neighborhood

**Employment Background:** I am a retired lawyer, having practiced law with Stites & Harbison for forty years. I represented physicians in medical malpractice cases, and I also represented other types of clients in civil litigation. In 2015, Kentucky's 18,000 lawyers elected me to serve as the President of the Kentucky Bar Association, and I

served as a member of the KBA's Board of Governors for ten years. Before I joined Stites & Harbison, I served as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Tom Ballantine.

**Educational Background:** In addition to being an honors graduate of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, I hold a master's degree in legal history from the University of Wisconsin and a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina where I was a Morehead-Cain Scholar.

**City of Prospect Involvement:** I serve as a member of the Prospect City Council. I have also served as a member of the Prospect Highway 42 Safety Study Group and on the Mayor's budget committee.

I previously served as a member of the City Council of Glenview Hills, KY, and later served as the Glenview Hills City Attorney.

**Why I want to be your Mayor:** Liza and I are fortunate that our children and their families live in the Prospect area, and I am committed to ensuring that Prospect remain a safe and vibrant community. With that in mind and with an eye on the future, I have three major priorities: 1) My first priority is public safety and support for our police; 2) I am a strong supporter of Prospect's parks; and 3) I support improved walk-ability and connectivity in Prospect.

Prospect's City Council did not adopt a budget for the fiscal year that began July 1. This means that our police and other city employees did not receive a cost-of-living increase in their pay. With inflation above eight percent, the Council effectively cut the pay of our police and other city employees. Because Prospect is in an exceptionally strong financial position, the Council's failure is inexcusable. On my first day as Mayor, I will work with the new Council to promptly adopt a budget that treats our police and other employees fairly.

I oppose the apartment complex that LDG proposes to build on the land across from the Kroger parking lot. My background as a trial lawyer will be an asset as we continue the fight to stop that project from going forward.



# Your 2022 City Council Candidates

(In order of ballot appearance)



## Don Graeter

Innisbrook Neighborhood

**Work Background:** Vietnam War Veteran (U.S. Navy Officer), Retired Director of Investments – Central Bank, Former Tax Attorney – Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, University of Virginia Accounting Faculty  
Bellarmine University MBA Faculty.

**Educational Background:** Louisville Native, Educated Entirely in JCPS, B.S. With High Distinction—Honors in Accounting – University of Kentucky

Awarded The Sullivan Medallion (The Outstanding Male Graduate), Named The Outstanding Fraternity Man, Passed the CPA Exam, J.D. With Highest Honors – University of Virginia Law School

**City Of Prospect Involvement:** I have been an active, committed member of the Innisbrook HOA in recent years. I held various offices and served as the liaison between the HOA, Prospect City Hall, various Louisville Metro agencies (Planning and Zoning, MSD, etc.) and have worked with Mayor Evans and Council members on various issues.

30 Year Resident of Prospect. Diane and I raised our family in prospect. We lived in Hunting Creek for 20 years, and Innisbrook for the last 10. One of our sons and his family live in Fox Harbor. Our family knows the Prospect community and is committed to it.

**Why I Want To Be On The City Council:** I have served the community in many capacities over the years -- Little League Baseball coach, director/officer of Children's Hospital, KET and as an Honor Flight Guardian. My career in law and finance, coupled with my long residence and involvement in the Prospect community has well equipped me to serve as a Council member. I will take the trust of my neighbors very seriously and will work hard to support our Prospect Police, manage our finances wisely and economically and keep Prospect a great place in which to live.



## Sara Hines

Hunting Creek Neighborhood

**Work Background:** Leadership in Emerging Technology and Artificial Intelligence at Humana.

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Science, Communications – University of Kentucky

**City Of Prospect Involvement:** Our family relocated to Prospect 44 years ago from Edina, MN. As time elapsed, I traveled up the road to settle in Goshen and raise my family, as my parents steadfastly remained in Hunting Creek. After empty nesting August 2021, I relocated back to Hunting Creek to what I considered my 'homebase'. This will be my first step towards a deeper involvement within this community.

**Why I Want To Be On The City Council:** I am interested in giving back to the city that I grew up in. A city that I have watched develop over 44 years. If elected, I am committed to play an active role in the continued enhancements of Prospect by applying my business and community leadership experiences of over 37+ years. My focus will be on the enhancement of well-being. Where the investments reflect how best to promote connectedness, safety, our parks, and a sense of a holistic neighborhood community. I appreciate your consideration and if elected I will be dedicated to serving the individuals that live in the City of Prospect.



