

Jon Gustafson

1. Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

My top priorities are to:

- Maintain our streets and improve our transportation network
- Maintain our parks and open areas
- Protect our natural resources
- Preserve neighborhood character
- Provide for the needs of our seniors

2. Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

Oswego Lake is an important and unique feature of our city. As both an open area and a natural resource I believe it deserves protection. The lake is also a character-defining element of many of our neighborhoods. It is one that increases property values and improves our city's overall desirability. I believe Oswego Lake should remain the jewel at the center of our city to be cherished and celebrated.

3. Do you support open access to Oswego Lake? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

No, I do not believe open access to Oswego Lake would be beneficial to the city. There are negative logistical, financial and environmental implications associated with any change in access.

4. Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Yes, the Lake Oswego Corporation has a proven track record of successfully managing the lake and I believe they should continue to do so.

5. Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

The City needs to do everything it can to ensure that the watersheds and waterways feeding into Oswego Lake are clean and well protected. The City should also continue to work cooperatively with the Lake Oswego Corporation to ensure a clean and healthy Lake.

Dave Berg

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Please refer to my responses in the LO Review questions published here:

<http://portlandtribune.com/lor/48-news/322949-202084-los-mayoral-candidates-weigh-in-on-5-key-issues->

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This is the village character that has defined LO since its founding with the ore transportation

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No. The city does not currently have the resources fiscally to maintain the lake and there are other issues. More in person

4. Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Yes...If there are fiscal and environmental issues it is better for the city that they be addressed by Lake Corp members given our limited resources

5. Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

Given my environmental background and experience this is a very detailed issue and better discussed in person

Kent Studebaker

1. Please list your top priorities to the office you are seeking

My priorities are:

- a. To continue to prioritize services and exercise fiscal restraint within a long term plan for the future vibrancy of this city.
- b. Maintaining and improving our infrastructure and efficiently providing core services -which in my mind includes our infrastructure, our roads our first responders, our schools, our arts and our parks.
- c. Maintaining our City's character while at the same time recognizing that does not mean stagnation.
- d. Team with the community and council to build trust and consensus without rancor and without a right or left ideological agenda.

2. Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

The Lake is home to a large part of our community. It is a jewel than enhances the value of our City both aesthetically and financially. It is vitally important that the City does its part to maintain the infrastructure around the Lake and protect the watershed feeding into the lake.

3. Do you support open access to Oswego Lake? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Absolutely not. And here let me say that I have walked the walk with you on this issue and I can be trusted not to have that opinion merely because I am running for election. Oswego Lake is a highly complex body of water. If access were allowed to the general public, there would be safety issues because those people would not be subject to Lake rules. There could be an issue of overcrowding, the value of homes, both on the lake and in the rest of the City would decline, thereby lowering revenue for both the City and the Schools. Additionally, the City does not have manpower to monitor lake access, nor the extra funds for liability insurance of payments.

4. Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the lake Oswego Corporation. Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Yes. In the many years that I have spent growing up in Lake Oswego, both on and off the Lake, I have seen the Lake Corporation do an excellent job of maintaining the water quality and health

of the Lake. They are committed, professional and knowledgeable stewards of this complex community treasure.

5. Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

Again I recognize that Oswego Lake is an enormous community asset and your mayor and Council should work closely with the Lake Corporation to protect it. Much of the stormwater running off of property in Lake Oswego runs into the basin that is the lake. The city has a responsibility to do what it can to prevent pollutants entering the Lake. We are presently doing that with water detention measures, and things like sensitive land buffers.

I have long been committed to preventing public access to this Lake, I have built up trust with a team of people also committed to keeping it a community treasure which has so many positive ripple down effects on our city. I look forward to working with you all.

Charles Collins – City Council

1. Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

Maintain the trust and civility that has been a hallmark of the current city council. Prioritize fiscal responsibility with an emphasis on infrastructure such as roads, pedestrian & bicycle safety, the new Maintenance Operations Center and police 911 / LOCOM facility without asking residents for an additional tax dollar. Preserve private property rights.

2. Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

Oswego Lake is a centerpiece for the vision and prosperity of our very special town of Lake Oswego. Homeowners with lakefront or lake-view properties have increased value and enjoyment as a result of our private jewel of a lake.

