

KENNETH WILSON FOR COUNCIL 4

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## I'm Kenneth Wilson and I'm running for *YOUR* Seattle City Council District 4

Here's a bit about me, and call me Ken:

I am small business owner in Seattle since 2005, a licensed civil and structural engineer, a UW grad, a grateful husband, and proud father of two girls. One's a civil engineering grad and the other a senior at Lincoln High.

My wife was born in Seattle and I'm a 30 year resident, 27 of those here in District 4. I was born and raised in Las Vegas and received my degree in Civil Engineering from University of Nevada in Reno. That's where I met my wife while she was getting her degree in Biochemistry. We moved back to Seattle to both attend UW: me for a masters in Civil Engineering and she to earn a PhD in Pathology while she worked at the UW.

Our household has a long history of passion for soccer: playing on co-ed and co-rec teams, volunteer coaching for St John's school and the Woodlawn Soccer club, and refereeing. We've even followed the USA Women's team to competitions in France, Germany, and Canada!

Here's a few reasons why will be a successful Council Member:

- 1. I am not an activist.** I am a technical expert with years of real world experience designing and constructing civil infrastructure, working on management teams (sometimes as the leader, sometimes as a supportive team member), and I've negotiated hard for my clients always. As a Council member, the City and its best interests will be the client I'll be fighting for.
- 2. Joining a team headed in the right direction:** I look forward to working with Mayor Harrell, City Attorney Davison, and CM Nelson. They are a positive, forward looking and an effective foundation that we can support each other and build upon. I would be joining a momentum that is already moving forward, adding my own skills as a technical planner and general 'common sense' approach to lead with them and the newly elected Council.
- 3. Successful experience and capabilities:** I have been working decades developing readily workable, clearly understood and successfully completed projects solutions, and that is how I'll approach the work of the Council. For example, if we're going to work on zoning, let's be sure it benefits and enriches the neighborhoods it effects, works efficiently, and helps sustainability as well as correctly shares the real costs with developers. The Council is where the buck stops for how the city runs. I'll take that responsibility seriously.
- 4. Treat homelessness with respect and crime with accountability.** Homelessness and addiction are heartbreaking, and draw strong emotions on all sides. Support for rehabilitation goes beyond tiny houses and we must acknowledge that really helping someone liberate themselves is at least an 18-24 month transition to heal root causes. At the same time, public safety for the many and protection of our City is always first and cannot be sacrificed. We need a disciplined leadership that will not permit the objectives to get lost in the weeds. I want to be a part of rebuilding the relationship back between the police and the Council, while maintaining our primary goal of safety and security for all Seattleites.
- 5. Common sense, real world work experience, and focus on the job at hand:** I want to be your representative as part of the team that leads our great City forward through today's challenges and back toward restoring the Seattle we love.

