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Election Day Polling Places

Flower Mound Community Activity Center (Pecan Room),
1200 Gerault Rd, Flower Mound
Precinct Numbers 3024, 3026, 3027, 3028, 3029, 3030, 3031, 3033

Flower Mound Public Library (Community Room)
3030 Broadmoor Lane, Flower Mound
Precinct Numbers 3025, 4023, 4024, 4025, 4026, 4027, 4028, 4029

REC of Grapevine, 1175 Municipal Way, Grapevine, 76051
Precinct Numbers 3321 (Tarrant County voters)



David Johnson
Commercial Banker



Sandeep Sharma
CEO



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<http://www.flower-mound.com/DocumentCenter/View/27741/D-Johnson-application>

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Filing

<http://www.flower-mound.com/DocumentCenter/View/28005/Application-S-Sharma>

What are your qualifications for this office?**David Johnson:**

Candidate has not yet responded.

Sandeep Sharma:

I am currently serving as a Councilmember, having been elected in 2018 to the Flower Mound Town Council Place 2.

In my current 2+ years on Town Council, we made progress in what we made happen and what we, thankfully, prevented from happening.

One of my major achievements was to push for and get reduction in the ad valorem (property) tax rate, providing tax relief to all property-owners of Flower Mound. This is in addition to us approving residential homestead tax exemption, which also provided tax relief.

Additionally, I am proud to say that I led the Council to help reduce the expenditures by more than a \$1 million during the 2019-2020 budget exercise, and we prioritized the capital improvement projects. This prevented the Town from taking on additional debt.

I have consistently led the discussions and voted to comply with our Master Plan Amendment.

I am re-running because there is still a lot to do and we need a Council Member who will listen to the town residents.

What strategies will you use to ensure open communication between City Hall and residents? —

David Johnson:

Candidate has not yet responded.

Sandeep Sharma:

When I ran last time and was elected to this office, I had promised to bring the town hall to the people.

As the current Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem, I use social media to publish the town hall meeting agenda to the residents and keep them updated on the Council decisions.

I keep an open communication with residents. I often meet with HOAs and residents to listen to their issues and help resolve.

I often conduct surveys to keep tab on residents' needs and wants. No need is too small.

As result of residents' reach-out and involvement, we have started various road improvement initiatives to move traffic faster and smoothly through intersections, such as FM 2499 and FM 3040.

What are your top environmental and land development concerns and how do you plan to address them? —

David Johnson:

Candidate has not yet responded.

Sandeep Sharma:

In Flower Mound, the biggest challenge continuous to be the onslaught of development requests for construction of multi-family and high-density residential in contrast to the Master Plan.

Flower Mound has a wonderful Master Plan and an enviable SMARTGrowth Program. The residential and commercial developments need to follow that for balanced responsible

growth. Town doesn't need any more high-density residential development. It is putting a strain on our infrastructure, and creating higher traffic that always moves in one direction.

I have been encouraging right type of commercial projects that will bring people into the Town during the day and help sustain the retail establishments, which in turn will help increase the sales tax revenue.

Residents' top wish-list is to enhance parks and open spaces. We need to start holding developers to our park land dedication requirement and stop waiving cash fees in lieu of land dedication and development fees.

What is your vision for transportation infrastructure in your community and how will you advance it? —

David Johnson:

Candidate has not yet responded.

Sandeep Sharma:

Most of Flower Mound's traffic woes have been caused due to high-density residential and aggressive development. These types of development approvals by previous Town Council have worsened the traffic issues, and put a strain on our infrastructure. I do encourage economic development via Class-A offices, to help bring-in workers into town to help sustain and grow our local businesses. When such development is allowed over high-density/multi-family, it also helps mitigate traffic woes by reversing direction of traffic flow.

We are working on synchronization of traffic lights in Town. We are discussing and planning on further improvements to it using newer technologies.

I am already working with staff to make much needed improvements to major intersections in town, to move the traffic faster and more efficiently, such as the Long Prairie Rd (FM 2499) and Flower Mound Rd (FM 3040) intersection,

which I have managed to get it on our CIP (Capital Improvement Plan).

What is your vision for the future of your municipality and how would you achieve it? —

David Johnson:

Candidate has not yet responded.

Sandeep Sharma:

My vision aligns with the Town of Flower Mound's mission statement, "... to preserve our unique country atmosphere, heritage, and quality of life while cultivating a dynamic economic environment."

In nutshell, my vision is to prevent high-density residential, comply with town's Master Plan, preserve and increase our tree canopy, enhance our parks and open spaces and bring balanced commercial development to appropriate locations in the town.

By continuing to meet this vision, the residents of the Town will have a higher quality of life.

COVID-19: What actions can the city take to address the health and economic impact caused by COVID-19? —

David Johnson:

Candidate has not yet responded.

Sandeep Sharma:

I am in favor of adopting and implementing the Federal and State declarations. I also respect the guidance and advise from public health agencies at the federal and county level. Additionally, I believe that the Town Council is also responsible for the financial well-being of the residents and the local businesses, so a delicate and important balance has to be maintained by creating a safe environment for the opening up the economy.

Open Government: How will you ensure government transparency (open records, open meetings) is maintained during a state of emergency? —

David Johnson:

Candidate has not yet responded.

Sandeep Sharma:

I firmly believe in open-gov. We have come a long way in last 1+ year. The Council (with me included) has successfully made the budget process more transparent with public discussions. I was a key driver in that step. We still need more open government initiatives to make data easily accessible for public. I will make extra push to move more records online for easy access by residents. All the records will be backed up in the cloud, so that fail-safe and disaster recovery procedures can make them available during emergencies too.

Budget: How will you address any budget deficit caused by COVID-19?

David Johnson:

Candidate has not yet responded.

Sandeep Sharma:

It is a delicate balance, but we just need to be fiscally more conservative and manage town expenditures better. I have discovered in our town's budgeting process that it is possible to prioritize the needs and do more with less. During the last budgeting cycle, after my careful analysis, I found it was possible to manage the budget with less by re-prioritizing of capital improvement projects. I will use the same approach if the COVID crisis impacts our town revenues. Also, with the rising property values, the ad valorem tax revenue will be higher than previous years.

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David Johnson:

Candidate has not yet responded.

Sandeep Sharma:

Candidate has not yet responded.

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