

# Ward 2 Council Candidate Information Form

## BIXBY CITY COUNCIL

Name as it will appear on the ballot: **Tom Daniels**  
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Occupation: **Business man, Semi Retired, Real Estate**

### **Community Leadership /Political Experience:**

35 years serving the Bixby Community

1. Bixby City Council Member 2005 - 2009
2. School Board Member 1983 - 1988
3. Elected Freeholder 1994 Governors Award
4. Citizen of the year 1996
5. Citizen of the year 1987
6. Past President & Charter Member Bixby Optimist Club
7. Business Owner and Business of the year 1994 Retired
8. YMCA Development Fund Co-Chairman in Building the New YMCA 1988
9. Board member of YMCA 1998- 2000
10. Member of Bixby Christian Church for 35 years.

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### **As a Candidate, my top priorities are:**

1. To get re-elected.
2. To bridge the gap between our residential neighbors and the business world.
3. To continue to be an individual that evaluates the expenditure of the tax payer's money.
4. To hold the Administration responsible for the City actions and their results.
5. To continue to provide the police and fire department with adequate equipment, supplies and personnel power to take care of the safety and welfare of the citizens of Bixby.
6. To continue addressing the opportunity we have with a second source of drinking water.
7. To continue to evaluating City Ordinances and make sure they are followed and revised if necessary.
8. Be a good citizen and caretaker of the voters trust as an elected City Council Representative.
9. Create an advisory board from ward 2 neighborhood associations.
10. Promote the positive economic growth of the City and to provide the necessary tax revenues to provide the various services that the people need and expect.

### **I am seeking office because:**

With my experiences and my dedication to Bixby, I'm not ready to retire. In talking with my Wife and family we agreed that I could continue to be an asset to the community and help in making decisions that are good for the majority of the citizens of Bixby.

### **What specific experience makes you attuned to the needs of our business community?**

My business experience and the 35 years of volunteer involvement with the community and my concern of doing what is right.

**What can the City Council do to encourage more businesses to open in Bixby?**

The City has been blessed with a lot of Business Growth this past 4 years and the Bixby City Council have invested tax payers money, to reach out to present and possible new businesses. We need to encourage assistance from others, such as the Bixby Chamber of Commerce. I think this partnership is very important and we should continue. Economic development and research needs to stay as one of our top priorities. But our long range growth plan needs to be reviewed and revised.

**Bixby is obviously in a growth pattern. How do you feel about the expansion and growth? How would you balance the needs of the City versus the concerns of the community?**

My first concern is the community. To provide the community with all the services that they deserve and expect. It is necessary to attract business partners to Bixby to provide the tax revenue that will pay for this service. As long as the city has to depend on collecting sales tax revenues, we must attract and maintain these businesses to create the income to operate our city. While attracting these new businesses I think it is very important to protect our standard of living and work with the community to make sure that we cover the possible problems that come with growth.

**What do you think that the three greatest challenges or opportunities are for the Bixby community and economy in the next 5-10 years**

1. We must complete our present projects and within our budget.
2. We need to be on guard for individuals, special interest groups and projects that might not be the best interest for the overall community.
3. Bixby Opportunities in the next 5-10 years are good. I think we are going to need to work closer with our neighbor cities such as Glenpool, Jenks, Broken Arrow and Tulsa to make the best out of our present growth pattern.