



Kevin J. Rants

District 2

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Occupation: Chief Administrative Officer for the Colorado Department of Public Safety

Length of Time Living in Castle

Pines: 4 years

What do you value most about Castle

Pines: We like the location, proximity to open space and sense of community in our neighborhood. Castle Pines is far enough from the hustle and bustle of Denver and surrounded by some amazing open space, plus, we enjoy our neighborhood and the relationships we've formed here over the last four years.

What are your issues of concern? I have three principal concerns. First, that our city governance structure is clear, transparent and accountable to citizens of Castle Pines. Currently, clarity of roles and responsibilities between the City of Castle Pines, the Castle Pines North Metropolitan District and HOA structures make this challenging. I believe the City of Castle Pines is on the right path here and I intend to continue progress in this area. Second, that our city's long term planning is well thought out, researched and fiscally sustainable. I advocate an enduring development mindset for capital expenditures - which means we'll do it right from the start. It may cost more up front, but the long term viability and sustainability will be factored in from the beginning. Lastly, that what we choose to do with business and economic development matches the needs and desires of Castle Pines residents. This means that we're critically evaluating business applications for community needs, ensuring public safety factors and growth commensurate with the growth of our city and preserving that community safety feeling and identity unique to Castle Pines.

What is your reason for seeking office? As a resident of Castle Pines, I have a vested interest in the success of the city we all call home. As a military veteran, I consider it an obligation to remain civically engaged in my local community and this the best way to ensure I do my part to contribute to the long term success of Castle Pines.

If Elected, what do you hope to contribute to the City of Castle Pines? I believe one of the most significant contributions that I can bring to the City Council for the City of Castle Pines is a new city-wide perspective and fresh energy. The city is in a dynamic period with new development and expansion occurring, and I have a background in strategic planning and leadership that can help propel the city forward towards its long-term potential while maintaining focus on unity with and sustainment of the current community.

Kevin and his wife Crystal, both true Colorado Natives, have been married for almost 26 years having met in college while attending the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS). After completing college, Kevin entered active duty with the US Army in 1994, serving for 21 years with numerous command and staff level state-side and overseas assignments including four operational and combat deployments. Kevin and Crystal were fortunate enough to return to their home state of Colorado in 2012 with his assignment to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, where he served for three more years before retiring from the US Army in 2015 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After retiring from the service, Kevin was hired as the Support Services Director for the Colorado State Patrol and his family moved from Colorado Springs to Castle Pines, purchasing their home in the GreenBriar neighborhood. In 2018, Kevin transitioned from the Logistics Director role to his current position as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Colorado Department of Public Safety where he oversees the logistics, budget, accounting and procurement programs for this executive branch state agency which encompasses the Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Division of Criminal Justice. Kevin has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, a Masters Degree in Military Operational Art and Science from Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, is credentialed through the International Society of Logistics as a Demonstrated Master Logistician and has completed the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Leadership Trilogy program. Kevin and Crystal have four children with one remaining at home as a senior in high-school. In his spare time, Kevin enjoys target archery with his son, cycling and outdoor activities such as fishing and hunting. To find out more about Kevin's background, feel free to view his public LinkedIn profile found here: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/kevinrants>.