

## **ELNA Board 2015-16 Candidate Questionnaire:**

**YOUR NAME: Codi Bates**

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1. From the website: The purpose of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is to facilitate understanding with the City of Lawrence and Douglas County; to maintain and enhance living conditions; to foster communication in East Lawrence and to maintain good relations amongst neighbors, businesses, organizations and other neighborhoods in Lawrence.  
As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?
2. How many full ELNA meetings have you been to in the past 12 months?
3. Have you volunteered, donated, or attended ELNA events? If so, which?
4. What kind of project(s) would you like to pursue for the neighborhood?
5. How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Why did you move here?
6. What are the major issues facing East Lawrence today?
7. How would you characterize the essence of the neighborhood?
8. What other community / city boards/ groups do you belong to or attended regularly this past year?

**I'm proud to say I've lived in East Lawrence for 7 years this December and would not want to live anywhere else!**

**While I've just received this questionnaire with little time to respond, I know I'd be a valuable board member of ELNA. I've attended several ELNA meetings regularly for the past year. I am running for the neighborhood association board because I would like to actively engage my neighbors in positive discussion from all sides about all the issues that impact our historic, wonderful neighborhood. I love having positive discussions with my neighbors that may have differing opinions than myself. East Lawrence is so diverse and that is one of the things I love most about it.**

**My husband and I moved to Lawrence to start a restaurant downtown and only had eyes for living in the eastside. Our business has donated to the neighborhood block party many times in our seven year history and we plan on continuing to do so in the future. I also attend City Commission meetings when time allows to stay up to date with the issues in all of Lawrence. In addition to running a business downtown, I work, volunteer and will serve for the next three years on the board of East Lawrence's own Van Go, an organization I proudly support and dedicate my time to.**

**I'm happy to communicate via email if you would like to know more about me or my interest in joining the ELNA board.**