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Age: 62

Occupation: Former CPA with KPMG and Deloitte; 15 years in corporate finance. Current and past 19

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Previous Government experience: Current planning commissioner representing Cardiff

1. Why are you running for your respective office?

I am running for Encinitas City Council, District 3 because I want to drive city policies that improve our quality of life. First, I became involved with local issues in 2002 beginning with the Encinitas Community Park. Later, I walked petitions to get Proposition A on the ballot. Today, I am a planning commissioner representing Cardiff. While on the planning commission, I quickly realized that infill affordable housing will continue to be a challenge and we can do a better job.

2. What do you feel are the three biggest priorities for the next city council, and how as a council member would you help the council achieve those objectives?

We have 3 big challenges. First is Circulation. While knocking on hundreds of doors, I heard the same repeating theme which is “we have more traffic and I do not feel safe walking or biking”.

The 2nd challenge is affordable housing. I want to change the conversation going forward and focus on good design and land use principles.

The 3rd challenge is demographics. We have ignored 3 demographics in our community for way too long. They are seniors, young people and local business employees. We need to build affordable housing for them near transit, retail services and job locations.

3. This year marks the first year that Encinitas will elect representatives by districts. If elected, how would you balance your responsibilities to your constituents in your district with those to the community at large?

I don't believe there is a significant difference between District 3 and the community at large. While each district has unique needs, overall they share the same concerns regarding circulation and housing.

4. Do you support Measure U, the City's current Housing Element Update proposal? Please explain your position. If you do not support Measure U, please provide your alternative plan to address the state and regional housing needs allocation.

Yes, I support Measure U. I would like us to get out of the penalty box so that we become more competitive for grant funding. This would allow us to move forward quickly on capital improvements, like the Birmingham street project and the Verdi pedestrian undercrossing.

Also, having an approved housing element would give us time to identify where future affordable units should be built.

5. Do you support the proposed Leucadia Streetscape in its current configuration? What, if anything, would you propose changing if elected to your respective office?

I support the proposed Leucadia Streetscape configuration.

6. How do you propose solving the issue of safety around the rail corridor? In your opinion, should the city pursue a series of at-grade or undercrossings, or should it pursue trenching as a long term solution?

My preference would be trenching, however I do not believe this is financially viable at this time. If we can't trench, I would prefer at grade crossings. This assumes we can solve the horn noise.

7. Citizens will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on cannabis delivery, retail sales and manufacturing in 2020. What is your personal stance on cannabis activities in Encinitas and how would you be prepared to uphold the will of the people if they vote in favor of the ballot initiative?

I support delivery of medicinal cannabis from licensed dispensaries. There is a state bill currently in process that will override our current city regulation. If the state bill doesn't pass, I will support Mayor Blakespear's position to allow medicinal cannabis delivery.

8. If elected, how would you address the issue of access at Beacon's Beach?

This issue has already come before the planning commission and we requested additional public input. I am awaiting that input.

9. What is your opinion on the city's pursuit of community choice energy as a green initiative and how would you support or oppose those efforts if elected?

I spoke with Michael Thorton, General Manager of the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, Bill O'Donnell, General Manager of the San Dieguito Water Board, and Mike Stein, Encinitas Fire Chief. Based on the information I received back from them, it is essential that we have robust, adaptable systems. None of these systems should be single sourced. This is why I support community choice energy.