

# East Bethel Candidate Profile



**Candidate Name:** Steven Voss

**Office Sought:** Mayor

**Bio:**



It has been an honor to serve as your Mayor for the last six years. I have been involved with our city since moving to East Bethel in 1993, first volunteering on the Planning & Zoning Commission, then serving two terms on City Council, and now as your Mayor. My wife and I thoroughly enjoy everything that our city has to offer. Although we have moved twice since moving here, we have stayed within the same great neighborhood on the north side of Coon Lake.

Whether its the rural feel, the range of recreational opportunities for every type of enthusiast, or the feeling that we don't need to go any further than our backyards to experience nature, there are plenty of reasons why East Bethel is definitely our home.

Our city is changing, in the managed way our community had intended in the Comprehensive Plan years ago. The premise of that plan, and our current draft updated plan, are simple - keep our future growth focused and restricted to along Highway 65 and to maintain the rural character throughout the rest of the city. This plan provides for those services that our residents desire, creates more local jobs, and offers a variety of housing opportunities. We need to stay true to the objective of managing our growth to preserve the rural feel we all desire to keep.

New developments such as Cedar Creek Senior Living (the city's first senior living facility), the first phase of East Bethel Village Apartments, and the Cambia Hills of East Bethel youth mental health treatment facility have all been completed in the last year. These, and several other recent developments, have brought several hundred new jobs to East Bethel while providing our residents with needed services. And all the while, continuing to preserve the rural character for the remainder of the city.

I ran 6 years ago with a focus of leading a city council that would work cooperatively together in a positive fashion toward mutual goals and with the city's best interest in mind. Our City has progressed ever since, led by a city council that not only respects our citizens, but also each other.

I would be honored to continue my service as your Mayor.

Together, we can keep East Bethel moving forward.