

CITY COUNCIL - District 3

2018 Candidates Survey Results



	JOHN MULLIN	JOE CALABRESE
Personal/professional background	Professional: President and shareholder, Pacific M Painting Inc., a painting contractor working in San Diego and Riverside County. Other work related, volunteer and civic positions: PHS Grad Night, Poway Girls Softball, Poway Chamber of Commerce and several trade associations. Currently Deputy Mayor, Board Member Metropolitan Wastewater JPA and Metropolitan Transit System. Metro JPA Finance Committee Chair Personal: Happily married to Susie for a long time, 3 grown children, 6 grandchildren.	I am the Former Vice President and partner of Poway based "Harbor Packaging". Myself and my partners sold the business but retained the building. I am now retired. I am the President of the Pomerado Business Park Association. 25 years ago I moved my young family across the country to Poway leaving a secure position, and took a big risk to join forces with this young company. We grew the company by listening to our customers needs, hard work, and determination. I see challenges as opportunities
Why are you seeking this office?	Poway is facing some challenges. One of the most noteworthy is that our budget projections show costs outpacing revenue. We are taking steps now to address this such as the 2 cost saving solar projects that I championed, possible establishment of an Section 115 trust to help stabilize rising pension costs, and the new Poway Road Specific Plan that will revitalize Poway Road, improve underutilized property and stimulate our local economy. These are plans that I want to help guide to completion.	There is a growing sense of frustration in the city and I couldn't stay on the side lines any longer. Issues like the botched water readings at Pomerado Hospital, Closing of the community pool all summer because of a mismanaged re-plastering, the nearly one million dollar error on the Espola Road project, Stoneridge, and the appointment of a three month resident to the city council, to name a few, have bought people's blood to a boil. I have a proven track record of getting things done right.
How should the city engage the community to ensure that the scope and details of future new development projects in Poway are communicated clearly to residents?	Poway currently exceeds the statutory requirements for notice of new projects. We mail written notices to owners and tenants within 500 feet. We hold neighborhood meetings where adjacent property owners can meet with the applicant to voice their concerns. For the Poway Road Specific Plan, we used social media and a separate online portal to answer questions and accept comments. Regardless of what we do, some will say it is not enough, but our effort to engage the community is extensive.	The council thinks there job is to educate the community. People in Poway are smart and educated enough to understand what they want from there city. Once elected I'm going to be immediately reaching to find out what the people want as opposed to what the council thinks they want. I'm going to then put all my efforts in accomplishing these goals and make sure the residents are always well informed.
Two plans are being considered for the new Poway Community Center: a. an 18,450 sq ft "hybrid" design for an est. \$11.8 million with one large meeting room, five classrooms, restrooms, office space, and kitchen; b. a 22,587 sq ft "hybrid-plus" est. at \$13.4 million which adds a second meeting room and classroom. Which best fits the city's budget and the community's needs, and why?	The hybrid plus plan provides more space for meal service, bingo and programs sponsored by Poway Seniors as well as programs offered by the City. But neither fits the budget. The City has set aside \$9.8 million. We are in the process of preparing documents to bid out both designs, but both will present a shortfall. We'll have to look at options to raise additional capital – such as reallocation from other capital improvement projects or maybe commence a separate capital fund raising campaign.	We as a city can't answer this question at this time. One of the first things I'm going to do after being elected is to direct the city manager to have a city wide audit done from an independent accounting firm to find out exactly what we are taking in and where it is going out. I will then publish these findings in a simple and easy to read manner so they are transparent to everyone. Only then can we as a city make the correct decision on the community center and other necessary expenditures
List your top priorities as a Poway City Council member:	My priority is to retain our focus on what is important. Safety services – fire suppression and law enforcement – to assure that Poway remains the safest City in the County. Maintaining our infrastructure - our roads are smooth because it is a priority. But it does not happen without effort and without making it a budget priority. Maintaining our Family Friendly City – with exceptional City sponsored events and activities. And to provide the revenue to do this by energizing the local economy	Listen to the People. It all begins there. With the conversations I have had so far I believe the top priorities will be to bring in additional non-potable water for irrigation, the elimination of the LMD's, make sure we have the correct city manager at the right compensation plan, one year residency requirement for future members of council, Stoneridge, revitalize the landscaping on Twin Peaks Road, get the community center built, and improve our parks and recreational facilities.