

East Bethel Candidate Profile



Candidate Name: Robert H. DeRoche

Office Sought: City Council

Bio:

158 Collen St.
East Bethel, Mn 55092

70 YO
East Bethel resident 41 years
2 daughters, 3 grandsons.

City council 2010-2015, EB Mayor, Jan 2014-2015. I was appointed to the EB city council again June 26, 2023.

Served on the HRA, EDA, roads commission, Local Board of Assessment equalization, fire dept liaison, police liaison.

Outside commission – Anoka County Corrections advisory board district (2), 12 years.

Education: Computer design and architecture, Business organization and management, EMS -916 Ramsey hospital, U of M , Chisago Lakes Recue, Chisago Lakes dive rescue, Small engine sales and service, South-eastern Signal school, Cryptographic operator, communications center specialist, top secret clearance. Awarded (2) unit citations for service above and beyond expectations. Certified instructor for the DNR – Snowmobile safety, ATV safety, Firearms safety for adults and youth, all for 20 years.

Honorably discharged 100% disabled veteran.

I originally got involved in city politics in 2010. I ran for office with two others to try and stop the 70-million-dollar fiasco. Better known as the Met council waste water treatment facility. It is not as some would like to refer to it as sewer plant. I believe the city has invested over 14 million so far and probably that much more to follow. The sewer water area is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile square on 65 and Viking Blvd. I would like to continue to serve on city council to finish what we started. My goal is to keep taxes down as much as possible, keep East Bethel rural, most importantly, give all residents a chance to voice their thoughts on EB future. That is one thing that was put back into play after I got back on council. After I left office in 2015, the public forum was eliminated because council didn't want to hear EB residents' comments! Good or Bad. I feel it is the councilpersons job is to be a liaison between residents and city government. The city belongs to the residents! I feel the three most important things for the city is police, Fire dept. and public works that deals with roads. Every one is equal! It isn't fair to selectively enforce ordinances. I have seen too much selective enforcement and favoritism! Sometimes you have to make tough decisions, but that's part of the job. I have never played favorites and never will. East Bethel is facing some tough decisions and I honestly believe experienced people with working knowledge of how we got here should remain in place for the good of all East Bethel residents. I have enjoyed serving and facing the challenges that have come before me. And I look forward to keeping the continuity going bring East Bethel to a prosperous future while still remaining rural. That which people moved up here for. The tranquility and country feel. I believe there can be a balance achieved.

Thank you for your trust and confidence...

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