

Mayor Sue Finkam

Mayor Sue Finkam has been deeply connected to the City of Carmel for decades, serving 12 years on the City Council and founding FireStarter, LLC, a full-service marketing agency in the city. Her leadership emphasizes enhancing quality of place, engaging residents, and delivering excellent city services. Under her guidance, Carmel has shifted toward putting people at the center of projects, launching initiatives like the 2024 housing study to identify residential needs and the Community Survey to better understand priorities of residents and businesses.

She has forged strong partnerships with local businesses, schools, and civic organizations to strengthen the economy, create jobs, and attract new talent. A graduate of Central Michigan University and Indiana Wesleyan, she and her husband, Joe, raised their son, Drew, in Carmel, where she co-founded LetsTalkCarmel.com, a transparency portal, and Carmel Porchfest, a neighborhood music festival.

Her contributions have earned recognition as an Enterprising Women of the Year Honoree, a Woman of Influence by Indianapolis Business Journal, and recipient of the 2023 Vision Builder Award from the Universal Women's Network. With bold vision and commitment to community, Mayor Finkam continues to lead Carmel toward a vibrant, resilient future for residents and businesses alike.