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1. Why did you decide to run for this office on the 2020 ballot?

I am asking to be reelected to the Apache Junction City Council to continue moving our community into the future. We have made some great strides in the last four years. We developed and instituted a vision and mission statement for the city. We have developed a plan to repair, rebuild and maintain our roads. We have continued the improvement of our water cleaning, storage and transportation infrastructure. We have passed the Permanent Base Adjustment, in place of the Home Rule. We have reviewed and improved a number of our ordinances and zoning/fee structures. We have been working with a number of commercial developers to bring larger businesses into the community. We have worked with the State Land Trust to have the land north of the 24 to be annexed and developed. This will begin the process of further development in the near future. We have been working with Pinal County and the state to plan and implement the North South corridor. This will bring more commercial development to our community. These are things that we will build and do even more over the next four years and continue to build a foundation for Apache Junction's future.

2. What are 3 decisions/actions taken by the current council that you strongly support or are opposed to, and why?

For the last 30 years the council has been granting money to nonprofits. Over the last four years I have been trying to reduce and or eliminate this line item. I strongly support our nonprofit organizations. I do not believe that the government should be funding nonprofits to fulfill their mission for which they are granted nonprofit status. The nonprofits solicit for funds and do not have to pay taxes and donors get a tax break for providing the funds. The nonprofit needs to become less dependent on tax dollars. I believe we can use the funds to further the safety, health and overall activities for all citizens.

We formed an Arts Commission for the city during the summer of 2019. The council decided the way to fund it was to implement a 1% fee, tax, on new construction in our city. This is on all new commercial, religious and non-profit entities. I strongly believe that the Arts Commission can research, pursue and receive grants from other sources. The implementation of the fee, tax, will be detrimental to attracting commercial development.

We developed and implemented the vision statement in the fall of 2017. This has helped the staff and council to make a plan for our future. We are moving forward on negotiations with the BLM, State Land Trust, developers, the county and state. It has built a foundation for our community to provide jobs, safety, healthier neighborhoods, better education opportunities and a place for our families to call home.

3. If you were faced with a decision, and, after research and discussion, you believed the best move for the future of the community was different from what you were hearing from your constituency, would you vote in accordance with your research, or would you vote to represent the beliefs of your supporters? Why?

A government has three purposes, no matter what level it may be; federal, state, county, city, or HOA. They are to provide for the safety and health, promote commerce and provide for public welfare, not private. Leaders who are elected to facilitate those purposes must always consider three things when making decisions. Those three things are servitude, stewardship and selflessness.

Balancing the act of service to the individual and stewardship to the community is a difficult thing to do. They are usually at odds with each other. There are times we have to decide whose liberties are more important than another person. Liberty is defined as being able to do whatever you want with your life, as long as you don't interfere with another person living their life they want. Each case has to be decided based on the knowledge that you have right at that time of the decision.

No elected, appointed or hired leader should make a decision based on how it will affect their own life. This is where integrity comes into play. In other words, what you do when no one is watching really does matter.

I talk to people. I research the facts of the issue. I draw upon my experience and knowledge. I do not stick my finger up and see which way the wind is blowing. I look out for all people, even those that are working to provide for their families and don't have time to getting involved in drama.

4. What is your vision for the future of Apache Junction and what actions need to be taken to achieve this vision?

My Vision for Apache Junction is to be the example of prosperity, compassion, and future thinking for all other communities of Arizona and the nation.

It is important to understand why you do what you do. This is your purpose or vision. Your vision is something that you will endeavor to achieve your whole life. After determining your vision, goals must be developed to accomplish that which will move you and others towards the same vision. The goals will change over time as they are attained and different goals start to develop.

Allow me to explain the vision I have for Apache Junction. This vision consists of three sections: prosperity, compassion, and future thinking.

Let me explain prosperity. The City has the ability to implement and enforce the proper policies and regulations that will enable businesses to compete in a fair and equitable marketplace. These policies will also allow the citizens to have enough to provide for themselves and others.

Compassion is defined in the dictionary as sympathy, pity, and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others. I like the definition that former Congressman Jack Kemp gave us, "Compassion is not how many people live on the government welfare plantation, but how many of our people are liberated from government dependence."

Now let us visit the idea of future thinking. The Contrarian Leader, Steven Sample says "thinking free can lead to novel ways of addressing some of the competitive, political, legal, policy and bureaucratic challenges one must confront."

5. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am asking the citizens of Apache Junction to re-elect me to a second term. I have served for the last 3.5 years as a servant of the people, a steward of the community and with selflessness. It is a time consuming job that requires experience, knowledge and a desire to bring about change in the community to move us forward into the future. It also requires the ability to make decisions, create relationships, build consensus and when required, stand up for my principles, even when others disagree. I have shown the ability, desire and fortitude to accomplish all of those things.

I will be honored and humbled to be reelected to the Apache Junction city council. I will continue to serve my community and be a steward to our property and resources. You can learn more about my answers to these questions and others at my website, www.letsbuildourfuture.com, so let's build our future together.