

CITY COUNCIL - District 1

2018 Candidates Survey Results



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| Personal/professional background | I joined the United States Marine Corps in Sept, 2001 and was honorably discharged from active duty in October, 2008. After my service, I enrolled in college and obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration. My family and I moved to Poway in 2011 and I started my current role at Motorola Solutions in 2012. On a day to day basis, I assist public agencies (police officers and firefighters) services and support for their communications systems. I am a member of the local VFW 7907 post | After high school I joined the Air Force for 4 years, serving in Vietnam for one year. I attended Loyola University of L.A with a degree in Business Adm. Worked for about 31 years at TRW and SAIC in the Project Management/Control field. Our family moved to Poway 27 years ago and as our kids were growing up I volunteered in their Schools, Little League, Basketball and Softball. Once our kids grew up I ran for the Council in 2010 and since then I joined the VFW, the Kiwanis and the Elks Lodge. | US Navy 9 years, Naval Security Group 1969-1978 Customer Service Technician - Spectral Dynamics 1978-1981 Customer Service Supervisor - Spectral Dynamics 1981-1985 Applications Engineer - Scientific Atlanta 1985-1990 Western Regional Sales Manager - Scientific Atlanta 1990-1995 Product Line Manager - Smiths Aerospace 1995-2000 Independent Contractor 2000-2008 Chief Scientist - Jan Medical 2008-2018 | I have been a Heritage Hills resident since 2002 and long time active in the community thru both charity work and participation in resolving issues. BS. Env. Biology, Graduate study in QA/QC. Broad based management experience and proven results for several companies including Pepsi, GE (Osmonics), Metabolife, Jenny Craig, Terminix and others fixing problems and improving systems. Small business owner (Broker) in Poway in residential and commercial RE. Long term charitable volunteer. |
| Why are you seeking this office? | Poway is a great place today. That being said, great things can always be better. I want my son to be proud of being from Poway the way that so many before us have been. Poway as a community if a welcoming place and I want sense of welcome to include the City Government. | I enjoy what I do and it's been a pleasure working for the residents of our community. Poway has been served well by our fiscal conservative policies and I will continue on that same path to ensure our city continues to be financially stable. Our past councils provided the framework for us and I want to continue this for our future councils and residents. And if you refer to question # 5 on this questionnaire form, you will find more reasons on why I am seeking another term on the Council. | I am extremely excited about the change to District Representation, and it's ability to address the issue of equal representation. The concept of equality in terms of the selection criteria of the "Plan 133 map" did an excellent job of addressing this long standing need. | I am unhappy with the current members direction and management of the city. I am running because I am upset by the ongoing problems at city hall, both financial and ethical and I believe I have the skill set to fix those problems. In the last 8 years in Poway, I find not much is better and a whole lot is worse. The incumbents have all voted for More Homes, More Density, More Traffic, Less Services for More Cost with million dollar screw ups and timelines blown. I think there is a better way. |
| 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? | Council meetings and citizen workshops are not enough. Our residents are not engaged in those activities the way we have operated in the past. I believe open houses would be a nice start. If that doesn't actively engage the community, I feel like the City Council should be flexible enough to have another action plan ready to deploy to ensure our citizens have the right avenues to ask questions. | Any future development in Poway will be subject to review by the council and our citizens through workshops, neighborhood meetings, pre-development reviews and our Council meetings. And I will always be willing to sit down to discuss with you any concerns you may have prior to any meeting. And to ensure our residents are aware of these reviews we also use the following methods to inform our residents: Next Door, the Chieftain, Poway Today, City E-mail notifications and the City's Website. | This is a major factor in establishing better communication to the citizens of Poway. They will know a nearby neighbor is representing them, who was selected by the majority of their neighbors. | The city should ask the community what it wants in future development if it wants any at all. What do the residents want, how much and where? Currently the city seems to tell the residents what they want to do instead of ask the community what it wants! That is a big problem and one of the reasons why there have been so many candidates for the last elections. Transparency in all city operations is needed. How about distributing info well in advance instead of 10 minutes before a vote? |

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| <p>Two plans are being considered for the new Poway Community Center:</p> <p>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;</p> <p>b. a 22,587 sq ft "hybrid-plus" est. at \$13.4 million which adds a second meeting room and classroom.</p> <p>Which best fits the city's budget and the community's needs, and why?</p> | <p>The idea of a new Community Center is fantastic until the bill comes. Until I see a detailed cost proposal for each of the plans vs. refurbishing the old buildings, I cannot make a judgement call. At the very same time, the City will also be pouring money into replacement facilities for the people who use the Community Center today. All of these costs should and would be factored into any decision I would make.</p> | <p>Our current center is about 26,000 sq ft. I prefer the Hybrid-plus design to support the needs of our community and of course, our Seniors. I believe two large meeting rooms are required for our current and future needs. At present we have \$9.8m reserved for this building. We'll have to wait to see what the FINAL estimates (w/sufficient reserves) are after the design is completed. The final cost estimate to build the Center is one of many factors I will consider when making my decision.</p> | <p>Acting on behalf of the people I have talked to; I am against the replacement of the Poway Community Center at this time, with either choice a.) or b.). I am still collecting data from my former neighbors in District 4, and those in my current District 1; and to date I have yet to talk to anyone who is in favor of a total replacement. The overwhelming input I have received to date focuses on repair and renovation of the existing buildings.</p> | <p>In my opinion, these are not the only 2 options. We have not explored the possibility of renovation. It has been a flat no every time. Why? They will not answer that question. 2 years ago we were up to what \$25-30 million before for a building even the seniors and management did not want. Recent history with Espola and the Pool has shown we can't do sub 5 million dollar projects without massive delays and errors. Is there no better use for \$12 million dollars of hard fought taxpayer money?</p> |
| <p>List your top priorities as a Poway City Council member:</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Create an environment of listening and welcome within the City Government. 2.) Maintain and improve upon public safety. 3.) Increase community services. (Parks, events, recreation) 4.) Be accountable to the people of Poway. 5.) Be a participating member of the Poway Community. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Continue to have a balance budget and maintain our City Services at the highest possible level; 2) Maintain our healthy reserves; 3) Support the Revitalization of Poway Road as we maintain our Quality of Life; 4) Complete the Community/Sr Center; 5) Actively encourage/ support measures to reduce our traffic and speeding issues; 6) Preserve/Acquire Open space; 7) and last, but not least, be approachable and accessible to all citizens. | <p>First is to emphasize the importance and working function of District Representation, in terms of communication with the citizens of each District.</p> <p>Re-examine the Poway Road Specific Plan and working towards a slower more gradual revitalization of Poway Rd.</p> <p>Work with the my fellow council members to address the Stoneridge and Metate Lane issues.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listen to the people! 2. Make the city operations transparent and treat all who deal with city hall with respect. 3. Control spending and increase efficiency. 4. Rework the Corridor plan and make sure all development decisions maintain the character of Poway I love and not us to turn into Carmel Mountain or similar with terrible traffic, housing density, parking problems and crime. 5. Maintain the parks and infrastructure to the standard they were before they declined as they have. |