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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?**

First we need to change the short term rental policy for the city. Several years ago the attitude of the council was to push for no STR's period, but they knew that the coastal commission would not agree with this within the coastal zone so they used the boundary line. If you live east of the boundary, you can't have a STR. Those to the west have unrestricted use; they can have multiple properties and no limit on days per year. How fair is that? The coastal zone actually moves significantly west to the railroad tracks in my district one. This directly affects affordability and if I am elected I will work to change this so all homeowners get equal treatment by the city.

**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?**

Pull out all the stops to put pressure on the County and Regional Airport Authority to recognize the concerns of city residents first. They have gotten away with this because the county Supervisors and airports Authority see themselves as working for the airports and the pilots, not for the citizens on the ground hearing the noise pollution. This airport should never be allowed to expand, based on the misinformation and biased data they have put forth regarding activity in and out of their Airport so far. People need to be aware that this is not in their interest and this is a bad thing for North County and their property values.

**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?**

I don't see shelters as an option with the city. We should pour our resources into the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and promote the many efforts made by private citizen groups locally. If we can push deeper than filling daily needs and ignite the potential within each individual this will bring change. Substance abuse is a major player in this population and I think prevention and education is crucial. Supporting the North Coastal Prevention Coalition (NCPC) and other groups working with youth and adults is crucial. I currently work in the Vista Jail on a volunteer basis helping Veterans and Civilians with a program called "Stepping Up" and we have been asked to grow the program to all inmates so we are always looking for volunteer's.

**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?**

I like straws. If you don't want one don't take one, maybe skip the lid too. I think we leave that one alone. I do like beach clean up's and salute the Surfrider Foundation and their beach work!

**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?**

The Fairgrounds board made a difficult decision on this. The Crossroads group had been a loyal customer so I can certainly understand their disappointment also. I not sure how I would have voted on this specific issue, but I am definitely a supporter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution.