

# Liz Brown: Mayoral action candidate for Fort Wayne



Why did Brown run for City Council, her first elected office?

"Although I had served for various not-for-profit organizations, I also wanted to make a more permanent, full-time commitment; something that would benefit Fort Wayne."

"I had participated in the year-long Lugar (U.S Senator Richard Lugar, Rep-Ind) Series for Excellence in Public Service, and that opened my eyes to the numerous ways one could participate in government and give back. When Sam Talarico Jr. announced he was not going to run for his at large city council seat, I thought that was something I could do, something I had the skill set for-not just my law skills-and also a place I knew I could make a difference."

Brown's road to Indiana started in Pennsylvania- born, raised, and blessed in a family of seven. Dr. Stephen Brown, her husband from Iowa- born, raised, and blessed in a family of eight. So, why Fort Wayne?

"My husband gained a position at Fort Wayne Cardiology, and we did have choices," she said. Fort Wayne Cardiology is one of the nation's leaders in cardiology care programs.

Since then, Brown raised and raises a family of seven, does volunteer

work, and Fort Wayne City Council work. The Browns' children today range in age from 17 to 27, located across the land in the USA and travel, work and study across the globe. They have been to El Salvador, Syria, Russia, Honduras, and Cuernavaca, Mexico. Three have studied in Spain. They live in Boston, Washington, D.C., and are elsewhere and here in school. Besides the family, Brown continues in a volunteer role on Parkview Hospital's Ethics Committee.

How does one describe Brown? Her children call her a "firecracker." Others call her a "battler" and a "fiscal conservative." How does she describe herself? "I consider myself thorough and serious about what I do and a steward."

Stewardship shows in her principles about private business growth and public expenditure monitoring. Brown was prime mover behind a policy change to limit discretionary consultant contract spending by the city administration to ensure City Council review and oversight. On business development, she said: "I want to work closer with local business people. How are we making it hard, and can we make it any easier?"

"We need to look at everything. If it helps, we keep it. If it hinders, we don't."

If elected, will there be a mayor's office interest and presence regarding immigrants? "Yes, there will be a presence in the mayor's office," Brown said.

"We need to address all immigrant groups and be a welcome mat for all."

"Collaboration is an answer to this. We need to reach out to everyone, whether it be new businesses or new people."

"We need to get government out of the way and have government help."

Brown has a major goal in her public service, and the time is here and now.

"I am running for mayor with a goal of someday leaving the mayor's office with a cash reserve and Fort Wayne on the map as a welcoming community for people and businesses."

As Brown walks and runs to achieve this goal, one can learn more by accessing [liz@lizbrown4mayor.com](mailto:liz@lizbrown4mayor.com) and by voting for your candidate of choice in this nation's free, open and democratic election as election season now begins.

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