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Education: I graduated from Rhode Island College in 1995 with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. I then attended law school at Quinnipiac University School of Law in Hamden, Connecticut, graduating in 1999. I have been an active member of the California Bar Association since 1999.

Previous Government experience: I've been involved in community service and public service most of my life. My parents were very involved and taught me the value of giving back. As an adult, my involvement began 1994 as a college intern in Washington, D.C. for U.S. Senator Pell. Additionally, for one year, between graduating from college and beginning law school, I worked as a constituent service representative and writer for the Rhode Island State Senate Majority Leader. In 2006 and 2010, I was elected to the Sierra Madre City Council. I served for nearly six years on the Sierra Madre City Council before moving to London, UK for my spouse's job. While on the Sierra Madre City Council, I was appointed to and served in the positions of Vice Mayor and Mayor. In 2015, I was appointed to the Encinitas Parks & Recreation Commission. While serving on this commission, I was a part of the Trails Subcommittee and Coastal Mobility & Livability Work Group. In January of 2017, I was appointed to the Encinitas City Council after being chosen from a list of 15 other well qualified candidates who applied for a vacant seat on our City Council. At the end of 2017, I was unanimously appointed by my fellow City Council Members to serve in the positions of Deputy Mayor and President of the San Dieguito Water District. Additionally, I serve on multiple local and regional boards representing our City's interest.

Why are you running for your respective office?

Serving on our City Council is my way of giving back and making a difference in our community, and I also do it for my kids. My family loves Encinitas, and I want to see our communities of Encinitas thrive so my family can continue to enjoy it for decades to come. I deeply believe that public service is important, and that one person can make a difference. Over the past two years in which I have served on the City Council, we've made much progress toward improving the quality of life in our community and toward addressing our most pressing challenges. I am committed and passionate about continuing to serve on our City Council. I will use my experience and leadership skills to solve our most difficult challenges and to preserve the charm and character of our community.

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?

My top three issues are maintaining a financially sound city, enhancing public safety and decreasing traffic congestion, and preserving the character and charm of the communities of Encinitas.

Maintaining a financially sound City into the future must be our top priority, especially if we are to continue addressing our most pressing challenges, such as traffic congestion and safety of our community. We have made sound decisions in the past which has placed our City in a strong financial position. There are, however, continuing economic pressures on the horizon, such as rising pension costs and decreasing sales taxes, that demand that we stay focused, plan, and continue to align our spending with our City's strategic priorities.

Another top priority is continuing to enhance the public safety of our City. Every part of our City must meet our standard for fire and emergency response time – no exception. We need to ensure that our local law enforcement (San Diego County Sheriff's Department) is focused on community policing and that they have the resources necessary to investigate crimes and conduct effective traffic enforcement. We must do more to make our roads safer so that we are decreasing traffic collisions and pedestrian fatalities. Our roads must be safe for everyone to use. Lastly, we need to implement the adaption programs in our Climate Action Plan to prepare our community for the effects of a changing climate.

Top on our list of priorities must be decreasing traffic congestion and improving the overall circulation of our City, especially if we are to improve the quality of life in our community. We need to update our Circulation Plan, fund the projects in our newly adopted Active Transportation Plan, and continue to invest in improving the quality and the safety of our roads.

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?

This is the first time in awhile that the communities of Olivenhain and New Encinitas have been directly represented on the City Council by somebody from their area. I have worked hard to bring a voice to these communities by improving our trails, improving our roads, improving our public safety, improving our quality of life, and preserving the character and charm of our communities.

I have balanced this with the needs of Encinitas at large. Right now, each member of our City Council comes from one of the five traditional communities of our City, so in many ways the

balancing of local community interest with citywide interest is happening. I will always give voice to the concerns and interest of my district, but a solution to any of our challenges is one that works for the whole of our City.

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. While Measure U is not perfect, it is our solution to our current challenge of being out of compliance with State housing law. Measure U is a compromise developed after many public hearings and much public input. The passage of Measure U will put us in compliance with State housing law, will put an end to the millions of dollars being spent on litigation from being out-of-compliance, will restore our City's eligibility for certain State grants, and will allow for more affordable housing to be built.

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

The City and the community of Leucadia have invested about 10 years and thousands of dollars in trying to improve the safety, functionality, flow, mobility, and look of the North Coast Highway 101 corridor. If it is done in a fiscally responsible way, I believe, for the most part, the North Coast Highway 101 Streetscape Project does address these concerns. The City Council will have another opportunity to look at this project after it goes through the California Coastal Commission process. I reiterate that the cost of the project and how it will be paid for are my top concerns. No one project should shift our attention from the many needs throughout our City.

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 under-crossings, or should it pursue trenching as a long-term solution?

The safety of our train corridor is a very important matter for our City and one that is central to much of the planning that has been ongoing with our community. The deployment of more crossings, from Chesterfield to the northern portion of the corridor, will significantly decrease the safety risks on our residents, and increase the quality of life for everyone who lives, works, or

visits the area. The Coastal Mobility & Livability Work Group – a group of residents tasked with developing a vision for our rail corridor – after meeting for many months produced a sensible recommendation that called for multiple crossings throughout the corridor. Our City is moving forward with implementing their recommendation. Of course, I prefer under-crossings to at-grade crossings. Because of limited resources and the cost difference between the options, the City needs to balance the desire for under-crossings with the need for multiple access points throughout the corridor. Finally, I absolutely agree with the long-term vision of trenching, but I don't feel that it should hold us back from addressing this very important matter in the near-term.

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?

When Proposition 64 passed on the Statewide ballot in 2016, it essentially legalized the use of marijuana in California – one can use it, grow it, and possess it. The question of whether a commercial use of marijuana could operate within a city or a county was left to the individual cities and counties to determine. I personally do not feel that storefronts, manufacturing, wholesale, and commercial cultivation fit in our City and are consistent with our quality of life. However, if the ballot measure that will be voted on by our City residents in 2020 passes, then I will do everything in my power to implement it just as I would do with any other law. Moreover, in terms of delivery, the California Bureau of Cannabis Control (State agency tasked with administering our cannabis laws) is poised to allow for the delivery of marijuana to every city in the State. Their draft regulation is under review. The State legislature also appears anxious to allow for Statewide delivery.

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

Preserving access at Beacon's Beach has been an issue for our City for quite some time. I see this as an access and a safety issue. The experts consulted on this matter, inform us that the bluff is eroding and will eventually give way. In the past, the City has developed plans to preserve safe access at Beacon's Beach, including forfeiting the current switchback trail, but these plans did not pass the review of the California Coastal Commission who has the ultimate

approval. I will support a plan that meets our community expectations, the Coastal Commission expectation, and preserves safe access at Beacon's Beach.

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?

Climate change is the biggest threat and challenge facing our world. I believe that it is imperative that cities act now. In Encinitas, we have passed a forward-leaning Climate Action Plan that will reduce our greenhouse gasses, move us to more renewable energy, and prepare our City for the effects of a changing climate, such as sea-level rise, flooding, more intense heat days, and a longer and more dangerous wildfire season. We now need to implement our Climate Action Plan. If our community choice energy program is feasible and adopted, then it will be one more strategy for moving our City in the direction of more renewable energy.