

Ah, the one I am most proud of was presented to me! For years I worked with others to find a way to get our community's children in need a lunch during the summer months when school was out. For more than 60% of the children in some of our schools the school lunch was the only the only sure meal of the day. The federal summer lunch program was available through the school district and we could not get it approved. We tried so hard and then some people from the churches I worked with went to the Kent School District, got them to approve it and the next year the Auburn School District approved it for all our kids. People from different churches called me into a meeting and a spokesperson from the group told me it was approved. I couldn't speak.

Valley Regional Fire Authority: I worked for my first 2 years just to find the budget to hire one more fire fighter to fix a problem in the shifts. We couldn't afford to hire the additional fire fighters we needed and we were concerned we might lose some. This was the time of the property tax initiatives and income was severely constrained. We needed stations, equipment, personnel. We had to annex both hillsides to keep higher density from overwhelming us but didn't have the money for the 12 firefighters it would require to care for the people. We had to find a way to consolidate services and or raise income. State law did not allow for fire districts across county lines so we worked together to find another way. We went to the state legislature for new laws to allow for a Fire Authority in our state We got the legislation passed at the state level, worked with two neighboring cities to develop a plan for the first Fire Authority and together we put the measure on the ballot, passed it with more than a 60% approval in all three cities and then developed the first governance board and long term strategic plan brought all of us together. We increased fire service, annexed both hillsides and added the necessary firefighters, purchased new equipment and we are building our first new fire station in decades while decreasing General Fund expenses.

SOS (save Our Streets): Auburn is a century old city. Because of the lack of funding the infrastructure was neglected for decades. At that time of the passing of all of the initiative limiting spending we worked together with the neighborhoods, we went to the voters and passed a levy lid lift by over 64% that increased taxes and gave an ongoing dedicated source of funds to fix the local streets. Over the last four years we have preserved and rebuilt about 12 miles of our local streets each year. There are less than 20 miles remaining to be done out of almost 100 miles of local streets.

1. Please list or describe current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life.

Coming into the community as a new banker in town led me to the museum. I had to learn my new home. Both of my parents had taught and history and museums came naturally. I had moved all my life and here my new community taught me. I was 'told' by mentors to join a service club, joined the Lions (Auburn Noon Lions) and went through leadership to become president of the club. I lived in two areas with homeowners association (first President of both Tapps Island homeowners and first President of Mill Pond Condo Association). I became involved with the businesses in the shopping center where the bank was located and became President of North Auburn Merchants Association. I worked with the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce, worked on their board for eight years and became president of that organization which first introduced me to regional problems and needs. More and more I became involved with the community. Through the bank I was solicited to help a failing food bank, became part of the Board including vice President and helped bring back the Auburn Food Bank. As member and Vice President I have worked for over 20 years with the Miss Auburn Scholarship Program. As Finance Director/ Vice President I worked to help bring Miss Auburn to the number one local program of Miss America in the United States giving out more than \$60,000.00 every year in scholarships to young women in the community. I still work on interviewing training each Sunday afternoon from October to January of each year. I've worked on downtown committees, transit committees and in regional groups. I learned the community. I learned the meaning of compassion and being a servant leader. All through this time I remained at the bank branch, in one office through those years as part of my own commitment to community. All of my service has come from my recognition of the need to give back to the community I love.

2. Please describe the duties of the office you seek. Which are the most important duties and why?

The mayor of Auburn includes the ceremonial office and chief administrative officer and chief law enforcement agent by code. The most important role by federal law as well as state is that the office of mayor is that which declares and is the responsible authority for declaring emergencies.

The mayor is the chief executive of the city and responsible for all personnel and for carrying out the laws, ordinances and budget passed by Council.

In these difficult times knowledge of finance and the ability to work with the directors of the city is an important function of the executive.

The mayor presides over meetings, submits individuals to Council for approval for all boards and committees and is responsible to the people for all of the activities of the city. The mayor is also that ceremonial head of government and in that role is seen as the responsible head of government.

Every one of these functions is important dependent upon time and context.

That function as the chief executive that is most important duty daily is to maintain the ability and stability of the city to perform the essential functions of public safety.