At large elections is what currently is happening, and we can see that this system is not working for various reasons. There is only a one sided balance of power, and there is no representation of certain segments within the City, primarily the SouthEast, despite qualified candidates being placed on the ballot. Currently the only structure governing our City is the City Democrat Party. This has led to the power grab we see today, and we see it within the City Democrat Party itself. Only those within the "city parties elite" get the endorsements. Why is that and why are they not embracing other qualified candidates, ones with proven relational and representative commitment to and for their neighbors?

District elections would give those specific individuals mentioned above the ability to actually be chosen. We all know that without the endorsement, there is also no funding. However, a negative to district elections is that we could potentially be electing an unqualified or worse and unbefitting candidate if they are uncontested.

As Chair of the City GOP, I prefer a third option, and that is majority / minority split such as the County Commissioners. We have lost true public discussion on topics that affect our City. There is minimal, if any, public counter thought or discussion on any item that is voted on. Even after two hours of community speakers, there was only one individual with feedback from Council on a vote put before them, and it didn't even address the majorities opinion being represented that evening. Essentially reminding the citizens that their opinion doesn't matter. Having a majority / minority split is healthy for all governments, allowing for the representation of more voters, creates discussion, acknowledges others views and creates the possibility of correcting the perception that every vote is decided on before and rids itself of the unfortunate "rubber stamp' mentality. Gone are the days of a Charlie Smithgall and Nelson Polite Sr. City Leadership.