



This is Glen Cook's second run for Toledo City Council – District Three. Four years ago, as a first-time candidate he nearly stunned the political world when he came within 354 votes of defeating long-time Lucas County politician Peter Ujvagi. Glen Cook is a lifelong resident of District Three. He grew up in the South Toledo on Erie Street very near the edge of Downtown Toledo. Glen lived for thirty years in the South End. He attended the old Marshall Elementary School, then Jones Junior High, finally graduating from Libbey High School.

After graduating, he served in the U.S. Army. Four years later he returned home and continued his education at the University of Toledo where he played football and earned a Bachelor of Education. He taught math and science and coached football. For the past 40 years he's been a successful businessman.

Glen resides in East Toledo where for the last 40 years he has been an active citizen. In addition to Block Watch, Glen served on community organizations like One East Toledo; East Toledo Club; and as a member of the Citizen Advisory Panel for the Toledo Refining Company.

He's been married 48 years to his wife Irma Hernandez Cook. They raised their family in East Toledo. His children are graduates of Waite High School and are East Toledo residents. Glen's catalyst for running for Toledo City Council – District Three in 2019 was a "fight or flight" decision that came during the afternoon of March 11th and the tragic shooting of 16-year old Alexa Carey directly in front of his home and 10-year old granddaughter. Recently Glen commented in a Toledo Blade Op-Ed piece that "No neighbor should have to witness this. No family should have to endure this."

As Glen pointed out that, problems like this are playing out in other neighborhoods in other Toledo city council districts as well. "Fleeing will not solve our problems. Turning our collective backs will only lead to more families suffering the same fate. My decision to run was obvious --- Fight," he said.

His platform is summed up in this quote --- "I have witnessed over the years how we steadily lost control of our neighborhoods to crime and blight. We failed to adequately address infrastructure concerns in our neighborhoods, like our streets and sidewalks. Some homes in our older neighborhoods endanger families and the children because of lead-based paint." "We are being challenged. We must improve Toledo's

neighborhood organizations to make use of the latest technology so events that started unfolding on social media don't lead to the tragic events like the one that took young Alexa Carey from us. We need to, not just address blight, but we have to redevelop and rebuild our neighborhoods for ourselves and the next generation." "I am running to live by the words my father, a millwright at Willy's Overland, taught me --- Leave things better and more useful than when you found them."

His campaign has bipartisan support from former Toledo Mayors Donna Owens and Carty Finkbeiner, as well as former Toledo City Councilman Mike Craig. You can learn more about Glen Cook on his web site - -- VoteCookForCouncil.com or his Facebook page, Committee to Elect G. Cook.