



**MERRILEE
BOYACK**

ISSUE

YES/NO

CANDIDATE COMMENT

<p>1. WHY RUNNING: Why did you decide to run for a seat on Poway City Council? Also, what is your vision for Poway's future?</p>	<p>----</p>	<p>I decided to run again because I actually CARE about the people and this community. And I want to keep serving them. My vision – continued HIGH quality of life that we love. That pretty well sums it up! My website at VoteBoyack.com has all the details.</p>
<p>2. TOP ISSUES: What do you think are the top 4 issues in Poway?</p>	<p>----</p>	<p>1. Reduced revenues from property and sales tax combined with the overall impacts of the recession and the attempt of the state to take money from the City and the Redevelopment Agency. 2. Affordable housing requirements foisted on us by the state – should be done regionally. 3. Emergency preparedness for future fires or disasters. 4. Traffic impacts – speeding, road conditions, etc.</p>
<p>3. WAL-MART EXPANSION: If elected, will you vote to approve Wal-Mart's proposed expansion (to approximately 200,000 sq. ft.) at its current site?</p>	<p>UN-DECIDED</p>	<p>Cannot say at this time because I am a sitting Councilmember and I am required to keep an open mind on issues that are before us. I will say that traffic is a huge issue for me and must be addressed by any application submitted by Wal-Mart.</p>
<p>4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Do you think there is an over-concentration of AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLEXES in the core area of South Poway? If so, what will you do to change this trend if you are elected?</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>I believe there is a concentration but that it is not too much. All studies show improved school scores, improved safety and improved property values from our existing projects. I believe that it fits with where the concentration of services is in our city. I'm very open to spreading out future projects but believe that they MUST be located near services.</p>

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<p>5. CITY BUDGET: What are your proposals to keep the City of Poway's budget in check -- while also maintaining Poway's 'CITY IN THE COUNTRY' atmosphere as much as possible?</p>	<p>----</p>	<p>I've been working with staff on cut-backs throughout the system from staff reductions, to trimming, to re-evaluating costs, etc. I've also been very instrumental in scaling back some capital improvement projects which has saved us millions. I'll continue to work on this AGGRESSIVELY.</p>
<p>6. EMPTY STOREFRONTS: To what do you attribute the ongoing glut of empty storefronts along Poway Road? Also, if elected, what would you propose to fix this?</p>	<p>----</p>	<p>We're in a RECESSION. The entire world is gripped in a recession and it's short-sighted to think Poway is exempt. Actually, we're doing pretty well compared to other communities. I will continue to support the Chamber of Commerce, Business Park Association, and to encourage the Economic Development department to be pro-active.</p>
<p>7. UNANIMOUS VOTES: The vast majority of city council votes are unanimous. Why do you think this is? Also, if elected, will you be willing to vote in the minority if you conclude that is the right thing to do for Poway and its residents?</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>YES – and I HAVE voted in the minority. I've also shifted the vote when I was in the minority to build a majority. I think it's often unanimous because we read, study, and happen to agree after hearing the issue. There is virtually NO discussion ahead of time so I believe these things make sense to all of us.</p>
<p>8. LIVE BROADCASTS: Poway is the only North County city without LIVE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON CABLE and/or LIVE WEBSTREAMING. This was a campaign promise made in 2004 and again in 2006. If elected, will you work to make this happen as soon as possible?</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>YES – I've been working on getting web streaming and will continue to push for it. With the economic situation, it's challenging but I'm still encouraging it.</p>
<p>9. SOUTH POWAY ISSUES: Most City Council Members and candidates are North Poway residents. If elected, what will you do to ensure that vital South Poway issues are not short-changed?</p>	<p>----</p>	<p>Listen. Take action. It's what I've always promised to do and what I have done. I've invited every president of SPRA to come in and meet with me. None have taken me up on it. Don't understand that one. But I take action on EVERY single request that comes to me from every resident. I can't always solve the issues, but I absolutely take action to see if we can.</p>

CANDIDATE Q&A FORMS FOR ALL POWAY CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES CAN BE FOUND ON THE SOUTH POWAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE: www.SouthPowayResidents.com