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LAWRENCE CITY COMMISSION VACANCY APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in serving your City in this capacity. Information including process to fill the vacancy, key dates and additional details are available on the City's website: www.lawrenceks.org/vacancy.

Instructions: Please complete this brief form and other required items listed on the checklist to help provide sufficient information to the City Commission, which will fill the vacancy. Completed applications must be received by the City Clerk's office no later than Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 5 pm in order to be considered. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Process: Applications will be reviewed by an advisory committee appointed by the City Commission. The committee will forward a list of no more than six candidates to the City Commission, selected from the pool of qualified applicants. The City Commission will then select an individual to fill the City Commission vacancy from qualified applicants, including but not limited to the six candidates provided by the advisory committee. Applicants will be required to participate in the advisory committee and City Commission process.

Eligibility: To be eligible, applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, a qualified elector of the City of Lawrence, and a resident living inside the Lawrence city limits at the time of appointment and during the term duration.

Public Information: Any and all information provided as part of this process, including but not limited to the application and supporting documentation, is public information and will be made openly available on the city website. The process will be entirely public, including any interviews held with applicants.

Name: David M. Schauner

Address: 5002 Jeffries Ct., Lawrence, KS 66047

Phone number: 785-842-7459 **E-mail:** dschauner@sunflower.com.

Occupation: Attorney

How long have you lived in Lawrence? 15 years

Tell us about yourself. Please describe, in 200 words or less, your reasons for seeking a position on the Lawrence City Commission, and why you believe you can represent the citizens of Lawrence as a member of the City Commission.

As a former City Commissioner, I know that all politics are local; citizens must remain informed about local issues, or our system of government fails. I believe that I can be a valuable part of the team to make informed and balanced decisions about the future success of our community. I have a strong record of informed decision-making and balancing competing interests. Serving on the City Commission for 4 years has given me an insight into Lawrence issues that can only be gained by doing the hard work of addressing complex issues and participating in making informed decisions.

During the past 36 years, I have managed a legal advocacy program across Kansas, a sizable legal budget and supervised attorneys in my office. I have participated in developing legal strategies that set the standard for improving the rights of educators across the state. I have appeared before all levels of Kansas courts and have a record of success in advocating for Kansas teachers.

Education/Experience. Please provide a brief summary of your education, and any training or experience that you possess which would be beneficial to the City Commission position.

I am a Kansas native born in Wichita. I graduated from Wichita State University in 1968. Following graduation, I taught high school for 5 years in Larned, Kansas. I returned to law school and graduated from Washburn in 1976. Upon graduation, I was an associate in a Topeka law firm for 3 years until I became the chief legal counsel for the Kansas National Education Association in 1979, a position I hold today.

Work History. Please provide a brief summary of your work history.

My work history as stated above has been exclusively as an employee of the Kansas NEA. Although I taught for 5 years, my recent and most relevant experience is developing legal analysis of complex issues. That experience was invaluable when I previously served as a member of the Lawrence City Commission. The issues that face Commissioners are complex and require thoughtful analysis, as well as the ability to balance short-term gains against long-term sustainability of the City's growth and prosperity.

Public Offices Held. Please provide a brief summary of elected service or service as a member of a public board/commission/committee/task force. Please list city, state and dates of service.

Lawrence City Commission, 2003-2007, Lawrence, KS

Community Involvement. Please provide a brief summary of your involvement in service to your community.

Other community service since 2007 has been limited to my home owners' association where I have held multiple offices and participated in amending and redrafting the HOA bylaws to comply with the changing needs of the neighborhood.

Top Issues. Please describe, in 500 words or less, what you believe are the top issues affecting the City of Lawrence.

