



APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

General C Vacancy

Mr. Andrew V. Lear, CPA

Employer: Retired BKD LLP

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Do you live in the Springfield City Limits? Yes No **If yes, how long?** 2 years, 9 months

Previous employers and positions: 1979 – 2014 BKD LLP Springfield, MO Certified Public Accountant; elected partner in 1990 and retired in 2014. I served both corporate and business clientele. The last 8 years, I served as a national quality reviewer.

Special Qualifications: CPA with expertise in finance. Direct experience in governance (elected to BKD Board of Governors) and mediating issues related to quality in a corporate setting. I have represented Springfield in a variety of economic development venues.

Educational Background: I am a product of Springfield, MO public schools (Wilder, Pershing and Glendale), graduating in 1975. Bachelor of Science in Business majoring in accounting and business administration from the University of Kansas 1979. 18 hours of credit towards a Master of Science in Administration Missouri State University and Drury University.

Community activities and offices held: Over 8 years in various board and committee capacities with the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce culminating in a chairmanship in 2009. Past board service and chairmanship of Springfield Business and Development Corporation, the Springfield Family Y, and the Developmental Center of the Ozarks. Initial chairman of the Civility Project, member of The Good Community, Trustee of Brentwood Christian Church, Capital Campaign Committee Springfield Little Theater, Rescue One dog foster, and active in various arts organizations with my spouse.



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BKD, LLP

1979 – 1990 Audit Staff thru Manager

1990 - 2014 Partner, Springfield, MO

- Served as member of BKD National Manufacturing and Distribution Group. Provided audit, consulting and tax services for businesses and corporations.
- Specialty area of practice included multi-generation family corporations
- Elected to BKD Governing Board 2011-2013
- Served as Vice Chairperson of the National Peer Review Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- National Peer Review Captain for peer review teams as related to professional accounting standards

EDUCATION

- 1979 University of Kansas Lawrence, KS
Bachelor of Science Business majoring in accounting and business administration
- 2010 Missouri State University and Drury University
Hours completed towards a Master of Science in Business Administration (uncompleted)

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER

- PAST CHAIRMAN, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
- PAST CHAIRMAN, Springfield Business and Development Corporation
- PAST CHAIRMAN, Springfield Civility Project

- PAST CHAIRMAN, Springfield Family Y
- PAST CHAIRMAN, Developmental Center of the Ozarks
- PAST MEMBER, Springfield Good Government
- PAST MEMBER, Springfield Good Community
- SPRINGFIELD 2020, Visioning Committee
- PAST BOARD MEMBER, Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Springfield Little Theater Capital Campaign Committee Member
- TRUSTEE, Brentwood Christian Church
- Rescue One (Foster for dogs)
- Active in area arts organizations including Springfield Little Theatre, Springfield Regional Arts Council, and Springfield Contemporary Theater
- MEMBER, Springfield Sister Cities