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CANDIDATE FOR PRESCOTT FOR MAYOR

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 have been involved in several retail businesses in Prescott for over 40 years, including developing wholesale petroleum bulk plants and retail service stations for Phillips Petroleum Company, owning and operating a General Motors and Toyota Automobile Dealership, and developing a commercial center adjacent to the airport which included a motel, commercial rentals and a Circle K. I have also developed several commercial building projects in Prescott, including supplemental classroom facilities for Yavapai College. I have been a Prescott city councilman twice and understand what it takes to make city government decisions.

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

In my opinion, our decline in sales tax and state shared revenues are the major issues facing the city of Prescott. Business retention and tourism growth will be a priority for our council.

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

I will vote YES on the "Yes for Streets" ballot proposition, however, I would have preferred a full one cent strictly for streets.

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

Under certain circumstances, depending on the character of the businesses, I would agree to support infrastructure development to encourage clean industry or retail based businesses to locate in Prescott. This could include job enhancement or a strong retail sales tax base.

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?

I did not sign the petition for the initiative, however, I believe the citizens of Prescott have the right to vote on the proposal.

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?

PLEASE SEE MY "X" (all answers YES)

- A. Downtown Fire Statio.....Y X N__
- B. Upgrade Police Practice Range....Y X N__
- C. Willow/Watson Fire Station.....Y X N__
- D. Police & Fire StorageY X 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?

By being completely open with the public at council meetings and minimize the use of Executive Sessions.

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

I would work with the elected officials of Prescott Valley and Chino Valley to encourage economic development in our region and work toward some sharing formula regardless of where the business or industry located.

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?

We must emphasize the quality of life issues that have kept Prescott the place where people want to work and live. We must have enough growth to offset the additional cost of providing basic services to all of our citizens.

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?

In today's economic environment, I do not believe we should increase taxes, but should attempt to find ways to cut the city budget. I do not have enough information about specific departments to make judgment on what, or who, should be cut.