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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 am running for an open seat on the City Council because I believe I can represent the interests of the citizens of Poway in an effective way. I see the future of Poway as continuing to be the "City in the Country". We have many parks and amenities that attract many visitors and make this city a desirable place to live. By preserving the open space we have, we can keep our reputation as a great place to buy a home.</p>
<p>2. TOP ISSUES: What do you think are the top 4 issues in Poway?</p>	<p>----</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A diversified and reliable supply of water. 2. Keeping the budget in line with revenues and building a reserve whenever possible. 3. Improving our ability to respond to wildfires and earthquakes. 4. Work with the Sheriff's Department to make our city the safest in the county.
<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- DECI- DED</p>	<p>The Wal-Mart expansion is an issue that can only be answered by seeing a definitive plan from Wal-Mart, traffic and fire studies by the City and hearing what the people of Poway think. Any decision I might make as a Council member will be dictated by these factors.</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>The City Council has placed affordable housing complexes in South Poway because they think that has been the best place for them. I am in favor of appointing a citizen's committee to study the issue and put forth alternatives before we create more of these complexes.</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>The Citizen's Budget Review Committee has made concrete recommendations about keeping the budget in balance. I support those recommendations. It will be difficult to retain all the programs and staff at their current levels given the current state of California's budget and the proposals emanating from Sacramento as well as the loss of sales tax revenue due to current economic conditions.</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>Current economic conditions are causing many businesses to close their doors. I also know many of the property owners are raising their rental rates by a very high percentage every year. I will work closely with the Chamber of Commerce and the City to attract more businesses to Poway.</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>I can only assume the majority of votes are unanimous because the matters are routine. I can say that I will vote in the minority if that is the right thing to do for Poway and its residents.</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>NO</p>	<p>There is an additional expense involved to broadcast the meetings as they happen. They are broadcast on a delayed basis for economic reasons. I consider this a discretionary budget item, so I am not in favor of it at this time.</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>I am a 24-year resident of the Garden Road area, and I intend to represent all of Poway.</p>

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