

Brad Finkeldei, a community leader who has invested almost 25 years working to help make Lawrence a great place to live, work and raise a family, has filed for re-election to the City Commission.

*"I am pleased to share that I am running for re-election to the City Commission. It has been an honor to serve this community both during the pandemic and as we have moved beyond the pandemic into a brighter future. I will continue to work to build a community where all enjoy life and feel at home."*

As a Commissioner, Finkeldei other key commitments will be to:

- Expand our housing stock for all price points
- Create a 'housing first' community to support our homeless population
- Ensure our city has a well-developed and well-maintained infrastructure
- Support smart job-creation opportunities
- Continue to connect with community members, genuinely valuing their opinions and suggestions to foster a deeper civic collaboration.

Finkeldei has developed the following clear priorities for his re-election campaign for City Commission:

**Expand our housing stock for all price points and implementing Housing First**

*"We have an urgent and critically important need to expand our housing stock for all price points. We must continue to invest in affordable housing projects and our Housing First initiative, but we also must find ways to expand our workforce and market housing. This can be accomplished most readily through increasing density of housing throughout the community, developing projects on recently annexed land, as well as by annexing new land adjacent to our city limits," Finkeldei said. "I look forward to working on these housing projects and completing the important work of updating our Development Code to reach our community wide housing goals."*

**Finkeldei knows social service providers, their challenges and strengths**

- Lawrence Family Promise, Board Member, 2010 – 2019 (President, 2013-2018)
- Ballard Community Services, Board Member, 2000 – 2019 (President, 8 years)
- St. John's Catholic Church Finance Committee, 2010 – 2019 (Chair, 2013-present)
- Ethel & Raymond Rice Foundation, Trustee, 2017-present
- Douglas County American Red Cross, Board Member, 2001-2003 (Chair, 2003)

**Ensuring our city has a well-developed and well-maintained infrastructure**

*"In order to have a healthy community, we must maintain and enhance our roads and sidewalks and improve traffic, bike, and pedestrian safety. Completing the Lawrence Loop is essential," he said. "We must continue providing excellent parks and recreational opportunities; as well as proper sanitation and wastewater and water treatment for the health and wellbeing of all. Finally, as we continue to grow as a community, we must ensure that our fire and medical department capabilities expand to meet the increased need."*

**Finkeldei's community service and professional experience have provided him an understanding of the importance of infrastructure and planning.**

- Lawrence/Douglas County Planning Commissioner, 2006 – 2012 (Chair, 2008)
- Joint Economic Development Council, Board Member, 2015-2016
- Lawrence Alcohol Tax Fund Committee, Member, 2005-2009 (Chair, 2007, 2008)
- US News & World Report Lawyer of the Year for Land Use & Zoning Law for Topeka and Lawrence, 2014

**Supporting smart job-creation opportunities**

“Creating jobs is essential for Lawrence to remain a healthy and vibrant community. A growing tax base allows us to hold the line on property taxes and is vital for funding critical governmental services. This is particularly important with Panasonic coming to our region,” Finkeldei said. "We need to continue to work to fully utilize the students educated by USD 497, Peaslee Tech, the University of Kansas and Haskell Indian Nations University to create an accessible, well-trained, and plentiful workforce.”

**Finkeldei has worked to bring jobs to Lawrence**

Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center, Board Member, 2014 – 2016  
Lawrence Bioscience & Technology Business Center (BTBC), Board Member, 2014-2017, 2019-2020  
Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Board Member, 2014-2016, 2022  
Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC), Board Member, 2013- 2014  
Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, 2012-2016, Board Member (President, 2015)

**Finkeldei calls Lawrence home**

Finkeldei is the managing partner of the law firm of Stevens & Brand, LLP where he focuses his practice on litigation, banking, and governmental law. He is a 1999 graduate of the University of Kansas, School of Law and a 1996 graduate of Kansas State University, where he earned a degree in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Economics. Brad is married to Amy Finkeldei who is the Senior Director of Performance and Quality Improvement at Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center. Brad and Amy have two adult daughters, Raegan and Chaney.

