



The Connection



IRIS KCATA Rideshare Program Blooms This Month In The Northland!

City Council Candidate Forum

March 2, 6:00—8:00 pm

Public Budget Hearing

Saturday, March 4, 9:00 am

City Hall—414 E 12th St.

Northland Problem Solving

March 7, 9:00 am

Senior Workshop

March 8, 9:00 am

Neighborhood Round Table

March 15, 2:00 pm

Focus Vivion Road

March 15, 4:00 pm

Vote for City

Council on

April 4th!

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) has partnered with a local taxi service to provide an affordable rideshare program in the Northland. Named IRIS, this program will be available March 15th through an app on your phone or computer. This rideshare service will operate approximately 16 hours a day and has 30 dedicated vehicles. The program is prefunded and subsidized by tax dollars.

This service will operate on a flat rate independent of the number of riders. That means a family of four using this service will pay the same rate as a single individual.

Through this program, the Northland will be assigned into zones based on neighborhoods. Bus stations and depots are classified as a transit center, or hub, making this a free service to travel from your home to the bus depot. Areas such as Zona Rosa, Briarcliff, Power & Light district, and the airport are considered entertainment zones. Rates are as follows:

Transport to hub	\$0
Same zone travel	\$3
Zone to zone travel	\$4
Entertainment zone	\$10



This service is available for the Kansas City area only.

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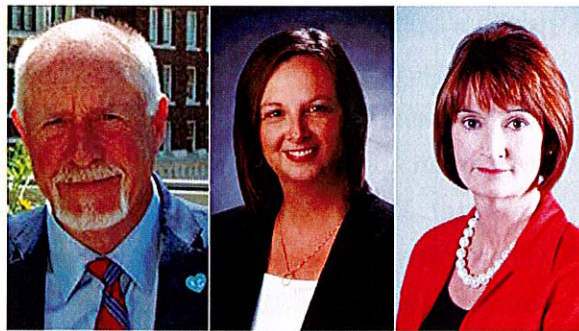
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Ask Your Candidates!

Each candidate was asked to provide a yes or no or very brief answer.

First District At Large

Questions:	Do you support local control of the Kansas City Police Department?	Less than 8% of the most recent GO bonds funded projects in the Northland. Do you agree with this percentage, and if not, what percentage would you believe appropriate?	Would you support strong ordinances prohibiting panhandling activities?	Do you support restricting tax incentives in the Northland?	Do you support Kansas City funding any portion of a downtown baseball stadium?
Kevin O'Neill	Yes	No, higher, equal percentage to each district would have been more equitable	Yes	No	Has to see plan, supports funding through infrastructure and abatements
Ronda Smith	No, mayor and city council should not have control	Yes, not in favor of a higher percentage depending on bond structure	Yes, but have preventative ideas	No, as long as incentives benefit both developers and community	No, need to focus on public safety and infrastructure
Pam Mason	No, need to focus on public safety and infrastructure	25-35% to reflect exponential Northland growth	Yes, with enforcement	Yes, by redistributing incentives to smaller developers throughout the city	Yes, as long as the stadium can pay for itself



First District

Chris Gahagan	No, not a viable option for the foreseeable future	No, 20-25%	Yes, to fullest extent	No	Yes, supported by appropriate private funds
Nathan Willett	No, until language changed in Section 502 to include a Northland council member	As a math teacher, 40% of the city should receive 40%	Yes, safety issue for all	No, but stay true to existing commitments and involve neighborhoods and businesses in process	No, the new First District needs a community center first.

Second District At Large

Lindsay French	Yes	No, much higher but unsure of exact percentage	Yes, ordinances to deter paired with public education	Not against incentives, but need to work with community and balance with abatements	Supports idea of stadium, but needs to see location and private funding sources first
Mickey Younghanz	No	No, percentage should be higher	Yes	Need more information	Need more information
Jenay Manley	Yes, people of KC should determine how tax dollars spent	No, more needed to fund roads and sidewalks, but should be based on community needs	No, prioritize proactive solutions instead of reactive punishments	Yes, I oppose public dollars being used to fund private goods instead of needed public resources	No, downtown stadium does not meet needs of people, and tax dollars should not incentivize developers.



Second District

Wes Rogers	Undecided	No, should be higher to reflect the percentage	Yes	No	Yes, as long as plan is fair to taxpayers
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Fourth District

Eric Bunch	Yes	Yes, but the Northland has potential to receive larger percentage with future projects	No, because there's no way to do that without infringing on individual constitutional freedoms.	Yes, developers should pay their fair share with incentives to stimulate growth	Not direct cash funding, no, but open to incentives if there are clear benefits to the city
Crissy Dastrup	Yes	Higher, Northland neighborhoods lack sidewalks	Public safety is first priority, but we need to look for real solutions for the unhoused	No, tax incentives build the community	Will support voter choice
Henry Rizzo	Yes, to include citizens and governed by city council	Higher, percentage should be based on tax dollar revenue	Yes, it's a safety issue for all	No, the Northland needs every advantage for progress	Would have to deal with existing leases first, and see a plan that benefits the whole region

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Jess Blubaugh	Yes, and will work to put on state ballot	No, percentage should be based on needs and proposed projects with an equitable distribution	Yes, if focused on public safety and language is constitutional	Yes, by reviewing tax incentives and how used, and adding a Community Benefit Agreement	Likes the idea, but wants to see funding and infrastructure plan, and consider all impacts to chosen site
Grace Cabrera	No	No, percentage should be higher to reflect the value the Northland provides to community	Yes, for safety concerns	Yes, my advocacy is with the community to guard against unscrupulous development practices	Would listen to community choice but needs more information as to community benefit
John DiCapo	110%	No, 30%	Yes	No	The DiCapo plan would eliminate need by building a monorail from downtown to the stadiums
Crispin Rea	Yes	No, percentage was low, need a more equitable distribution	Need to enforce current policies, then research if more stringent regulations needed	Supports intentional development involving input from neighborhoods and school districts	Would need to see a plan and what the ask of the city would be to determine cost/benefit to community
Justin Short	Yes	No, percentage should be higher based on population and growth	Yes, but prior language has been ruled unconstitutional, the public needs education to give to organizations over individuals	No	I support funding the necessary infrastructure to make this project viable, but taxpayers should not have to pay for physical structure.

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