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On the issues:

Affordable housing:

is under the jurisdiction of many government agencies, like Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and local agencies. These all have an impact on many San Diego County communities like Solana Beach. To qualify for affordable housing, one of many types of criteria is, for example, a family of 4 must meet the maximum income of \$54,540 or less. There are other affordable housing criteria to consider. For developers, there are incentives and loans to developers for the development of affordable housing. Solana Beach development is at a premium and affordable housing is important when balanced between regulations and civic responsibility. As City Council member, if elected I will seek opportunities to work with citizens, developers and community leaders to find responsible approach to affordable housing policies and social responsibility.

Short-term Rentals:

Short term housing is another interesting topic in a beach community like Solana Beach. From 2008-2015 there has been a sharp increase in Short Term Rental. The report, I read, says it has increased 13 times in those 8 years. Short Term Rental, typically is defined as a rental of housing or sleeping accommodation for 30 days or less of consecutive days. Yet, the Coastal Commission states a current 7 day minimum restriction. There are laws and other ordinances that challenge and also help mitigate the problems associated with STR. Additionally, the new Sheriff Captain Herb Taft encourages citizens to report crimes they observe and this will help reduce crimes and problems associated STR. AirBnB has actually made a deal with Solana Beach to collect TOT (transient occupancy tax) according to City of Solana Beach Meetings in April 2017. STR can be complex. As City Council member, I will seek changes in regulations that best suit the Solana Beach community and continue to work with my colleagues in other governing agencies as well. STR can be managed with the right leadership

The Del Mar Resort:

Solana Beach doesn't seem to have a "say" in this development, because it is in Del Mar. There are hidden costs in this resort. And these costs are more than money, it makes a large impact on the community's natural resources, quality of life and more. The Solana Beach community needs a voice in this development pro-actively. Recently, City of Solana Beach council reported it doesn't support the rezoning of part of Del Mar. Additionally, the Santa Fe Irrigation District General Manager Michael Bardin presented at the City Council meeting to help Solana Beach citizens better understand the impact of this resort. If elected I will work together to ensure Solana Beach concerns reach County Board of Supervisors, the power company, the Coastal Commission and other agencies to get a true impact statement.

Eden Gardens, La Colonia Park and gentrification:

Gentrification is an interesting word to describe La Colonia de Eden Garden. According to Google, it means, "the process of renovating and improving a house or district so that it conforms to middle-class taste." Eden Garden business owners and their families are my neighbors. There is a lot of pride in the developments in this part of the Solana Beach community. The nearly 100 years hard working farmers and agriculture workers, who served in the local businesses and the fields, lived in Eden Garden in affordable housing and some reaped the rewards to purchased their homes, and even the businesses and homes around the neighborhood. Their work contributed to the community of Solana Beach. The improvements to the La Colonia Park, the Solana Beach Historical Society, the development and much more are a tribute to the hard work. I hope that many of you will be able to share and celebrate in Eden Gardens at the upcoming La Colonia De Eden Gardens Dia de Los Muertos on October 28, 2018 in La Colonia Park.

Lomas Santa Fe Corridor Updates:

Roundabouts and LSF corridor are important topic. My record on the subject aligns with the City Council approach to take roundabouts off the table. Now, we can focus on the impact report on LSF before moving forward.

Budget:

City of Solana Beach gets the majority of it budget funded by property taxes and secondly sales tax. It is lean budget and well managed by our City Manager and Council. I am growing in appreciation of finding additional means to grow the budget. My business background is sales and growth through new opportunities. I would like to put together a task force to study and brainstorm new ideas.

**Paul said she did not have time to respond to the topics of local development or Solana Energy Alliance.