Lawrence is fortunate to be faced with many issues that growing cities must address. Rather than consider these “problems” to be faced, I believe our top/tough issues are challenges that many Kansas cities would welcome. The following list contains needs that must be addressed in the near term:

1. Job creation. Without a strong job base and the spending power that follows, the rest of our issues will be even more challenging. As a university town, wage growth has always been problematic. Beyond service industry jobs, we must attract and retain value-added jobs. Every community our size faces the same challenge of how to attract good-paying jobs that add stability to the economic foundation of the community. Lawrence has not been as successful as it needs to be in order to compete with Johnson County economic development activity. We do not have the deep pockets of Johnson County, but we do have a tremendous wealth of talent and an unparalleled quality of life. Kansas University is a jewel not to be ignored and should continue to be a springboard of economic power in the years to come.
2. Planning for our future transportation infrastructure, including how to maintain and improve the existing network, and plan for the next generation of streets and transportation connectivity. Cars, bicycles and buses are not mutually exclusive. The interface of these choices will become more important as the cost of street repair and construction increase. Less than a mile of four lane street costs more than \$1,000,000 today. As the costs rise, choices will be more financially burdensome.
3. The examination of the need for and location of public facilities. The recent debate regarding whether Lawrence needs a new police facility is a good example of a challenging issue. How much should the City spend on a police facility, where should it be located, how big should it be and how should it be financed are all questions that loom large on this Commission’s agenda.
4. Protecting and growing our downtown while preserving our established neighborhoods is a top issue for this Commission. The current debate about the Arts Corridor has been controversial. The increasing number of living units in the downtown with issues around parking needs will consume more of the Commission’s time in the next months.
5. Insuring long-term sustainable growth is the ‘elephant in the room’. As the City looks at expanding west of K-10 and south along Iowa, this growth will put pressure on the City’s Capital Improvement Plan and budget. Not only having a long-term plan (Horizon 20/20), but also honoring its intent will prove increasingly difficult unless the Commission dedicates itself to making decisions that are based on long-term sustainable growth.

Your Approach to Governing. Please provide, in 500 words or less, a summary of your approach to handling issues that would come before you as a member of the Lawrence City Commission, and your approach to working with other City Commissioners on these issues.

My approach to handling issues that come before the City Commission can be summarized as follows:

1. I am always interested in all sides of the issues; there is always more to know about every issue. By asking questions, I try to gather as much information as I can to assist in making an informed decision.
2. I am open to input from all interested parties. Being transparent and open to discussion are paramount to my thought and decision-making processes.
3. I attempt to be unbiased when an issue is brought to the City Commission. I believe that the decisions made by Commissioners must represent a balance of competing interests.

4. Being a good listener is a trait of a good Commissioner; I believe that I am a good listener. I attempt to engage actively in all sides of any issue. It is impossible to please everyone, but it is important that all parties believe they have had a fair and unbiased opportunity to be heard.
5. My approach to the job is to be prepared. Not only reading the material ahead of time, but also taking the time to go beyond the surface of an issue and to develop a full understanding of the issue. In my experience, the more I learned about the work of the City Commission, the more I realized I knew less than I thought. No one has all the right answers and the challenge facing Commissioners is recognizing that they are always on a steep learning curve. Facing land use questions and long-term infrastructure planning are only two examples where lay Commissioners must rely on the expertise of professionals while educating themselves.

In summary, being a good listener and open to learning is the first step in becoming a good decision-maker. Thinking you know more than you do can be misleading, and lead to poorly informed decisions and uneven outcomes.

Your Approach to Land-Use Planning. Please provide, in 500 words or less, a summary of your approach to handling issues that would come before you as a member of the Lawrence City Commission, and your approach to working with other City Commissioners on these issues.

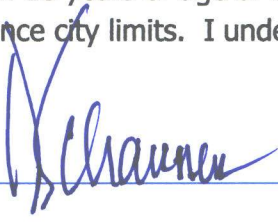
As only one vote on the Commission, I will honor the need to participate as a team member. Respecting differing opinions on the Commission is paramount. However, it is important to recognize that there will be differences of opinion on a host of important topics. Listening to expert opinion, developer requests, fellow Commissioner questions and opinions shows respect for everyone involved. Taxpayers and voters have a right to expect this from their elected officials. Teamwork is the goal and sustainable growth of our City is the ultimate goal. There will be disagreements on land use, but my goal is and always has been a transparent process that honors our common best interests as a community. The greatest good for the greatest number will produce a sustainable and vibrant community that helps Lawrence remain a livable, competitive economy for people who pay taxes and deserve our best collective thinking about our future.

