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**APPOINTMENTS**

The Mayor is responsible for making appointments to important city boards that set the cost of services and make decisions that impact the lives of citizens. The boards include the La Grange Utilities Board, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments, Code Enforcement Board, Historical District Commission and Oldham-La Grange Development Authority.

**My administration will welcome participation on these boards by citizens who are interested in the welfare of our city.**

The Mayor is also responsible for the activities of all city employees, including police officers, public works, bus drivers and city hall staff. I will ensure these individuals are of the highest character, ability and dedication.

The Mayor is a key member of the community's economic development team. I am currently serving on the OLDA Board (Oldham-La Grange Development Authority) and will continue to do so as Mayor.

*John* **BLACK**  
MAYOR of La Grange

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The Mayor and City Council elections are both non-partisan.

**Please vote on November 6.**

**MY PROMISE**

"My promise is to work hard to make La Grange the 'best small city' in Kentucky. I will manage our community resources in a trustworthy, accountable manner while responding to the concerns of our residents. I will develop new ideas, oversee services, and deal fairly with city employees.

**All citizens can expect a financially responsible city government and my genuine interest in the welfare of each individual.**

On Tuesday, November 6, voters will have an opportunity to take a step toward setting the direction of our community by selecting a new Mayor. After reviewing my leadership, experience, and vision for the future, I hope you will give me that opportunity.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

*John Black*  
Sincerely, John Black



**"Home Is Where My Heart Is."**

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MAYOR of La Grange  
**Leadership ★ Experience ★ Vision**

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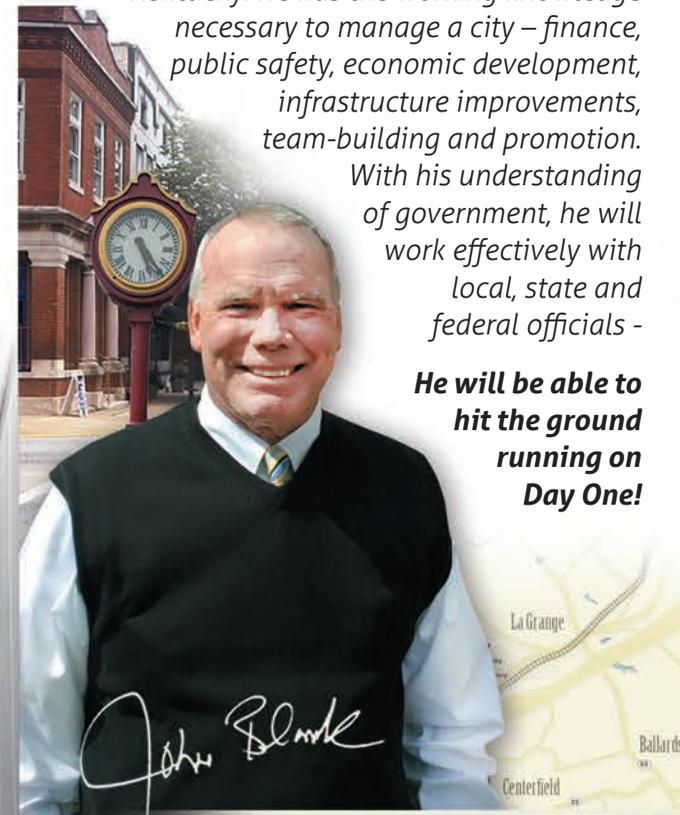
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**Leadership ★ Experience ★ Vision**

*Through years of public service in our community, John Black has clearly demonstrated that he has the leadership, experience and vision to continue developing La Grange into the 'best small city' in Kentucky. He has the working knowledge necessary to manage a city – finance, public safety, economic development, infrastructure improvements, team-building and promotion.*

*With his understanding of government, he will work effectively with local, state and federal officials -*

**He will be able to hit the ground running on Day One!**



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Dear Resident of La Grange,  
This brochure, is intended to provide the information you need to make a very important decision regarding who should be the next person to lead the City of La Grange. Please read and contact me (502-376-6799) with questions or ideas if you would like to discuss how La Grange can be improved.

### WHO IS JOHN BLACK?

I am a life-long resident of La Grange, married to Karen Chalfant Black, former office manager at Locust Grove Elementary School. Karen retired from the Board of Education two years ago and works now in Crestwood for Dr. Trevor Taylor. We have two adult children, Stephanie Chalfant and Josh (Tricia) Chalfant and two grandchildren, Holly and Emily. Karen and I attend Southeast Christian Church.

