

East Bethel Candidate Profile



Candidate Name: *Tim Harrington*

Office Sought: *Mayor*

Bio:

My name is Tim Harrington and I am running for Mayor. I've lived in East Bethel for 18 years. As a retired Xcel Energy Plant Maintenance Mechanic I have the time and desire necessary to devote to the job of Mayor. I'm an active member of Ducks Unlimited, the Beaverbrook Sportsman's Club and a member of the Booster Day Committee. I'm a committee member of the East Bethel Chamber Annual Golf Tournament and the monthly Fire Departments Retiree Recognition Luncheon. My priority is to keep the City of East Bethel moving forward while maintaining our rural character in those areas outside the Hwy 65 Corridor.

I've served as a City Council Member for 8 years and had the opportunity to be the liaison to the City's Road Commission, the Parks and Planning Commissions, EDA and the Fire Department. The City has paid off 4 bond debts and brought our water and sewer operations account out of debt. We have successfully renegotiated a Met Council loan removing a debt obligation on the City from \$20 million to a not to exceed \$2 million cap. The City's expenditures per capita are less than the average of other Anoka County cities as well as cities of comparable size across the state. Since I've been in office, East Bethel's tax rate, as compared to other municipalities in the county, has gone from the 8th highest in 2014 to the 8th lowest in 2022 and dropped from 59% to 37.4%.

In the past 8 years there have been many new developments in the City from much needed senior housing, new jobs creation by business and industrial growth in our Classic Commercial Park. Future developments are scheduled to begin in 2023 include Kwik Trip and a 120 unit residential development on the east side of Hwy 65 south of Viking Blvd.

I will continue to work to attract development within the confines of the 65 Corridor that is compatible with the needs of the City and preserve the rural nature of East Bethel outside the Corridor boundaries.

I stand on my record of financial stewardship and will continue to work on keeping taxes under control with common sense decisions. Ensuring all expenditure are for needs and not wants.

I listen to and work with residents to resolve their concerns and problems. I'm always available and I look forward to representing the City as your Mayor. I can only do this with your support and am asking for your vote on November 8, 2022.