Application Materials Checklist. All applicants must complete the following forms and return application materials to the City Clerk's Office, 3rd Floor of City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street, no later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2015** to be considered for the vacancy.

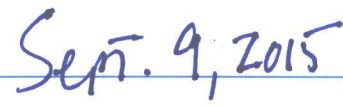
- Complete Lawrence City Commission Vacancy Application
- Statement of Substantial Interest for Local Office
- Three Letters of Recommendation

Statement of Verification

I hereby certify that I am qualified to serve as a member of the Lawrence City Commission. I am a U.S. Citizen, am 18 years of age or older, am a qualified elector of the City of Lawrence, and a resident living inside the Lawrence city limits. I understand that my application and materials will be a public record.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Schauer", written over a horizontal blue line.

Signature

A handwritten date in blue ink, "Sept. 9, 2015", written over a horizontal blue line.

Date

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR LOCAL OFFICE

INSTRUCTIONS. This statement must be completed by each person required to do so by K.S.A. 75-4301a. Upon completion, mail or hand deliver your completed statement to the office where you filed your declaration of candidacy. If appointed to fill a vacancy in a local elective office, file this form where your predecessor filed for office.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

A. IDENTIFICATION:

Schauner David Mr.

Last Name First Name MI

Spouse's Name

SOOR Jeffries LT

Number & Street Name, Apartment Number, Rural Route, or P.O. Box Number

LAWRENCE KS 66047

City, State, Zip Code

785 842 7459

785 232 8271

Home Phone

Business Phone

B. OFFICE SOUGHT, HELD OR APPOINTED TO:

City Commission / LAWRENCE

List Name of Office

Position

District

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Date received (Official use only)

C. OWNERSHIP INTERESTS: List any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, trust, joint venture and every other business interest, including land used for income, and specific stocks, mutual funds or retirement accounts in which either you or your spouse has owned within the preceding 12 months a legal or equitable interest exceeding \$5,000 or 5%, whichever is less. Please attach additional pages if necessary to complete this section.
 If you have nothing to report in Section "C", check here .

BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS	DESCRIPTION OF INTERESTS HELD	HELD BY WHOM
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D. GIFTS IN THE FORM OF GOODS OR SERVICES: List any person, business or combination of businesses from which you or your spouse either individually or collectively, have received in the preceding 12 months, without reasonable and valuable consideration, goods or services having an aggregate value of \$500 or more.
 If you have nothing to report in Section "D", check here .

NAME OF PERSON OR BUSINESS FROM WHOM GIFT RECEIVED	ADDRESS	RECEIVED BY:
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E. RECEIPT OF COMPENSATION: List all places of employment in the last calendar year, and any other businesses from which you or your spouse received \$2,000 or more in compensation (salary, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred on you or your spouse in return for services rendered, or to be rendered), which was reportable as taxable income on your federal income tax returns.

1. YOUR PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

If you have nothing to report in Section "E"1, check here ____.

	NAME OF BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.	KNEA	715 SW 10 th	Association
2.		TOPEKA, KS 66612	

2. SPOUSE'S PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

If you have nothing to report in Section "E"2, check here ____.

	NAME OF BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS
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F. OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF AN ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS: List any organization or business in which you or your spouse hold a position as officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor at the time of filing, irrespective of the amount of compensation received for holding such position. Please insert additional pages if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "F", check here .

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G. RECEIPT OF FEES AND COMMISSIONS: List each client or customer who paid fees or commissions to a business or combination of businesses from which fees or commissions you or your spouse received an aggregate of \$2,000 or more in the preceding calendar year. *The phrase "client or customer" relates only to businesses or the combination of businesses.* In the case of a partnership, it is the partner's proportionate share of the business, and hence of the fee, which is significant, without regard to the expenses of the partnership. An individual who receives a salary as opposed to portions of fees or commissions is generally not required to report under this provision. Please insert additional pages if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "G", check here .

