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CANDIDATE FOR PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL

1. Why are you running for Mayor / City Council? Please describe your economic and financial training and experience, and explain why the people of Prescott should be willing to rely on you to make complex decisions on what activities the City should undertake, and how they should be paid for.

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It is my belief that we should have continuity in government for the best long term results. Experience counts! My background in the corporate world and owning construction companies make me uniquely qualified to make the hard decisions that are required of a Prescott City Councilman.

2. What is the biggest tax-related issue facing the City of Prescott today? What recommendations do you have for dealing with it?

Funding to repair our streets is our immediate tax-related need. I have been a supporter of the ballot initiative to enact a ¾% extension of the sales tax for this purpose beginning in 2016. I also have helped broaden the tax base by backing annexation efforts for the City.

3. What is your position on the September 1st “Vote YES for Streets” ballot proposition and why?

See Question #2. A resounding “Yes”.

4. Are you in favor of subsidizing private enterprises to locate in Prescott – under what conditions?

“Yes”. When extending infrastructure to new businesses will encourage them to locate in Prescott. However, “No” to any monetary payment. Good example is Costco. Look at the sales tax that company has produced for us. Prescott is a desirable place to live, work and play. People and business entities are here because they want to be.

5. Do you support the right of Prescott citizens to vote on spending projects of \$40 million or more, adjusted for inflation, as provided in the proposed Taxpayer Protection Initiative?

Governing by initiate does not work. Example, California. The “taxpayer protection” initiative is a thinly veiled attempt to prevent the pipeline project, to keep us from reaching safe yield and to basically stop growth. I am in favor of the citizen’s right to vote. Let’s hope they have all the facts before casting their ballots.

6. Prescott's 100 year-old underground water delivery and waste systems are deteriorating, wasting water and leaking sewage into the ground. An independent consultant's report highly recommended replacing them for health and conservation reasons. Please list which capital improvement projects you would defer, in order to update our underground water and sewage systems?

- A. Downtown Fire Station Y ___ N ___
- B. Upgrade Police Practice Ran.....Y ___ N ___
- C. Willow/Watson Fire StationY ___ N ___
- D. Police & Fire StorageY ___ N ___
- E. Airport Runway Land Purchase. ..Y ___ N ___
- F. Park UpgradesY ___ N ___
- G. Police HeadquarterY ___ N ___
- H. Rodeo Grounds.....Y ___ N ___
- I. Fire Training CenterY ___ N ___
- J. Other

Prescott has a plan in place to improve our water and wastewater systems. I believe the Capital Improvement Projects must be prioritized, and proceed when the economy recovers.

7. How would you improve the lack of trust that exists between the Council and the populace?

It is a basic job of the populace to be a watchdog of local government, and the CTC is a large contributor to that effort. You can help dispel some of the misconceptions that exist in the public.

8. How would you support and promote regional economic development in Prescott?

Since I have been your Councilman, I have promoted the concept of a regional industrial park where Chino Valley, Prescott Valley and Prescott would share in the revenue produced.

9. How can we maintain the present flavor of Prescott and manage the quality of the new growth that is needed to sustain our sales tax revenue?

By continuing to support annual events such as the rodeo, courthouse lighting, Sharlot Hall, and the Whiskey Row western experience. The quantity of new growth in controlled by our zoning and building codes. Our impact fees also cause the quality to be sustained.

10. If you needed to balance the City's budget, would you vote to increase taxes or would you vote to make the required cuts in the City's budget? Would you single out specific departments or would you make an equal cut across the board for everyone?

We are cutting the budget now! No new taxes!! Isn't that why I am a member of the CTC? For reducing the budget, I favor an analysis by each department head, then have the City Manager review and approve. Ultimately the final decision makers are City Council. The chain of command must be followed.