



## CENTRAL STREET NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION 2025 MUNICIPAL OFFICE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office running for: \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Years lived in Evanston: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Campaign Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best E-Mail for campaign purposes: \_\_\_\_\_

Other websites on which you post campaign statements or positions (e.g., Facebook, X, etc.):

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Campaign Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Manager or consultant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates:

Primary occupation and employer:

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List up to five of your past most relevant civic activities.

What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you as you serve on the Evanston City Council?

Please describe your principal base(s) of support, and why you want voters to consider your endorsements or support base.

To date, who are your top five campaign donors? Please state the name and the city of the person/entity and the amount.

How many of the following have you attended in the past 2 years? (approx.)

City Council meetings \_\_\_\_\_ Land Use Commission meetings \_\_\_\_\_

Planning & Development meetings \_\_\_\_\_ Site Plan and Review Committee meetings \_\_\_\_\_

Other:

**Essence of Campaign.** Why are you running and why should a voter vote for you instead of for your competition (or not voting)? How will electing you make a difference?

**Governmental philosophy.** What is yours? What principal deficit(s) in Evanston government do you see, and what will you do in the office you seek over the next 4 years to address this?

### **SPECIFIC ISSUES**

1. **City Management.** If elected this April, during your tenure you will have one or more opportunities to fire, hire, or extend the contract of a city manager. What are your thoughts on the process/result since the departure of Wally Bobkiewicz? What specific criteria, if any, including any quantitative performance criteria, will you use in your decision?

**2. Central Street Master Plan.** The Central Street Master Plan was unanimously approved by the City Council, its concepts codified in limited upzoning/downzoning and the Central Street Overlay District, and resulted in the American Planning Association naming Central Street one of the [Great Neighborhoods of America](#). Please indicate which of the features of the Plan/zoning you would work to preserve or change.

**Preserve Change**

Purpose statement, e.g., to preserve eclectic, human-scale neighborhood

B1a low-rise multi-use zoning in three business sub-areas (Gross Point/Crawford, Central Park to Ewing, Hartrey to Eastwood)

Current height and FAR limits on development

Expanded pedestrian areas instead of built-to-lot-line

Upper-story setbacks to reduce visual massing/crowding

Protections to prevent encroachment on residences

Active storefront requirements

Form-based articulation and fenestration requirements

Limits on uses

Comments:

**3. Upzoning.** For which types of districts do you support zoning change to encourage greater population and structure density and mass?

**Support Oppose**

Low-rise residential districts (current R1, R2, R3 (single-family & 2-family))

Low-rise residential multifamily districts (current R4, R4a)

Mid-rise residential districts (R5, R6)

Multi-use business districts

Downtown

Other

Comments:

**4. Cost of remaining in Evanston.** What specific measures would you support to mitigate gentrification and/or displacement of existing Evanston residents?

**5. Rightsizing Evanston.** In the 1970s, Evanston considered itself fully developed, and its population peaked at just over 80,000. Evanston now has between 73,000-78,000 residents, about 9,500-10,000 persons per square mile. What do you think is the optimal population size for our city? What measures, if any, would you favor to guide our path toward optimal size?

**6. NU Stadium.** Should the rezoning of the Ryan Field stadium district to allow commercial entertainment and much greater intensity of use, and the development of a memorandum of understanding between the university and the City, have been handled differently? How?

**7. Spending.** Please identify up to three areas or instances where you feel City funds could be or could have been better spent.