



DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Declaration must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace. **The filing period opens at 8:00 am on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 and continues through 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.** Any declarations that are received through the mail shall be acknowledged as being received at 5:00 pm on that day.

Please check off the position you are filing for:
Include the appropriate filing fee, \$5.00 for Mayor and \$2.00 for all other positions.

Mayor - 2 Year Term		Ward Moderator - 2 Year Term	
Councilor-At-Large - 2 Year Term		Ward Clerk - 2 Year Term	
Ward Councilor - 4 Year Term		Ward Selectman - 2 Year Term	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Four Councilor - 2 Year Term	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ward Checklist Supervisor - 2 Year Term	

I, Robert J. O'Connor, declare that I am domiciled in the City of Keene at 382 Park Ave and that I am a duly qualified voter in ward 4. I am a candidate for the office of City Council Ward 4 and I hereby request that my name be printed as Robert J. O'Connor on the official ballot of the City of Keene for the Primary Election on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Signed: Robert J. O'Connor Phone: 603-209-9882

Email: rocconnor107@gmail.com Social Media Handles: _____

State of New Hampshire
County of Cheshire

The above named Robert J. O'Connor personally known to me or satisfactorily proven appeared and subscribed to the above statement.

HEATHER R. FITZ-SIMON, Justice of the Peace
State of New Hampshire
My Commission Expires September 17, 2019
Justice of the Peace/Notary Public

Candidates may submit background information or a brief biography to accompany this declaration. This information will be provided to the City Council and posted to the public website. Please indicate below if you intend to provide additional information about yourself.

Yes, I will provide additional information about myself No, I prefer not

Date Received: 8/27/19 Time Received: 9:28am

Voter Status Verified: City Charter Ward Map Charter Description Voter Checklist Database

Any information provided on this document is a matter of public record. By signing above, candidate agrees to allow the City of Keene to share their contact information/social media handles/biographical information with members of the public.

ROBERT J. O'CONNOR

BIOGRAPHY

Candidate for Ward 4 City Councilor

Robert J. O'Connor

Age 50

Family; My wife is Kate Leinster-O'Connor and we have two children, Claire and William, both attend Keene High School.

AS; Winsted Community College, BA; Keene State College. Employed full time at Brattleboro Union High School as the Safety Director and part time for the Town of Roxbury as the Chief of Police. I started my path in public service as a Volunteer Firefighter in Connecticut and worked two years with the National Park Service as a law enforcement Ranger before moving to Keene.

Currently serving as a Ward 4 Councilor. In the past I was appointed to the Heritage Commission and ran for City Council when Councilor Jones resigned his Ward 4 seat in 2012. I was then elected to a 4 year term. During my first term, I was assigned to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee. Early on in my career as a Keene Police Officer I volunteered as a soccer coach through the Keene Parks and Recreation Department. From 2012 to 2014 I served on the Board of Directors for the National Association of School Resource Officers, representing the New England states. I also served on the Board of Directors for the NH Police Association.

I am running for re-election for the 2 year term as Ward 4 Councilor. Just this past August during a special City Council election I was picked to serve out the remaining 5 months of then Councilor Rice's term. Many voters and fellow City Councilors have encouraged me to run and if re-elected I look forward to representing the citizens in Ward 4. I have served on the Heritage Commission, MSFI committee and currently serve on the Planning, Licenses and Development standing committee.

My years of experience as a public servant in federal, state and local government has taught me the skills to be a leader and the knowledge to make sound decisions while on the Council. I will continue to serve with the City of Keene's best interest in mind.