

1. Lake Forest Park is currently experiencing fiscal challenges, with General Fund expenditures exceeding revenues. In the 2025–2026 biennium, the City Council utilized approximately \$800,000 from its nearly \$7.3 million in unallocated fund balance—excluding reserves designated for emergencies. While the city has taken steps to reduce expenses, it has worked to preserve essential public services. Looking ahead, a projected budget shortfall of approximately \$1.6 million is anticipated for the 2027–2028 biennium.

How would you propose addressing this projected imbalance? Please be specific in describing your approach.

2. Lake Forest Park is what they call “built-out”, meaning there are not a lot of places to build new housing. What ideas do you have to increase the amount of affordable housing in LFP?
3. Given what you know about the current City budget concerns, would you advocate to cut services or propose a property tax ballot to the community? If you advocate to reduce services, what services in the General Fund would you start looking into?
4. Given the short duration of this appointment term, what big ideas do you feel you can move forward with in that timeframe?
5. Describe a time that you had a disagreement with people but were able to reach a consensus or compromise.
6. Identify the top two policy issues facing the Lake Forest Park, and briefly state how you would approach them.