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### **2017 Salina City Commission Candidate Survey**

**Responses from: Tracy Wiegert, City of Salina Commission Candidate.**

**1. What is Salina's greatest asset? Greatest need? How can "working people" be actually involved?**

Salina's greatest asset is its location. We are the crossroads of America and as such we are in prime location for the manufacturing and transportation industries. The greatest needs are new start-up businesses that have the ability to evolve into a national brand. The "working people" can get involved by joining any of the numerous [volunteer](#) positions or [city commissions](#) listed on the city website.

**2. Salina has a reputation for paying low wages. If elected, will you promote this or try to change this?**

**Please elaborate.** Salina is a small to medium sized city. The majority of start-up businesses are fast food restaurants. Salina's greatest needs are industrial transplants to the Salina area. The current major industries of Salina are approaching their 30 year life span. The individual businesses will have to decide if they will rebuild or relocate. These decisions will play a pivotal role in Salina's economy and Salina's future.

**3. If the City gives more than nominal dollars to an organization, should that organization's meetings be open for the public to attend?**

This depends upon the type of organization. Most non-profits encourage the public to attend their meetings with-out membership. For profit organizations are typically confidential. I would suggest that if any type of business requests city funds, that that organization will be required to have open forums to explain their need and how the moneys were spent.

**4. Where do you stand on the City's funding of both the Salina Community Economic Development Organization and the Chamber of Commerce? If elected, what, if any changes would you make?** All opinions, requests and comments can be presented to the City Commission. [You may speak every Monday afternoon at 4 PM.](#)

**5. The City Commission ultimately makes decisions that impact the City's 470 full-time and 10 part-time employees. How will you include these employees in decision making?** The City Commission is an open forum with no admission requirements. All concerned can attend the open meetings. You may watch the city commission live on the city cable channel or visit [Access TV](#) for retransmission schedule.

**6. What is your opinion on commissioners being elected by district and why? If elected by district, who should draw the district lines?** Salina has no boroughs or sub-cities. I recommend no changes at this time.