

THOMAS F. POWERS, III

BIOGRAPHY

Candidate for Ward 5 City Councilor

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Age 75

Family; Wife, Jane and two grown sons, Kenneth, and Michael

WARD 5 resident for 36 years

AS: Dean Junior College; BA; Saint Michael's College; MPA; Golden Gate University. Currently employed part-time in the two-way radio communications field. Retired as Police Chief for the City of Keene in 2000, Retired from the National Guard in 2010.

Currently serving as Chair of the Board of Directors, Saint Michael's Fire and Rescue Inc.; member of the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve New Hampshire Committee; Advisor Keene Fire Explorer Post # 19. Served previously on the Boards of Rise for baby and family; Salvation Army, New Hope New Horizon; New Hampshire and New England Association of Police Chiefs; Secretary of the National Counterdrug Advisory Council-National Guard Bureau. Former member of Kiwanis Club of Keene and Exeter, and Rotary Club of Shelburne VT. Served as Vice Chair, NH Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission for 8 years. Resident of Keene for 36 years

I am running for re-election for another term at the urging of other Councilors, City Staff and many residents of Ward 5. I have served on the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee (Chair for 4 years), the cities for climate protection committee, and the Historic District Commission during my previous terms. I was a member of the City Manager selection committee.

Maintaining the infrastructure, providing quality services to Citizens, and providing for the future are the most serious issues facing the City Government. I will continue to stress to my fellow Councilors the need to explore other service delivery methods to meet the increasing demands and the high cost of doing business in today's economy. Some of those approaches might be shared services, consolidated purchases, and greater use of automation.

My experience in local, state, and federal government provides an understanding of government processes and will help in making good decisions on the Council. As a board member or volunteer for social service agencies I know and understand many of the issues that often come before the Council. My training and experience in leadership positions gives me the skills to analyze and evaluate issues, develop alternatives, and recommend successful solutions, I will continue to use these processes routinely as a member of the City Council.