3. Do you support open access to Oswego Lake? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

No. Never would I support open access to Oswego Lake.

4. Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Yes. Lake Corp. does a superb job of safeguarding our crown jewel the lakebed of Oswego Lake.

5. Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

The City of Lake Oswego should work in concert with Lake Corp. to protect our watershed without adding unnecessary restrictions that may be of no significant ecological value, but may be financially onerous to the property owners.

John LaMotte for Lake Oswego City Council (9/29/16)

1. Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

Maintain fiscal discipline and quality services

As a city councilor I would maintain budget, tax and debt discipline, while continuing to focus on the essential and quality services our residents expect in Lake Oswego.

We need to get beyond the so called glide path of cutting staff without fully understanding the effect it has on city services. Outsourcing services to the private sector in some cases makes sense, but short and long-term costs as well as quality control must be understood.

Managing \$20 million for a large economic development agency, running my own companies for over 20 years and working directly with cities for over 30 years has taught me a lot about staffing, budgets, costs and revenue. Bringing public and private sector experience to city finance discussions, I would review and question everything, and seek to make the most of our available resources.

With a much needed school facilities bond issue coming soon as well as a big state PERS increase for Oregon cities, we especially need to be careful and creative in the next term of the Council.

I am a proponent of urban renewal/tax increment financing. When done correctly, such financing is often the only tool that a community has to improve and develop a larger area. The renewal districts funding the Boones Ferry Road and Downtown enhancements are providing funds that we would not otherwise have.

Upgrade roads and paths/trails

Unlike most states and the federal government, the City of Lake Oswego has focused on the critical need to upgrade our infrastructure. Now that our roads program is underway, we also need to emphasize the importance of improving the pathways and trails that connect our neighborhoods, parks and schools.

An example of the need for trail/path improvement is the unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists along the edges of Iron Mountain Boulevard, which connects six neighborhoods, Downtown and the Boones Ferry Road business district.

Maintain neighborhood character

Lake Oswego neighborhoods are known for their low density, forested character. The Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Code provide guidance and regulation for development, but there are times when the Code doesn't get it right. We need to carefully maintain our neighborhoods through clear, objective regulations as well as common sense.

Lot size, flag lots, access drives, public versus private streets, tree clearing, street connectivity, storm water management and right-of-way design are challenges we must continue to work on.

Maintaining neighborhood character also involves implementation of the Lake Oswego Parks Plan, which includes creating a nature park with a children's play area in Iron Mountain Park and improving the degraded Woodmont Park site in Forest Highlands.

Balance property rights and environmental stewardship

Protecting the environment is an important part of our green city's DNA. Protecting private property rights is also important and is an ongoing concern for homeowners, builders and civic leaders. I advocate for the middle ground where we are responsible environmental stewards while accommodating new growth in a sensible manner.

The Sensitive Lands regulations, established years ago, were sometimes overreaching and not based on precise mapping or sound science. The Planning Commission and City Council approved what is a balanced approach to a *Healthy Ecosystem*. The new regulations, based on advanced mapping technology, protect important wetlands, woodlands and waterways, reduce or eliminate restrictions on numerous private properties and provide voluntary benefits for habitat protection.

Those who think that all environmental regulations can be eliminated are being unrealistic in regards to Metro, State and Federal requirements for wetland and flood plain protection. The staff, Commission and Council along with the City's legal advisors pushed the reform as far as it could go.

In regards to Storm Water Management regulations, the Commission and Council eliminated requirements that small property improvement projects be required to provide on-site storm water facilities and pushed minimums up to 1,000 square feet for existing hardscape and 3,000 square feet for new construction.

Sometimes small facilities on private properties can help control run-off and flooding, but I believe that we should be looking at more cost effective neighborhood or area-wide solutions to storm water management.

Think strategically about public facilities

Questions about comprehensive facilities planning raised when the WEB building was first bought and then later sold, are still unanswered. What is the long-term future of City Hall, the Library, Adult Center, Parks Department at Palisades School and a school pool versus a community pool? Should City Hall, which is not in good shape, be renovated or should we consider a new city hall as a better long-term solution? Could a new City Hall be a catalyst for Downtown development opportunities?

