

John Leonard To Run For County Commissioner Post

LUBBOCK—John Leonard, who represents Southwest and West Lubbock on the Lubbock City Council, announced today that he will be a candidate for Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 4, in the March Republican primary election.

Leonard, who has a history of reducing wasteful spending in the city's budget and has voted to lower the city's property tax rate every year since he was elected in 2006, said today, "I look forward to bringing my conservative fiscal values to the Lubbock County Commissioners Court.

"There are many challenges facing the residents of Lubbock County," the 47-year-old Leonard said, "and I will bring a proven record of problem-solving to the court and our county's budget.

"The Commissioners Court needs to be proactive in developing strategies that will allow the county to serve its constituents as efficiently as possible," Leonard said, "and I pledge to be in the forefront of developing solutions to the issues facing the taxpayers of the county, both those inside its cities and in the unincorporated areas."

On the Lubbock City Council, Leonard voted against the installation of red-light cameras at city intersections and worked diligently to have them removed. Early in his tenure on the Council, Leonard authored the "Windfall Revenue Resolution" that required any surplus revenue collected by the city be applied to lowering the city's property tax rate.

This week, the Council unanimously approved a resolution authored by Leonard that will create a committee to examine and make recommendations to modernize the 92-year-old City Charter.

Leonard is the current chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization-Transportation Policy Committee and plays a key role in helping develop transportation solutions for the growing Lubbock County population.

Leonard, who is the Past President of the Lubbock Apartment Association, currently serves the Texas Apartment Association as Vice-President at Large. Additionally, Leonard is a Leadership Lyceum Graduate of the National Apartment Association. Leonard was invited to serve as a panelist at the NAA convention in Orlando, FL, and at the TAA's annual education conference.

He is a graduate of Abilene Christian University. In addition to being the father of two grown children, Leonard is a new, proud grandfather.