## Eric Raderer

Hunting Creek Neighborhood

**Work Background:** Director of Global Accounts at Henny Penny, 21-year industry veteran overseeing the business relationships with the most well-known restaurant brands around the world.

**Educational Background:** MBA University of Louisville; BS University of Louisville

**City Of Prospect Involvement:** My family of six has lived in Hunting Creek for the past 15 years. My most direct contribution to Prospect has been my previous 17 years in the Fire Service with Harrods Creek Fire Department (Fire-fighter/EMT-D) protecting lives and property of the residents of our community. Additionally, you might often find us hiking the trails of Harrods Creek Park together.

**Why I Want To Be On The City Council:** Residents of Prospect are fortunate to enjoy the amenities that we all share today. Ensuring that Prospect remains one of the safest cities in the state by supporting our Police and Fire/EMS is essential. Protecting the services Prospect has (ie: trash, recycling, snow removal, etc.), is extremely important to make sure we can grow them into the future needs of our community. I believe that ordinances and regulation must be in place to provide direction of who we want to be as a city, but they also need to be sensible. Our local businesses are an important part of Prospects identity and supporting them is a necessity. Fiscal responsibility benefiting you as the taxpayer with your tax dollars is my expectation.



## David Holmes

Hunting Creek Neighborhood

**Work Background:** Retired Attorney with thirty-three years as a practicing attorney. Over sixteen years of City government experience. Previously held executive City management positions in Lexington and Cincinnati before moving to Prospect. Under three different Mayors, while in Lexington, served as Director of Litigation, Commissioner of Law, and Commissioner of Environmental Quality and Public Works. While in Cincinnati, served for over six years as an Assistant City Manager.

**Educational Background:** Bachelor and Law Degrees from the University of Kentucky, attended the US Army Judge Advocate General's School and the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia.

**City Of Prospect Involvement:** City of Prospect Involvement: I have actively worked as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee helping to make needed improvements to our Parks. I helped plan and create the new playground and pavillion at Little Hunting Creek Park.

**Why I Want To Be On The City Council:** I believe that, in addition to serving as the eyes, ears and voice for Prospect's City residents, one of the most important acts that a City Council should do is to adopt a yearly City Budget. I pledge that, if elected, in addition to listening and responding to our City residents, I will never walk out of a City Council meeting as three of our current Council Members did this year, thereby preventing the adoption of a new yearly City Budget. This act also prevented needed pay raises for our City employees including our Police Officers. I further pledge that I will always work in good faith with my fellow Council Members to adopt a yearly City Budget.



## Richard L Overy

Hunting Creek Neighborhood

**Work Background:** Vice President Farm Credit Banks Retired after 30 + years.

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Science University of Nebraska Resident of Prospect 30 + years

**City Of Prospect Involvement:** Past Member of Prospect City Council. Past Secretary of Prospect Rotary, Active volunteer of The Prodigal House, Current Treasurer of Christ Church United Methodist, Helped revise banking system in Albania, Worked on water project in Costa Rica

### Why I Want To Be On The City Council:

As a Prospect City Council member, I would listen to and hear the voices of residents, place Prospect first vs. Metro Louisville, ensure fiscal responsibility (rebuild or conserve our reserves), and continue to provide excellent services and amenities such as trash collection and police protection and insist on transparency in government.



## John E. Evans

Hunting Creek Neighborhood

**Work Background:** My first job out of college was as a U.S. Navy officer. Later, I was a trial lawyer and supervisor at the U.S. Department of Justice. I was a law professor at the University of North Carolina. I practiced law in Louisville for many years. After retiring from law practice, I have served as Mayor of Prospect for nearly ten years.

**Educational Background:** B.A., U. of L.; LL.B., With Distinction, Duke University; Duke Law Journal Editor; U.S. Navy Leadership School; Ass't Professor of Law, University of North Carolina; Continuing Legal Education, U. K., Lvl. Bar Ass'n

**City of Prospect Involvement:** Mayor since 2013; Mayor, 1981-1984; City Council, 3 terms; City Attorney, 7 years; Jefferson County League of Cities; Numerous Prospect Committees and Neighborhood Associations.

**Why I Want To Be On The City Council:** As Mayor for the last nine years, I know how critically important the City Council is to Prospect. The Council – not the Mayor - sets and controls City policy, primarily because it legislates the City's budget every year. Since there are six Council members, any four members can determine, for example: how much we pay our police and our staff employees; whether, and how much, we support our parks; whether we build sidewalks, and where; how much we spend on repaving our roads, and which ones.

