

Encinitas City Council 2018 elections  
Candidate Questionnaire

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...and more

1. Why are you running for your respective office?

I believe the current makeup of the Encinitas City Council does not truly represent our community. In short, it supports the wishes of a few and ignores the needs and governmental beliefs of the many.

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?

- Housing Element
- Streetscape
- Traffic Safety

- Marijuana

While there are other issues our City Council needs to address, I believe these are the top 4. Working with City Council members, I will bring a fresh, educated, and unbiased view to our City government. The key here is that you cannot solve problems unless you change your way of thinking and approaching this. My specific stance on these issues are addressed below.

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?

Clearly, all Council persons must first keep in mind the needs of our community as a whole, rather than any particular group or neighborhood.

The beauty of the "District" program is that representative Council members can bring their district's concerns to light and share them with each council member. Further, the district policy allows each district representative to focus on that district and bring forth its needs and wishes to the community.

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.

So what about measure U. I'm convinced it's going to fail in my opinion it's a little more than prop T redone. I think a whole fresh approach must to be taken to the situation. The state wants low-cost, affordable housing. That is truly the issue here. Everything else is smoke and mirrors. My question is why doesn't the city build it's own affordable housing. Increasing density is basically a giveaway to builders and doesn't solve the issue the numbers speak for themselves. we can by way of example, start with a bond issue to build affordable housing. The city becomes a landlord The city sets the rates of pay us back and the money from the rent in 15To 20 years the house it will be paid off this can be a profit making situation for the city if done right. A 3% bond would do the trick. LA does this San Diego has a bond measure of this type on the ballot and I believe even Solana Beach has something to this effect. Another thought is why doesn't the city assist people in building granny flats that the owners can pay back in a reasonable period of time and things will given it back to the owner once the debt is paid Yes this would take some effort on the city's part but that's what leaderships all about. As I started to say additionally any rent structure on either of these can depend upon individual income. Or perhaps the city could buy market rate property and again develop affordable housing. I'm convinced things like These measures will never really pass the city needs leadership at the city Council to step in and take over. As to the courts the city needs to hire an outside

environmental lawyer and as of the present judge I don't recall any situation in California where a judge overruled the will of the people with one exception and that was gay marriage. Remember a law is a law until someone challenge it that's the history of this country. If we are serious about low cost/affordable housing let's get started.

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?

Regarding Streetscape. I am opposed to it. The mantra in the past has need to preserve and protect our neighborhoods. This project destroys one of our most charming and unique neighborhoods. It's 30 million to benefit a few wealthy land owners. Perhaps an additional cross walk or light but I would go no further. Narrowing the streets create a nightmare for our already congested traffic. Also take a look at the California costal commission report 28 pages of letting the city know the project clearly violated the CCC ACT. ALSO take a look at the fact certain staff members have refused to put their name on this.

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?

First of all, public safety is and should be the number one concern of government.

The trail of the Rail Corridor here in Encinitas should have been on the West side of the area, but somehow got put on the East side. I believe this was a mistake, however, we must deal with what we have in this case for public safety. I believe some sort of "cable" type fence is proposed. Additionally, I am not opposed to at-grade or underground crossings; I believe they are necessary as a long term solution. The problem is where is the money to complete this AND the proposed "Streetscape" project? That money is best spent on projects relating to the safety of our citizens in the rail corridor project.

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?

As to cannabis, we must keep in mind that 65% of our citizens here in Encinitas voted to support the concept of legalized cannabis use. With this as a backdrop, and in my opinion, legalized sale of cannabis in the City should be allowed with certain restrictions. I would support no more than four dispensaries located in industrial or heavy office environments, away from schools or areas frequented by children. The product should carry a City tax with those monies then going toward a specified cause.

Delivery services are, in my opinion, not a problem and should be allowed.

As to growing and cultivation, I am opposed. I feel the City is not ready for this and may, at a later date, reconsider it.

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

We come back to leaving the City in a natural state. The monstrosity as created for Beacons is another boondoggle of City Hall's imagination. I do not support it nor feel it is necessary.

The prior collapse of the trail was due to the City's failure to monitor the property.

The original trail, as-is and maintained, is fine.

The plan the City has in mind takes away from the natural beauty of the area, narrows the road, and actually limits access for certain individuals.

Leave it alone... Maintain the trail and all will be fine.

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?

The City should pursue the concept of community choice energy as a green initiative. I would support it wholeheartedly.