

# Karen Hughes

## Candidate Information

Candidacy for: City Councilwoman

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Occupation/Vocation:

Resident of Garden City:

A questionnaire was sent to the candidate by email and post mail, and was reminded by emails and text messages. The candidate never confirmed receipt of our communications, and we do not know if she was aware of the opportunity to participate in the voter guide or if he chose not to participate.

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Why are you running for office?

What experience do you bring to the role for which you are running?

### AFFORDABLE LIVING IN GARDEN CITY

Do you consider Garden City an affordable community for its current and prospective residents? *Choose one: Yes, No, Undecided.*

Please explain your answer to the question above. How is it proving affordable? Or if unaffordable, what changes would you advocate to make it more so?

### **GARDEN CITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Is Garden City's vision to be a business-friendly community succeeding?

*Choose one: Yes, No, Undecided.*

How is Garden City succeeding or not succeeding to be a business-friendly community? What specifically could the City Council do, if anything, to bring more businesses into Garden City?

### **NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY/SECURITY**

Do you believe the general safety and security in Garden City's neighborhoods are at risk? *Choose one: Yes, No, Undecided.*

Please share your thoughts about the safety and security in the community.

### **FREEDOM OF SPEECH**

*In light of today's divisive cultural climate, there is debate on whether the current restriction of speech which threatens or incites direct physical violence should be expanded to include speech perceived as emotionally or spiritually harmful (or "hate speech" as it is often called).*

Do you support modifying the free speech standard to disallow speech that is perceived as emotionally or spiritually harmful? *Choose one: Yes, No, Undecided*

Please explain your position regarding speech that is perceived as emotionally/spiritually harmful and how it relates to the First Amendment.

### **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES**

Do you believe the promotion of DEI initiatives in Garden City's government and community activities is beneficial or not beneficial? *Choose one:*

*Beneficial, Unbeneficial, Undecided*

Please share the pros and cons that you see related to DEI either in principle or implementation.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Do you believe humanity's impact on climate change poses an immediate threat to the Garden City community? *Choose one: Yes, No, Undecided*

Please share how Garden City should respond to this issue.

### **PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE**

Who do you consider the most vulnerable and in need of protection in Redford? *Choose all that apply: The elderly, The unborn, The disabled, the LGBTQIA+ people, Other:\_\_\_\_\_.*

Please share how you would like to see these vulnerable persons ensured greater protection in the Garden City community.

### **ENGAGING WITH THE FAITH COMMUNITY**

*Garden City has a diverse faith community, many of whom are practicing some form of Christianity and attending one of the local churches. This questionnaire has been developed for these practicing Christians.*

Are you regularly engaged with a local church either in Garden City or in a nearby city? Choose one: Yes, No

### **ENDORSEMENTS**

Please list any organizations or public figures who have given you their endorsement.

### **CONCLUDING WORDS**

In 10 words or less, what do you consider the most pressing need for Garden City? This brief answer will be included in the printed voter guide.

Feel free to share additional comments to the question above.