

Office: Duluth City council
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Name: James (Jim) Dugan
Education: BS - Business Management, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Occupation: Retired

Political Experience: Current City Council member

Family: Wife: Susan
Children: Ashley Sasser and Matt Dugan

I am seeking re-election for city council because I want to continue working for the citizens of Duluth. As an elected official, my role is to listen to and serve Duluth citizens as effectively as possible. I intend to continue to represent them as a strong positive leader in the decision making processes that enable our city to grow and prosper. My business and analytical skills help me to look at issues openly and objectively. I don't bring any preconceived notions or hidden agendas and believe in honesty, integrity and ethical values.

I have knowledge and experience which I believe play an important role in decision making. Knowing why & how past decisions were made and how they intertwine with other decisions is beneficial to the overall plans and strategic direction of our city.

I've taken 204 hrs (Certificate of Distinction) of government leadership training thru the University of Georgia during my tenure. This training makes me a more valuable asset to our city. Not just about ideas but knowing how to bring those ideas to fruition.

I will strive to continue to encourage new development and build partnerships with merchants and businesses both in the downtown area and along our outlying corridors. We need to showcase our city and work with the Gwinnett Chamber to promote private development and incubate startup businesses. Advocate more annexation of businesses and possible hotel/motel within our city limits. These additions would increase our tax base and allow us to maintain and improve existing city services without the need to increase property taxes.

Improve blighted areas throughout the city by working with existing businesses/landlords to adapt to more updated, landscaped, appealing structures.

Having worked on numerous committees over the years, I've seen projects grow from dreams to reality. During my tenure, I am proud of the facilities that have been built to provide a safe working environment for our employees (City Hall, Public Safety/Courts Bldg, "Red Fowler" Public Works facility). I've supported numerous park & recreation projects to provide amenities for our citizens and their children to enjoy their leisure time. (Bunten Road Park, Festival Center, Town Green & fountain, Taylor Park, Chattapoochee Dog Park, River Launch).

Having lived in Duluth for 33 yrs, I'm now retired, have the time, the desire, and the dedication to continue serving to ensure our city continues to grow and prosper.

- Gwinnett Municipal Association (GwMA) - member since 1999.
- Past President of Northeast District 3 Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).

- Duluth Business Association (DBA).
- Graduate/Alumni of Gwinnett Neighborhood Leadership Institute (GNLI).
- Duluth Fall Festival volunteer (33 yrs - 4 as chairman).
- St. Monica Catholic Church (current men's club president).
- Past Vice President and Board Member of HOA.