

How important is it for the Lawrence Transit System and KU on Wheels bus lines to coordinate more?

KU and the City of Lawrence both have great bus systems, but I think they can be better and more efficient working together. I support the option presented by our transit consultant that would consolidate some routes and extend evening hours on some routes. It is important to maintain student representation on the governing board of the bus system when the systems merge.

How can the city make apartment complexes and other places where students live safer from fires and crime?

The city has already done a lot for fire safety by enforcing building codes, requiring sprinklers in multi-unit buildings. During my time on the commission, the city has built two new fire stations to improve response times. Some students have talked to me about the possibility of placing additional emergency phones in student neighborhoods near campus, and I am interested in exploring that idea.

How can the city make the downtown area safer at night?

I support adoption of an entertainment licensing system that would not impose any new costs or restrictions on the vast majority of venues that don't cause any trouble, but that would give us the authority to take appropriate actions to improve safety at places that have problems with violence. I do not support a video surveillance system at this time.

If elected, what else would you do to make Lawrence a better place for students?

During my time on the commission and as mayor I have met with students to hear student concerns. The things mentioned above-- improving the bus system, making sure student housing is safe, and making sure downtown is safe with a thriving music scene-- are among the most important things the city can do that directly benefit students. Other things we can do are to support Lawrence Freenet's plan to build a citywide wireless network, encouraging more city/KU events like last year's Homecoming celebration downtown, and finding more ways for students to volunteer and to participate in local government.