

# AWC Board of Directors candidate statement

Name	City elected position
Carl Florea	Mayor
City/Town	Check the Board position for which you are running
Leavenworth	District 3

Biographical information and candidate statement:

Please limit your statement to 1,700 characters, which is approximately 250 words. Hand-written statements are not accepted.

I believe strongly in the value of community and have made building and sustaining community a hallmark of my adult life. Serving on the AWC board would enable me to continue my passion in a broader sense, helping more than just one city stay strong and thrive. The challenges our cities face are daunting and growing exponentially, and my unique experience in Leavenworth has given me firsthand knowledge of what challenges our smaller tourism-focused communities are facing. I don't have all the answers but I do enjoy working collaboratively to maintain community and move toward a future that builds a place for all. Throughout my career, I have gravitated to positions of leadership in which building community is key, including:

- Cascade School District Board Member
- Leavenworth Planning Commission Member
- Leavenworth City Council Member
- Board Member and Past Chair of Link Transit
- Board Member and Past chair of Chelan County Housing Authority
- Founding co-Chair of Washington Food Coalition
- Founding Board Member of the Northwest Community Land Trust Coalition.

I ran for Mayor of Leavenworth in 2019 to keep our town a working community, and not just a resort, as has happened to a number of beautiful mountain towns in the Western states. Workforce housing is a key to making this happen and is a focus of my efforts. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for board member of the AWC. I promise to bring the same high level of commitment and passion to this position that I have brought to all of my activities.