

A Commitment to Bridgeport: My Vision for Our Community

For the past 25 years, Bridgeport has been more than just my home—it has been the foundation of my life. This town has given me so much, from lifelong friendships to opportunities that have shaped who I am today. Now, I am ready to give back by serving on the City Council. I am running because I want to be an advocate for our residents, a voice for working families, and a leader who listens to the needs of our community.

As a gas station manager at one of only two gas stations in town, I have the privilege of interacting with people from all walks of life—farmers, small business owners, young families, and retirees. Every day, I hear firsthand the challenges our residents face and the hopes they have for our town's future. I know that many of us share the same concerns: strengthening our local economy, improving city services, maintaining safe neighborhoods, and ensuring that Bridgeport remains a great place to raise a family.

One of the most important aspects of our community is the environment we create for our children. As someone who has experienced the warmth and support of Bridgeport firsthand, I want to ensure that future generations have the same opportunities to grow, learn, and thrive here. Raising a family in Bridgeport means being part of a close-knit, supportive community, and I want to help foster that even more. From supporting quality education to maintaining parks and recreational spaces, I believe we must invest in the well-being of our children, families and retirees.

Bridgeport is built on hard work, perseverance, and community spirit. I want to bring those values to the City Council and work collaboratively to find practical solutions that benefit everyone. Whether it's supporting small businesses, improving infrastructure, or making sure our town's resources are being used efficiently, I am committed and have the compassion to ensure that Bridgeport continues to grow and prosper.

This campaign isn't just about me—it's about us, the people who call Bridgeport home. I am ready to listen, to serve, and to work for a future that benefits all of us. I would be honored to have your support as I take this step toward being a part of making a difference for our community.

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Candidate for Bridgeport City Council

JOHN O. ERICKSON

April 3, 2025

Mayor Gail Beyer
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Dear Mayor Beyer,

Please consider this letter as my application for the position of City Councilman of the City of Bridgeport. I believe my life experiences in leadership, administration and fiscal management, policy development, and community service have prepared me for this position.

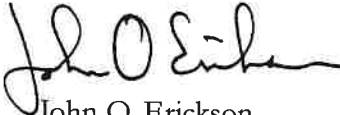
As a Senior Policy Advisor, I led the Governor's legislative efforts, including lobbying, related to those agencies and issues for which I was responsible. I built coalitions of people having diverse interests to resolve issues and develop good policy, like working with surface and groundwater irrigators, environmentalists, and others to create the Water Policy Task Force and pass LB 962 addressing the balance between ground and surface water. As a team, we utilized zero-based thinking to analyze programs and agencies within state government for reduced funding or elimination.

I have overseen budgets for government, business and non-profit organizations, and managed investments as a director of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Foundation. I also have grant writing experience. As a member of the Bridgeport Lions Club, I have led fundraising efforts and participated in community service projects. I served on the Bridgeport Emergency Medical Service as an Emergency Medical Technician; served on the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee, worked on studies related to housing and the need for an assisted living facility; and served on the nursing home advisory committee after the city purchased the Heritage of Bridgeport nursing home.

I have been selected to serve in leadership positions in volunteer organizations – my church, the chamber of commerce, the Lions Club, and the sheriff's posse. The professional development of leaders and staff is very important to me.

I welcome the opportunity to serve on the Bridgeport City Council.

Sincerely,



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TO: Bridgeport Mayor Beyer and City Council Members

I would like to express my interest in filling in the vacant seat that has opened on the Bridgeport City Council for the remaining term ending 2026.

I hope my previous time from being on the Bridgeport HCity Council reflects my thoughts in making decisions to ensure we have a healthy & safe community for our residents.

If chosen, I will serve the City of Bridgeport to the best of my ability. Please accept this as my letter of interest for the vacant Bridgeport City Council member.

Thank you

Carrie Harless