

Council Candidate Biography: Michelle Rene Kelly

What is your occupation?

Retired wife, homemaker, and grandmother. My profession before retirement was Business Network and Telecommunications Specialist/Analyst for Avaya in Highlands Ranch. I recently retired from a Concentrix Sales Agent position so that I can devote my time to campaigning and elected to the town council.

Which subdivision do you live in and how long have you lived there?

I have lived in the Hidden River Two subdivision since May of 1999 and have thoroughly enjoyed living here in Parker. It is a great place to live and raise a family. I have raised 4 of my grandchildren in Parker. They have attended some of the best schools in the nation.

What other governmental service have you been involved in?

Prior to moving to Colorado, I worked for the City of Saint Paul, the Private Industry Council of St. Paul, and the State of Minnesota.

What is your educational background?

I obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/E-Commerce from the University of Phoenix, Telecommunications Certificate Certified Network Software for Avaya

What community activities are you/have you been involved in?

Volunteered to assist with getting folks to vote and register by donating my time. In the past I have worked on the yearly United Way Campaigns. Volunteer for Junior Achievement visiting urban schools and teaching community, business and government practices. I have been active with school activities over the years, i.e, raising monies, selling items and attend meetings on behalf of my family.

What are your hobbies?

I love to garden, mainly vegetables such as string beans, carrots, beets, grapes, peppers (all kinds) collard greens, potatoes onions. I am a health enthusiast so I regularly work out by running, Zumba and yoga classes at the Parker Recreation Center.

What made you decide to run for Town Council?

Politics has always been a passion of mine. Giving back to and working in your local community is rewarding. I was reading the Parker Newsletter and came across the announcement and thought to myself WOW! what a great opportunity for me to learn more about my community, stay actively involved with life after retirement, use up some of the spare time that I have. I also realized that I am fully capable of fulfilling the duties of a Town Council Member.

What will your top priorities be if elected to Town Council?

I would like to see the Town of Parker allocate more of their discretionary spending with local businesses like when they purchase large quantities of t-shirts, or graphic arts, media, and other marketing materials used for advertising Parker events. Make the business (s) within Parker our first choice to do business with when available. I believe it is important to promote and

encourage small business growth, fueling the Parker economy by doing business within when spending. According to the survey conducted by the Town of Parker a major concern for both community and business is economic growth, population control and sustainability, keeping the home town feeling, the vibrant atmosphere, and culturally focused. We can do that by reaching out to the community, not just electronically but find other ways of involving residents and businesses in the decisions that can affect their lives. Work at getting more input and feedback.