

Hello Elkhartians! My name is Jill Edler, and I'm thrilled to officially announce my candidacy for Elkhart City Council. 🏠 For the past 13 years, I've been proud to call Main Street my home, and my roots in this community run deep with my family having lived here for 50 years. 🏡 This strong connection has given me a profound understanding of our local community and its unique needs. As a mother of two teenagers and two energetic border collies, I understand the importance of a thriving and safe environment for our families. My professional background in residential development, new construction, and being licensed to sell real estate in the state of Iowa equips me with the knowledge to make informed decisions that will benefit our city. I firmly believe in actively participating in our community's growth and development. That's why I've dedicated the last 5 years of my life to serve as a committed member of the Parks & Rec board, and I've spent 1 year working with the Planning and Zoning board. Volunteering has always been a passion of mine, and I've found immense joy in contributing positively to the lives of those around me. I stand before you today because I believe that Elkhart is in need of new leadership and fresh ideas. My vision for our city revolves around four core principles:

1. Positive Community Change: I'm committed to making meaningful improvements that enhance the lives of all Elkhartians.

2. Sustainable Community Growth: We must ensure that our city grows responsibly, preserving what makes Elkhart special while embracing a brighter future.

3. Transparency and Accountability: I vow to be open and honest in my actions, and I will hold myself accountable to you, the community I deeply care about.

4. Being a Voice for the Community: I pledge to actively listen to your concerns and ideas, ensuring that your voices are heard in the decisions that shape our city's future.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your time and consideration. Your support means the world to me. I encourage all Elkhartians to mark November 7th on your calendars and make your voices heard at the polls. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Elkhart for all of us. To my fellow council candidates, I wish you the best of luck in this journey. Let's make Elkhart's future brighter together! ✨

