

**JOE MCMENAMIN
WARD 7 ALDERMAN**

Priorities for Ward 7 / Springfield

- Maintain and improve our City infrastructure including roads, sidewalks and sewers.
- Carefully manage CWLP.
- Reverse our large structural City Financial deficits.
- Reform but fully fund City pensions.
- Require new City hires to live in the city.
- Strengthen our neighborhoods and encourage private investment with targeted City financial incentives for older areas facing blight.
- Beautify and restore aging commercial corridors like MacArthur Blvd
- Redevelop vacant Downtown properties for residential use.

Background, professional experience, community involvement

- Joe is a U of I Champaign (1975) and an SIU Law (1979) graduate. After law school, he chose Springfield as his home and started a family here with his wife, Lynn.
- State of Illinois Government attorney at EPA, Department of Revenue (Manager Income Tax Legal Division), and Department Veteran Affairs (General Counsel).
- Started private law practice 1991, concentrating in business and tax matters. He reduced his law practice in 2011 to give full-time attention to the City Council and constituents.

- 30 years II Army National Guard. Enlisted 1981 and commissioned JAG officer 1988. He advised numerous command headquarters as an Army lawyer. Served on 3 over-seas missions, including Afghanistan 2004-5. Joe “retired” in 2011.
- Joe and Lynn are 35-year near west side Springfield residents. Lynn taught at Owen Marsh and Butler schools 20+ years. Their children attended Springfield Public Schools. Ed is a local news reporter/business writer in the Chicago area, and Carrie teaches at Centennial HS, Champaign.
- Joe is active in many neighborhood, civic, and professional organizations, and coached 20+ seasons of youth sports in soccer and basketball. He is a founding member of Inner City Older Neighborhoods organization and drafted ICON’s initial bylaws in 2010.
- Joe attends neighborhood meetings throughout Ward 7. He also attends numerous Association meetings including Westwood Forum, MacArthur Boulevard Association, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Citizens Club, and Downtown Springfield, Inc., . He is a VFW Post 755 officer, American Legion Post 32 Scholarship Fund Trustee, Kiwanis Downtown Club past president, and Il Government Bar Association vice president.

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