### WHY IS JOHN BLACK SEEKING TO BECOME MAYOR OF LAGRANGE?

This question can be answered with a simple, straight-forward response – La Grange is my home, I love this city and I am proud to live here. I have lived here my entire adult life trying to make our community a clean, welcoming and enjoyable city. If elected, I will work hard to raise the quality of life in La Grange.

### WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE MAYOR?

The Mayor is the elected leader of the city, manager of the city government and official spokesperson for both the government and the community as a whole. The Mayor is the presiding officer and a regular member of the City Council. The Mayor is responsible for all activities, services and financial management of the City of La Grange during the term of office (four years). The Mayor's legislative and administrative responsibilities require working closely with other local officials, as well as regional and state leaders.

### WHY IS JOHN BLACK QUALIFIED TO MANAGE THE CITY OF LAGRANGE?

I know the history of La Grange and have a very good understanding of how it came to its present point. I have been here all my life, graduating from Oldham County High School and later, Eastern Kentucky University (BS).

Following college graduation, I began my business career in La Grange as an electrical contractor. I became involved with government in 1984 when I was elected to serve on the La Grange City Council. In 1985, I was elected Mayor of La Grange and served two consecutive terms, 1985-1992. In the fall of 1992, I ran for Oldham County Judge-Executive and was elected for two terms, serving 1993-2002.

Many residents know that I was appointed Deputy Oldham County Judge-Executive in 2011 and retired from county government in the summer of 2017. Since then, I have been helping out at the Oldham County Board of Education as a bus driver.

### WHAT DID JOHN BLACK ACCOMPLISH DURING HIS TERMS AS MAYOR AND JUDGE-EXECUTIVE?

As a first-term Mayor of La Grange, working in conjunction with the city council and interested citizens, I focused attention on revitalizing a city that had fallen into disrepair. New sidewalks were built, deteriorated areas cleaned-up, businesses were promoted, community events organized, Walsh Park was opened, and an historical district created. I cast the tie breaking vote to adopt an historical district ordinance. And, after our long-time medical care facility (Mallory Taylor Hospital) closed, I was also closely involved with bringing two successive hospital companies to our community, leading to the presence of the hospital we have today, Baptist Health La Grange.

As Judge-Executive, again working with fiscal court magistrates and community members, I initiated construction of many of the buildings and/or

operations in use today by county government, including, the addition to the fiscal court building, addition to the courthouse, community center and pool, Oldham County Police headquarters, animal control building, recycling center, UK Extension Offices and the North and South Oldham County Government Service Centers.

In addition, water lines were extended to unserved areas in the county, grants were obtained to acquire the La Grange Depot Building, and funds were provided for a portion of the Oldham County Greenways Walking and Bike Trail from La Grange to Crestwood.

I was also able to establish positive relationships with officials within the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and KIPDA (Kentucky-Indiana Regional Planning & Development Agency) and was successful in getting state funds to build Commerce Parkway.

During this period, roads were widened and new traffic signals were installed in Crestwood, Prospect and Goshen. I was also able to have the Highway 53 bridge over I-71 in La Grange widened and smaller bridges throughout the county were replaced.

I am proud of the support fiscal court provided for recreation. Financial and other forms of assistance helped increase participation with both the North and South Oldham Little Leagues and Youth Football. Briar Hill and Peggy Baker Parks were opened and I was able to arrange a long term lease with the state for 50 acres in Buckner to be the home of youth soccer. We also bought new playground equipment for children at Westport and Wendell Moore Parks.

### WHAT ARE JOHN BLACK'S PRIORITIES FOR LAGRANGE?

Undoubtedly, my chief priority and responsibility is public safety. Without a safe environment, we cannot enjoy our lives. As Mayor, I will support La Grange Police and will strive to reduce the presence of illegal drugs.

In the minds of some, the image of the city council is currently one of confusion and mismanagement. I will change that perception by working closely with members of the city council, providing them with complete information, sharing decision-making, and greatly improving communications with the public.

### Other priorities:

- Responsible financial management – maintain city credit rating at highest standard
- Supporting police in the protection of citizens and working to reduce illegal drugs
- Work closely with city council to improve lines of communication
- Create development plan for city portion of Commerce Parkway
- Maintain the historical character of Downtown La Grange
- Supporting the initiatives of business owners in the community
- Promote tourism by creating an attractive entrance to La Grange at I-71 intersection
- Ensure all city-owned property is attractive & appropriately landscaped
- Clean-up Highway 146 area opposite the Courts and Woodland Lakes subdivision
- Working with Waste Management Company to place free dumpsters in the city for an annual 'Clean Up La Grange Day'
- Upgrade city property at 2nd & Main – parking area, skate park & vacant lot
- Construct permanent restroom on Commerce Parkway for persons using shared use path
- Promote community events to bring youth, families and neighbors together



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