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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.

I'm running for council because I am not happy with the direction Prescott seems to be heading. I am a 53 year resident of Prescott and have seen many changes. Some good and some not so good. Lately we seem to be leaning to the not so good. I was blessed to have grown up here and raise my 3 children here. I now have 5 grandchildren and are lucky they all live in Prescott. I want to preserve the quality of life for them that we have been blessed with.

After getting out of college I became a general contractor and then got on the Prescott police dept. and retired a few years ago. I have worked in the private sector and for the city so I have seen the needs of both sides. I have always been one who listens and then uses common sense and finds the best solution to the problems that we face.

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

The fact that we have a big decrease in sales tax revenue is the biggest issue that we are facing. One solution is we need to stop the overwhelming wasteful spending we are doing. We need to try to attract blue collar businesses so we do not rely so heavily on the construction industry. We need to see what we can do to support the businesses we have. We need to look at the success that our neighbors have achieved and apply it to our growing. And we need to stop throwing money at problems or pointing fingers, admit mistakes and fix them.

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

I support the yes for streets and will be voting for it. I believe that this is the best solution presented at this time. Our streets need repair and new streets need to be built.

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

No.

I believe that Prescott itself is a great incentive for companies to locate in Prescott. If we subsidize new business all we are doing is slapping established businesses in the face.

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?

No. We as citizens vote our council into office. If we do not have enough confidence in them to do what is in the best interest of Prescott do not vote them in. I do believe that our city

government had better talk to the citizens and get their input into all decisions that concern Prescott.

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_x__
- B. Upgrade Police Practice RangeY_x__ N___
- C. Willow/Watson Fire StationY_x__ N___
- D. Police & Fire StorageYx___ N___
- E. Airport Runway Land Purchase Y_x__ N___
- F. Park UpgradesY_x__ N___
- G. Police Headquarters?Y_x__ N___
- H. Rodeo GroundsY_x__ N___
- I. Fire Training CenterY_x__ N___
- J. Other

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

I did not know there was a lack of trust there but the main thing that needs to be done is finding out what the citizens want and be open with the public.

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

We are a wealth of information and knowhow here in Prescott and in our neighboring towns and I am all for working together and come up with solutions to better the region. This isn't a competition, we are all in this together.

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?

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?

I do not believe that we would need to raise taxes if we would stop wasting tax dollars. We have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on studies , surveys, and polls. What happened to common sense? Stop putting in things like "traffic calming's"and medians that are suppose to be a snake, stop outsourcing and do your job. And if we are to send our monies out of town fire those that we are paying but not doing their jobs and save a bundle.

I do not think that we should cut across the board. We need to make sure that our basic need are front and foremost (i.e. police fire water sewer roads etc.).