I want a new police station as much as anybody, but should a new Police Station be located Downtown on valuable real estate or in the industrial area near the Operations Center?

The Lake Oswego School District just completed a strategic, comprehensive look at all its facilities. The City Council and staff can do the same to help our leaders and residents make more informed decisions.

Be proactive about economic development

We need to get past demonizing development and work more closely with residents, businesses, property owners, developers and builders on business needs, development potential and tax base expansion to facilitate *planned growth*.

I am concerned about vacant storefronts in Downtown and blocks/buildings that are not pedestrian friendly. There are only a few blocks in Downtown that have development potential. These locations could be redeveloped with a mix of uses that could increase tax revenues, help our shops and restaurants, provide housing opportunities for young people, empty nesters and seniors and enhance our walking environment.

Exploring development options does not mean that we shouldn't be mindful of costs and impacts. Thinking strategically and being more proactive about economic development also does not mean a massive buildup of Downtown or Boones Ferry Road. The focus should be on assessing the real potential of our development opportunities and actively pursuing those that make economic sense.

Code and SDC issues related to residential development in neighborhoods need to be clarified and resolved so that our leaders and neighbors fully understand what can and can't be done, and that existing density and character is respected.

In regards to commercial projects, there are some opportunities for redevelopment in Lake Oswego that could add to our tax base as well as the vitality of Downtown, Boones Ferry Road and southwest business park. Instead of waiting for economic development to happen, we should be proactively working as partners with property and business owners as well as business and neighborhood groups to improve outdated buildings/properties, develop key properties and bring unincorporated land on Boones Ferry Road into the City.

If I was on the City Council when the Wizer Block was up for a vote, I would have voted for the project for several reasons. When the project was first proposed it was taller and denser, and had a hard modernist design that did not fit the character of Lake Oswego. After receiving input from City staff, the DRC and public, the project was scaled back and redesigned. It met our Community Development Code. It will provide public parking and housing opportunities for those that want to downsize and stay in the community. It will add shops, restaurants and open architecture to the other half of our "Main Street" along 1st Street. It will bring in \$600,000 a year in tax revenue.

Rethink annexation policy

One of my key goals is for the city council to rethink its annexation policy and move beyond the so called *benign neglect* of our unincorporated areas. The current model takes a piecemeal approach and annexes homes individually or when septic systems fail. We should pursue an approach that may be more cost-effective in the long run.

Similar to strategic thinking for public facilities and economic development, the City needs to assess larger scale annexations and determine the costs and benefits. It might turn out that holistic annexation is not a cheaper option, but if we don't get this information, we don't know.

Working more closely with neighbors, businesses and property owners in unincorporated areas will help us better understand the services we provide, sewer issues, road and trail needs and tax base potential.

Should we continue to wait for individual properties to annex or should we consider a planned not forced approach to annexation that could potentially provide a win-win for local residents and the City?

Streamline Development Code

City staff, the Planning Commission and City Council regularly work on streamlining the Community Development Code and coordinating its requirements with Comprehensive Plan policies. This work needs to continue to make the Code easier to understand and to provide clear, sensible direction regarding the intensity and quality of development. Our efforts should be based on a Lake Oswego agenda and not a Portland or Metro agenda.

Campaign Strategy

I am running a positive campaign that addresses what makes Lake Oswego great and how it can be better. I am a problem solver interested in moving the ball forward and getting things done. I am not interested in ideological purity or political point scoring. Municipal elections are non-partisan and should be based on honest discussion of issues, policies and positions.

I am appalled at the nasty, negative tone that our 2016 presidential campaign has taken and believe that Americans can do better... at least at the local level.

2. Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

The Lake is the centerpiece and brand image of our city. It is a core element of our green DNA. I believe that we must continue to be responsible stewards of the Lake in terms of water quality, esthetics and infrastructure.

My future vision of Lake Oswego is a city that is developed in a planned manner with active business districts, forested, low density neighborhoods, great parks, upgraded top-level schools, preserved natural resources, solid infrastructure and an outstanding arts and cultural experience. I also envision a future whereby the City Council continues its constructive, team approach to problem solving while strengthens its relationships with the many civic and business organizations that help lead Lake Oswego.

