

Q: Why are you running?

A: To keep working to build a better quality of life for all of us; continue to be a strong advocate for safe and clean neighborhoods; foster smart growth policies; and continue to provide the open and transparent communication that you have come to expect and is critical for maintaining trust. I want to continue to utilize my experience, leadership, and knowledge gained from 20 years as a councilmember, 30 years of military service and 35 years of working at high tech companies. We need to ensure we continue to have sound fiscal policies, enhanced private-public partnerships and support our schools

Q: Top 3 issues you would like to focus on (?):

A: Public Safety and Schools – I led the effort to hire an additional 29 police officers and fire fighters and will continue press to hire additional first responders to meet our growing demand for services. I will continue to expand creative partnerships with our schools and private entities.

Economic development and fiscal responsibility – Continue to revive or redevelop vacant and struggling retail centers as well as the sound fiscal policies that protect Chandler’s tax base. Encourage small business expansion and diversify Chandler’s economic base.

Neighborhoods and quality of life - Enhance programs that preserve existing neighborhoods, parks and amenities. Expand transportation options and provide more diverse and affordable housing.

Q: How will your campaign embody the values of the Chandler Chamber?

A: Chandler’s success is a reflection of the economic strategies that I and others have put in place over the years. We need to continue to refine those policies, protect Chandler’s tax base and promote a strong economic development environment. These policies have been instrumental in Chandler gaining tens of thousands of new jobs and dozens of new industries have either expanded or re-located to our community. Chandler devoted much of its largest remaining land parcels, along freeway corridors, airport, and other areas, to economic and retail development. I will continue to remain firm on our city’s commitment to reserve those parcels for key employment and businesses.

Q: How will the Chamber’s endorsement help you in the race?

A: I have witness the Chamber become one of the strongest and successful entities in the state in promoting business and economic growth. I am proud to have had the Chamber’s endorsement in previous campaigns for council. Many members of the business community have already endorsed and contributed to my campaign; a chamber endorsement will just reinforce the trust those business leaders have for me. Finally, a top priority of mine will be to continue strengthen the partnership between the city and the chamber and to continue to serve, as the council liaison to the Education and Work Force Development committee.

Endorsements:

Arizona Police Association, AZCOPS (Police and Sheriffs), United Phoenix Fire Fighters, Numerous Businesses, Business Leaders, Community leaders and Current and former Mayors and Councilmembers