

Applications must be received in the City Manager's Office, 811 W. Laurel, Independence, KS 67301 or by Email at [KellyP@IndependenceKs.gov](mailto:KellyP@IndependenceKs.gov) by September 26, 2019. You may also apply electronically at this link: <https://www.independencesks.gov/FormCenter/Board-Application-7/Board-Application-47>

# APPLICATION

## Economic Development Advisory Board City of Independence, Kansas

Date 09/09/2021

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### Educational Background:

Name of School and Location	Dates	Diploma	Major	Minor
LONGTON HIGH SCHOOL LONGTON,KS	graduated 1958			
INDEP COMMUNITY COLLEGE INDEPENDENCE,KS	1958-1960	ASSOCIATES	EDUCATION	
PITTSBURG STATE COLLEGE PITTSBURG, KS	1960-1962	BACHELOR	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	

Please respond to the following questions: (If needed, use back of page)

1. Do you reside inside the corporate limits of the City of Independence? Yes X  
No \_\_\_\_\_

If no, do you reside within three miles? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What experiences have you had that you feel would assist you as a board member?

Sales representative-Phillips Petroleum	January 1963
Retail representative- Kansas City, Missouri	
Director of Training	July 1970
Owner/operator SHANKS OIL COMPANY LLC	August 1970
Independence, Ks	August 2019
Board of Directors-Kansas Oil Marketers Assn	1976-1995
President/Chairman of the Board	1983-1984
Board of Directors-Kansas Travel & Tourism Commission	1989-1995

3. Why do you want to become a member of the board?

I think I could offer meaningful input as an advisor in recruiting efforts. I have had hands-on experience in purchasing, selling, and management in my several years as a company employee and as an owner-operator. I have purchased and sold several properties in Montgomery and Labette counties and here in Independence. I feel I would be a meaningful advisor.

4. Do you feel that there are any issues needing immediate attention by the board? If so, please explain.

We need to be actively attempting to attract industry, new business, new residents to our city. If we will in our recruiting efforts be successful we will be better able to make the improvements more affordable.

We need to be aggressive in our efforts to improve the roads and highways in our area to make Independence more accessible.

Our attitude needs to be "show us how we can help you so that you may in turn help us".

5. Other comments:

If we can increase our population and increase our commercial footprint we should be able to make our local economy more stable and to grow.