3. Do you support open access to Oswego Lake? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

No... I am not in favor of open access. The owners of the Lake, whether they live directly on its edge or within an easement, have spent lots of time, energy and capital to build and preserve the Lake. Most people don't realize the extensive infrastructure that underpins it and the cost associated with keeping it clean and maintained. I also feel that there is not much capacity for additional activity.

4. Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Yes... I support the continuation of management by the Lake Oswego Corporation. As a Planning Commissioner, I toured the Lake's infrastructure and was impressed with the complexity of its systems and the professional approach that the staff takes to resource protection and management.

5. Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

I see the City's environmental stewardship as a partnership with our watershed councils, the Lake Oswego Corporation, business groups, homeowner associations and neighborhood associations. I would like to help facilitate this stewardship as a Lake Oswego City Councilor.

Thank you for your time and interest in the candidates.

John LaMotte, AICP

SKIP O'NEILL CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL

1. Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

- Control spending, and stop residential density
- Eliminate wasteful spending.
- Keep improving our City services, making them customer friendly for citizens and businesses.
- Listen to our citizens and keep building citizen confidence in our council.
- Keep the momentum going on strengthening our city infrastructure

2. Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

Oswego Lake is one of the City's largest natural assets. It is important for the City and the Lake Corporation to work together, to protect this asset. As President of the Lake Corp while the LOIS project, was being developed and presented to the citizens. The Lake Corp. worked with the City on the largest improvement project in our cities history for the common good for all our citizens. By working with, not against we were able to make LOIS an on time, under budget success.

3. Do you support open access to Oswego Lake? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position

No! Oswego Lake is highly complex body of water, professionally maintained by the Lake Corporation. The City of Lake Oswego has not budgeted to manage the lake, or buy the many assets of the Lake Corporation. Our City Council needs to bring the city together not divide its citizens. There are other issues to be addressed by this council that the citizens have asked for and we have a budgeted for.

4. Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position?

Yes! The Lake Corporation and its shareholders own the body of water and have managed it without wasteful spending in an outstanding way. The Lake Corporation is a proven good steward of Oswego Lake.

5. Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation:

The City should value the lake as an asset to our community and continue to work with the Lake Corporation to protect it. We must work side by side together to improve the watershed. This

year the city with the help of Lake Corp staff, helped produced the cities first Storm Water Manual, which will help guide citizens and developers. The City's role to slow the flow of streams is important to the health of our City's watershed. The City can continue to help educate the citizens and business on waste that feeds into our lake.

Thank you for your time and join me in voting this election. I am available for anyone that feels they would like to discuss a question further or give me they input, you can email me at:

My website is voteskiponeill.com

Theresa Kohloff

1. Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

I want us to approach our city's needs - infrastructure, services and civic involvement - as responsible citizens. I want further housing opportunities for a wider range of citizens. I want to address, head-on, the issue of transportation including fast, mass, and efficient transit. Let's dig in and see how we can build a community recreation center with at least, a 25 meter swimming pool. I want us to be known for our generosity of spirit.

2. Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

People have always enjoyed the lake, and its presence is a unifying theme. Certainly when I began branding for my city council candidacy the lake was the icon I chose. For two thirds of the population, however, it is not a part of their daily experience nor of their immediate concern. Other than supplementing swimming off the lake dock with an indoor pool, I don't see much intersection between the lake and my priorities.

3. Do you support open access to Oswego Lake? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

As of the date of my response to this questionnaire, the issue of public access to the lake is on appeal in the Court of Appeals, Kramer v Lake Oswego, A156284. Public access is therefore not a policy question to be debated but rather a legal issue that will be decided upon application of legal principles.

4. Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

I have never heard anything but good about the Lake Oswego Corporation's management of the lake. I therefore cannot see why it would not continue until and unless the judicial system determines that access must be changed. Even so it appears that the city would need to adopt many of the management techniques of the Corporation and possibly would continue the Corporation as a private contractor.

5. Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

Again, the fullest answer to this hinges on the results of pending litigation. Nonetheless it would seem that the city would always have a role in protecting our natural resources whether the lake was private or had public access.