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With the city so close to build out, what specific policy or actions can the City Council take to create more affordable housing opportunities?

Future demands by SANDAG and the State to increase our population may conflict with the Growth Management Plan that was put in place by the voters in 1986. Today, we have an opportunity to engage our city by district communities to focus on the future needs of each neighborhood. A collective dialogue will determine what each area will require in services, goods and revitalization. This process requires forward thinking and visionary plans to ensure our quality of life for current and future residents.

San Diego County holds tremendous power over the McClellan-Palomar Airport. Including the recent actions taken by the City Council, and assuming the master plan update is not passed by the Board of Supervisors prior to the election, how can you and the council work toward bringing a fair deal to the city and residents?

The City of Carlsbad has hired and gotten professional advice from the best legal minds on this issue. It is clear that citizens can have an impact by simply engaging the county directly to ensure noise levels don't get out of hand, or that traffic and other possible negative impacts are minimized or eliminated. I think my role will be to ensure a clear channel of communication between our citizens and regional powers.

Homelessness is a major issue throughout San Diego County and in Carlsbad. The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is a success, but are there any other options or strategies to address the issue? Are shelters on city abandoned or unused property a consideration?

Homelessness is a difficult and complex issue facing communities through out California and the nation. It is my belief it begins with a collaborative approach addressing the needs of our most vulnerable population of our societies. Prevention and stopping people from becoming homeless in the first place. Educational awareness of emergency trauma by supporting with shelter, food, day programs, access and increasing mental health services for evaluations, medication, therapy with the goal of stabilization & returning to permanent employment and housing should be achieved. Lastly, follow up evaluations is the final step for long term recovery. A great example of a successful program that addresses homelessness in multiple areas is Solutions for Change.

The issue of single-use plastics is becoming more prominent as many municipalities, and California, have banned plastic bags and not looking at single-use plastic straws. What is your position on single-use plastic straws, what should the city do about it (if anything) and if action is taken to enforce a ban, how do you work with businesses (and residents) to ease the burden?

Almost everything made today contains plastic and I am aware of the impacts on our environment. But this issue begs the question, where do we stop, and what's next? Forks, knives, spoons are the same as straws and doing away with, or limiting access to, straws is micro-management and excessive legislation. Education, I believe, is the best way to get people to recycle plastics and other waste products that are renewable or reusable, therefore is a great way to start change within a community. Earlier this year, Carlsbad discussed an anti-gun violence resolution.

Recently, the Del Mar Fairgrounds board voted to suspend the Crossroads of the West Gun Show in 2019. What is your position on the board's decision, and if Carlsbad should reconsider the resolution, regarding a constitutionally protected right?

Today we live in a world of violence and the tragic event of violence that occurred in our community is every parent, family, and community's worst nightmare. We must provide to the best of our abilities a safe community for all citizens. I support background checks to ensure guns are not placed in the hands of confirmed criminals, those that have displayed a history of domestic violence, or persons who are a danger to themselves or others due to mental or emotional issues. However, responsible gun owners have the right to purchase guns in a secure safe environment. When not in the public eye; the sales of guns will go underground.