

Mayoral Race

Lora Vitek Biography

Lora Vitek is the Executive Director of Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation. She holds a Master of Business Administration and Master of Management from North Park University, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Millikin University. Prior to joining Delta Dental of Illinois, Lora was the Director of Development and Engagement for the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, the national foundation of the American Veterinary Medical Association, and previously held development positions with two separate Illinois based community organizations, Teen Parent Connection and National Safety Council.



Community involvement has been a key aspect in Lora's personal life and professional career which continues to be seen with her role as the 4th Ward Alderman for the City of St. Charles for the past 4 years, while also serving on the North Park University School of Business and Nonprofit Management Advisory Board. In the past she has served as the President of the Board of Directors for the West Suburban Philanthropic Network (WSPN) and in 2014 Lora received the WSPN Distinguished Service Award.

As a member of the Executive Leadership team at Delta Dental of Illinois, Lora chairs the Philanthropy and Community Benefit cross-functional team where she leads corporate initiatives around domestic violence, mental health and wellness, Black History Month and Veterans support. She is uniquely qualified as the only candidate with years of both corporate leadership and local government experience and she will bring her skills and enthusiasm to the role of Mayor of St. Charles. She understands the importance of building consensus with her team and will apply these same principles with staff and Council members in order to best serve the residents and business community, continuing to drive progress for all of St. Charles.

Since moving to St. Charles in 2012, Lora has served as a Commissioner on the St. Charles Youth Commission and acted as an advocate for the Save Lincoln School campaign. In addition to 4th Ward Alderman, Lora served as a member of the St. Charles Liquor Commission and is also the current Chair of the St. Charles Initiative, which currently organizes public support for the First Street plaza project.

Lora's belief is that it's absolutely important that residents and businesses feel they have someone who is available to do the necessary work, someone who wants to do this job for the right reasons – to recognize the important work those in the past have done to get us where we are, but to also prepare and to do the work that paves the way for our future. She wants residents and businesses to know they will have someone that will listen to their concerns and will act in the best interests of the St. Charles community.

In addition to all of the above, Lora's greatest source of pride are her two children, Grace (13) and Quinn (10) who often can be seen walking their two dogs, Buxton and Milo around their 4th ward neighborhood.