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H. DECLARATION:

I, David Schauman, declare that this statement of substantial interests (including any accompanying pages and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of all of my substantial interests and other matters required by law. I understand that the intentional failure to file this statement as required by law or intentionally filing a false statement is a class B misdemeanor.

9/2/15
Date

[Signature]
Signature of Person Making Statement

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CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
LAWRENCE, KS

Paul T. Davis
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Lawrence, Kansas 66044
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pdavis@fed-firm.com

August 31, 2015

Members of the City Commissioner Search Committee
c/o Mayor Mike Amyx
City of Lawrence, Kansas
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Members of the Search Committee:

I am pleased to highly recommend your consideration of David Schauner for the vacant position on the Lawrence City Commission. David brings a unique set of qualifications to this position that will be highly beneficial to the current city commission.

As you are probably aware, David previously served as a member of the city commission. Therefore, he brings a wealth of knowledge of and experience with city government. During his time on the commission, Lawrence was confronted with a number of significant challenges. David always looked to the community for input, carefully studied the issues and tried to develop consensus on the commission.

After serving on the commission, David has stayed involved in the community so he possesses a good deal of knowledge about what issues confront the commission right now. He has a keen intellect and is able to put forward the kind of time that is required of the position.

I urge you to give David the utmost consideration. I know he will be a very capable member of the commission.

Sincerely,


Paul T. Davis

1 September 2015

Lawrence Mayor and City Commissioners and members of the selection committee:

I am writing this letter in support of selecting David Schauner to fill the vacant position on the Lawrence City Commission. Schauner's career and past community service in Lawrence make him a highly qualified candidate for this position.

When he served on the Lawrence City Commission, David Schauner demonstrated his understanding of city government and his effectiveness in working to reach consensus. He supported city spending for street repair and infrastructure improvements and at the same time helped set a balanced city budget without tax increases. Schauner recognized the potential of Horizon 2020 to insure sustainable growth and was a strong advocate for quality neighborhoods and for maintaining downtown as the heart of our city. He was a proponent of the city smoking ban and the Living Wage ordinance. Perhaps most importantly, he gained knowledge and experience through his participation in the selection process for a new city manager.

As a Kansas state senator, I have seen Schauner in his role as General Counsel for the Kansas National Education Association. He has worked with local and state association members for the past 36 years and has an extensive record of providing support for teaching professionals. David has frequently advocated for teachers in Kansas appellate courts and lobbied for teacher rights and working conditions in the Kansas Legislature. He helped me understand the history of several statutes and the responsibilities of the various roles in education to insure good student outcomes. In his work at KNEA, he manages legal services of three professional staff with an annual operating budget of over \$350,000.

David Schauner is an outstanding candidate who has my unequivocal support. He has the knowledge and experience that is needed, and would be a thoughtful, persuasive voice for the citizens of Lawrence.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. This is not an easy task, but certainly an important one. I appreciate your service and your good work on behalf of our community.

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Lawrence, Kansas 66044

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Lawrence, KS 66047
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CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
LAWRENCE, KS

Mr. Mike Amyx, Mayor
City of Lawrence Offices
6 East Sixth Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mayor Amyx:

I'm writing to encourage the appointment of David Schauner to the vacancy on the Lawrence City Commission.

I have known David for about 15 years as a neighbor on our cul-de-sac. He's been an officer of our homeowners association and I have worked with him on association issues. I'm sure that you and others know him both as the attorney for the Kansas-National Education Association and as a former member of the Lawrence City Commission.

David and I do not always see eye-to-eye on political matters but he is a very bright person with an unusual breadth of knowledge who has a deep interest in the future of our city. His previous commission experience would be a particular asset to this city at this time. He's honest, fair and truthful, and willing to speak his mind. As far as I can tell, he is not beholden to any special-interest group. He also has a delightful sense of humor and is not driven by ego.

I'm pleased that David is willing to serve. I believe that the city would be well off with him on the commission again. I hope that you and the screening committee will give his application every consideration throughout this important process of selecting a new city commissioner.

If there's any reason to contact me about this, our home phone is 843-5068, and my email address is rgage@sunflower.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ralph D. Gage Jr.