

Candidate for Seward City Council

2-Year Term – Three to be Elected

Vanta Shafer

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Political & Governmental Experience:	Mayor of Seward 3-Years Council Member 7-Years
Business & Professional Positions:	
Service Organization Memberships:	Y South Health Association Seward Community Library Association

Candidate's Statement (reproduced exactly as submitted):

The benefit of being on City Council for several years is gaining the experience needed to make tough decisions. Seward is better off financially than many other cities, but I have had citizens express concerns about programs of the City of Seward they feel compete with private enterprise. I believe we should look at those programs and decide whether things should remain the same, or perhaps be privatized. Also, I believe that we need to have a community discussion about whether we pare back some services in order to redirect funds toward improving our infrastructure rather than increasing rates.

I also look forward to working on the Coastal Villages project. In every community plan or economic development meeting, people say we need more long term, year round jobs in Seward. The Coastal Villages project will make use of an area that has been underdeveloped over the past 20 years and will bring more economic opportunity and stability to Seward.

Most of all, I love this community! We may not always agree, but we still care for each other, and what more could we ask of the place where we live! I would appreciate your vote.