

Folsom Mayor

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1) What prepares you to serve as Mayor of Folsom for the next four years? What are three accomplishments in your political, personal, or business career?

Lance Willie

Over my past 12 years being part of the leadership of Folsom, I have gained the trust and faith to lead our village. My knowledge of the town history and current needs, prepares me to be able to lead the town with confidence. During hurricane Ida I led our village family back to fully operational status within the week and before any other local community was even halfway there. Building a family in our community and proud father of 3, I'm fully committed to ensuring a safe and positive future for our way of life. Being part of a family owned businesses that has been established for over 60+ years in the heart of our community, I know what it means to support local business and give back to our community.

Susan A. Willie

I served as Village Clerk for many years, and as Secretary for the Police Department. I have an intimate knowledge of the inner workings of Folsom's government. I'm a successful small business owner, and have mastered budgeting and management. I am a successful wife and mother of two grown children, which also shows my ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously and to handle budgeting.

2) What three priorities for the next four years for Folsom will you implement? Will your priorities generate growth for the community without compromising its character?

Lance Willie

Over the next 4 years our priorities will be keeping our village safe, financially positive, and promoting growth with our businesses. Keeping Folsom as Folsom is the reason why people love our way of life and raise their families here.

Susan A. Willie

First and foremost, we simply must restore the quality of our water system. It has languished in disrepair, with only Band-Aid fixes, for far too long. Secondly, we must ensure confidence in our Village Police Department. I think the current chief is doing a fine job, but there should always be a desire for improvement; I will work with her to move the Folsom Police Department forward. Thirdly, we must effectively prioritize public spending! The current administration has spent money on a dog park we didn't need (and I'm a dog-lover!) while neglecting the facilities on which our citizens rely.

3) Other than raising property millage rates, what plans, if any, do you have to increase town revenues in ways that are consistent with economic growth and a healthy, prosperous, livable, and safe community?

Lance Willie

Folsom will continue to not take any property tax from the residents. Promoting local business even more and more everyday will strengthen our local government which in hand will be able to give back to our community. Also, continuing to pursue cost efficient ways to better our community and continue to complete work in house to save on project costs.

Susan A. Willie

We do not need to raise millages! Folsom has ample funding, but it needs to be managed more effectively. While inflation has had a horrible impact on family budgets, it should also have had a positive effect on village revenues through sales taxes. I will work to foster a more business-friendly community, attracting revenue-generating businesses that preserve, respect and protect our community's culture and values.

4) Do you have any recommendations for changes/modifications to current zoning and planning laws and decisions that will ensure that as Folsom grows, its cultural and historical significance will not be compromised?

Lance Willie

Folsom has always made sure the way of life doesn't change with new development. The current Zoning laws and regulations in the village have proven their worth by keeping Folsom growing positive and healthy. With in house village code enforcement, we have implemented new ordinances and restrictions to back our way of life.

Susan A. Willie

I believe existing zoning is adequate, but I will conduct a thorough review – working with the Board of Aldermen and citizen/business input – to ensure we are doing what's best to protect our community while fostering a healthy economy.