

# 5th Ward Alderwomen Candidate

## Kimberly Malay Profile

### About Me

My name is Kim Malay. I fell in love with St. Charles in 1995 when I began working for the City of St. Charles Community Development Department. My husband Jim and I have been married for 24 years. We moved our family here 20 years ago. Today we are blessed to have our daughter, son in-law and twin grandsons nearby. I spend much of my time working for an ophthalmology practice, serving on the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission and the Camp Kane Heritage Foundation. I also help neighbors when they need it, spend lots of time with our family and friends, and when time permits golfing and other hobbies.



I chose to run for St. Charles 5th Ward Alderwoman because I want the best for our community and its residents. It has been and will always be an important priority for me. Being involved in the community is my way of giving back.

### My Experience and Qualifications

From 1995 to the end of 2008, I worked for the City of St. Charles Community Development Department as the Historic Preservation Coordinator. I was involved in many aspects of day-to-day government, including zoning, the planning and development process, economic development, revitalization of our downtown, river front enhancements, and historic preservation efforts. I attended City Council, Committee and Commission meetings each month. I was honored to work for our community, to help protect our historic and natural resources, and to assist residents with their questions and concerns about planning and development issues.

Before working for St. Charles, I worked 8 years for DuPage County in the Circuit Court Office and the Building Department. These roles offered me a well-rounded understanding of our local government.

All my years working in government taught me the importance of decisions that must be made by the City Council, and the importance of thinking long term not just short term. They also showed me how important it is to talk to residents, get their feedback and provide education so they can understand the pros and cons to issues and help find solutions.

Currently, I enjoy my role as a department manager for an ophthalmology practice. It provides me with the opportunity to help people while using and enhancing my leadership skills.

My career experience is not the only thing that has helped prepare me to be Alderwoman. My community service over the years has also given me great experience and understanding. My involvement includes:

- Organized and represented the Near West Neighborhood Association - Helped 3rd, 4th and 5th Ward residents have their voices heard when large developments were planned along with other issues.
- Served on the River Corridor Foundation – Assisted in coordinating the completion of some of the public Downtown river improvements
- Served on the Downtown Partnership – Served on several Committees
- Assisted in starting the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Walk.
- Current Commissioner on the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission
- Current Board Member of the Camp Kane Heritage Foundation. – Improving, protecting, and providing education regarding the Civil War Training Camp, Camp Kane located at Langum Park.

## **Top Priorities**

My top priorities as Alderwoman are:

- Maintaining Safety and Good Quality of Life –The safety, well-being of our residents will always be my top priority when making decisions.
- Responsible and beneficial development/redevelopment – Measure short and long term impacts to make sure proposed development/redevelopment is appropriate and beneficial for our community. Be sure that community input is encouraged and seriously considered.
- Economic Development – Work to promote our family friendly historic and natural resources to help draw tourism which will bring more revenue and jobs into our community. Work with our local businesses to determine their needs to continue success, especially during these challenging times. Work to recruit new businesses, especially those that the residents feel are needed in our City.
- Historic Preservation –Historic preservation is important to the success of our City and its involvement in maintaining our quality of life. I will continue to champion historic preservation for our City.
- Fiscal Responsibility - I will advocate for fiscal responsibility, while ensuring we are able to continue to provide the services you have come to expect and minimize potential property tax increases.
- Communication and Transparency - I will openly communicate with the residents and be responsive when contacted. I believe the core values of honesty, integrity and trust are important attributes for the person who represents the 5th Ward residents and the City as a whole. These values personally guide me each and every day.