



RUN WITH LEON ★ **VOTE AUGUST 5**

DEMOCRAT FOR CITY COUNCIL

My name is Leon Bryson. I hope to represent Ward 5 on the Ann Arbor City Council, and I'll be running in the August Democratic Primary. For the past 15 years, I have lived in the Hollywood Park area.

I've loved this city and my community since I moved here from Columbus, Ohio, in 1999. I am originally from Detroit, but left after completing my engineering degree at Wayne State University in 1986. For 17 years, I worked in manufacturing and product development for several multinational corporations. Currently I operate a small business. When I had the opportunity to live wherever I liked, I decided on Ann Arbor. I made an excellent choice. The beautiful city parks and the diverse neighborhoods are very appealing to me. We have wonderful cultural activities, a world-class University, and great people, making this a very special place.

Many people around town have seen me jogging or biking. I enjoy stopping and chatting during my long runs. Some of you have played a round of golf with me at Leslie Park or at the Huron Hills Golf Course. I also spend time in our lively downtown, dining at one of our great eateries, browsing at the library, or enjoying a cup of freshly roasted coffee on Main Street.

The many benefits of living in this terrific city have inspired me to do what I can to ensure that future citizens may enjoy living here as much as I have. However, over the past few years, our city government has lost its focus on providing the basic services we have come to expect. Our roads are crumbling. Leaf collection has been eliminated. Police and fire protection have been severely reduced. We also face the threat that our drinking water supply may be contaminated by the Pall/Gellman 1, 4-Dioxane now moving through the groundwater toward the Huron River. This loss of focus on the basics has led me to become active in city politics.

Ann Arbor's future requires a solid foundation of high quality services and a firm commitment to sustainable, appropriate growth. A transparent and fiscally responsible city government, listening carefully to the concerns of residents, can do what needs to be done. We can have reasonable increases in police and fire services. We can improve our public transportation system as well as our roads, bike lanes, and pedestrian crossings. We can calm the traffic in our neighborhoods. We can protect our water supply and provide sufficient capacity for sewer and storm drainage. And we can finally have the Greenway we've been talking about for so many years.

If you share some of my goals or concerns, please consider supporting my campaign. It will be our campaign. We can work together to re-focus city government on the real needs of citizens. I look forward to meeting you and to discussing your concerns and your vision for Ann Arbor. If you have any questions or comments, I would be delighted to hear from you at leon4council@gmail.com.