I have lived in Prospect for 45 years. I want to make sure that we keep Prospect the great place it is, and have a voice in maintaining and improving that. A voice, and a vote, on the City Council is the best way I know of to do that.



## Dale W. Dodrill

Hunting Creek Neighborhood

**Work Background:** Army Veteran. Served in various management positions including president for several companies overseas, nationally, and locally. Retired as President, Chairman and CEO of American Synthetic Rubber Corporation of Louisville. Currently an independent consultant and on the Zoeller Company Board chairing the Compensation Committee and member of the Strategic Committee.

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees from West Virginia University in Industrial Engineering

**City Of Prospect Involvement:** City Council Member. Frequent observer and speaker on key issues at City council Meetings over a 15-year period prior to being selected to fill a vacant Council seat.

### Why I Want To Be On The City Council:

My life's work has been characterized by working with others to improve the quality of results in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The management of our city is becoming increasingly important as we grow. As a member of city council, I assure the citizens of our community that our tax dollars will be effectively used to maintain the Prospect we know and love as well as improve it for future generations

I have been a resident of Prospect since 1978, forty-four years. My family and I have considered moving to other locations, but the beauty, comfort, and friendliness offered by our city is not matched by any location we have visited or considered. Should I be elected, I will continue to work hard to sustain the quality of life which has become such an important part of our lives as well as that of the many friends we have in Prospect



## Howard Harding

Hunting Creek Neighborhood

**Work Background:** Currently retired after 50+ years in printing/paper converting industry with the last 28 years president of a local company.

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Business Administration from University of Vermont.

**City Of Prospect Involvement:** Have maintained interest in Prospect government and the issues that affected our community for the past 40 years that I have resided in this community. In college I had a minor in political science and have always maintained an interest in governing. I was president of a HOA in my prior community.

**Why I Want To Be On The City Council:** Prospect is home for my family, and I would like the privilege to serve the community and maintain it as a wonderful place to live. My goals are to maintain Prospect's independence from Metro Louisville, keep tax rates stable without jeopardizing current services and maintain transparency in our local government.



## Don Gibson

Smithfield Greene Neighborhood

**Work Background:** Retired 35 years GE major Appliance manufacturing executive. Post retirement 15 years certified small Business mentor.

**Educational Background:** BS Commerce University of Louisville  
MBA Webster university

**City Of Prospect Involvement:** Three years Prospect City Council, Two years board member of Jefferson County League of cities, Twelve years Smithfield Greene HOA board member. Eight years HOA President.

**Why I Want To Be On The City Council:** To work with the Mayor, city council, committees, employees & citizens to enhance safety and quality of life for the city of Prospect.



## Gregory Huelsman

Sutherland Neighborhood

**Work Background:**

Retired after 34 years in Operations from a Fortune 10 Consumer Goods Company. Post retirement: self employed diversity consultant & CEO of non profit

**Educational Background:** Mathematics and Business Management Degrees – Bellarmine University  
Executive Management – University of Richmond Modlin Business Institute and  
University of Virginia Darden School  
Outstanding Alumnus – Bellarmine University

**City Of Prospect Involvement:** Served on the Sutherland Board. One of the original Prospect Forestation Board members, I helped Prospect to become an official Arbor City and set up our city’s “List of Recommended Trees” and develop the city’s Emerald Ash Borer protection program. Have always remained up-to-date on Prospect City Council activities and have attended many City Council meetings and have addressed the City Council numerous times in the past 6 months.

**Why I Want To Be On The City Council:** I want to retain our high ranking as one of the safest cities in Kentucky, and I applaud and will support our fine police and fire departments. I will work to preserve Prospect’s uniqueness and village-like style of life and all of the many benefits and amenities that Prospect enjoys such as the current back door twice weekly trash collection. I fought the high-density apartment proposal. I don’t believe in over regulation and will work to preserve our freedoms and independence from outside influences. I will strive for continuous improvement while maintaining Prospect’s style and quality of life.



## Frank Fulcher

Hunting Creek Neighborhood

**Work Background:** Retired, Professional Engineer, small business owner and corporate executive.

**Educational Background:** Civil and Sanitary Engineering Degrees, Penn State; BA-Math. St.Vincent College

**City Of Prospect Involvement:** Current City Council  
(4 terms) Current and former chairman and member of multiple committees.

**Why I Want To Be On The City Council:** I want to continue to contribute positively to maintaining the character of the city of Prospect where I have successfully raised a family and enjoyed living for 41 years. I am a strong supporter of our exceptional advantages of living in the City, particularly our police force, back door trash/recycle pick-up, parks & green spaces, Library and stable tax rates.