

Campaign Statement of Councilor Kevin Jourdain for Ward 6 City Council

With Todd McGee leaving as our Ward Councilor, I wanted to make sure our ward continued to receive the experienced and effective leadership it deserves.

I was raised in Ward 6. I am a Ward 6 homeowner and taxpayer. My wife, Shari, and I are raising our family here in Ward 6. All 3 of our children attend Sullivan School and I am strong supporter of the Holyoke Public Schools. As City Councilor at Large, I have represented Ward 6 for 22 years and know the ward and its residents very well.

I have 22 balanced budgets to my record that has also included the creation of our \$13 million dollar stabilization fund that is providing us our excellent A1 bond rating. During my tenure, I have also reinvested millions in our ward and city by building the new Community field, Rohan Park, our new Senior Center, and our new Library as well as millions of dollars in new police, fire, and public works equipment and buildings, and road and sidewalk improvements. I also advocated for important major city projects such as the acquisition of the Holyoke Dam and the building of the Tighe Carmody water pipeline that provides the city our water today.

As Council President, I know that you work hard to pay the property taxes you send to city hall, I will continue to make sure you receive the type of services you deserve and I will continue to hold city hall accountable for every dollar you send. In my leadership role, no one is in a better

position to deliver on what is needed to take care of our residents. I understand the process, and have the respect of my peers who know I work hard and do my homework on every issue.

As Ward Councilor, I will also be a strong neighborhood watchdog by working to get the many abandoned homes that currently exist in our Ward back on the tax rolls. I have been a champion of the city's new receivership program where we have hired a dedicated inspector and attorney to work with the housing court to get receivers appointed to fix these homes, and get them back on the market for good families paying taxes.

I am also deeply committed to continue to grow our tax base and support pro-growth policies to bring new businesses here to Holyoke so our residents can find good jobs.

Moreover, I have a proven record of excellent constituent service and always return phone calls. I also have a near perfect attendance record over my 22 years and have put in thousands of hours in the trenches and taken thousands of votes to make sure our city is a better place. My commitment to my duties has stood the test of time.

If I can ever be of help to you, please call me at home at (413) 538-5519. **On November 3, I would greatly appreciate your vote for Kevin Jourdain for Ward 6 City Councilor.** Thank you!