



**JIM
CUNNINGHAM**

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 Poway City Council because I believe I have the commitment and leadership abilities to protect and preserve all we love about our community. During these difficult times for Poway with the local economy struggling, severe water shortages on the horizon, wildfire dangers looming and State mandated housing requirements threatening to change Poway's vision for the future, the city needs strong decisive leadership. I believe I can be that leader.</p>
<p>2. TOP ISSUES: What do you think are the top 4 issues in Poway?</p>	<p>----</p>	<p>1. Managing the Budget during tough economic times with strong fiscal restraint and no tax increases. 2. Preparing for and preventing the devastating Wildfires that threaten our community. 3. Preparing our city and citizens for the anticipated significant shortage in water supply to our community. 4. Protecting the General Plan while at the same time managing the State Mandated Affordable Housing and growth issues that threaten our quality of life.</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- DECI- DED</p>	<p>Wal-Mart will have to complete the E.I.R. (Environmental Impact Report) and sufficiently address water usage, lighting, landscaping, transportation issues and the impact on the residential neighborhoods surrounding the building as well as: Traffic Mitigation. There has to be a specific plan to move and manage the traffic to minimize the impact to the surrounding neighborhood and the general traffic flow of the area. I will carefully review the report and Wal-Mart's response. Then I will make an informed decision</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>YES</p>	<p>Statistically, YES South Poway has eleven (11) of the fourteen (14), existing and proposed affordable housing communities. However, Oak Knolls Villas and other rehabilitation projects and conversions to affordable housing have had a significant positive impact on those neighborhoods by burying power lines, new streets and sidewalks. Future developments must follow those same criteria -- improving (not diminishing) the quality of life for the surrounding areas. To avoid further build out, I would strongly support a legislative solution to fight the state mandate.</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>Constant, vigilant budget reviews are necessary in tough economic times to track expenses and revenue and make operational changes as necessary. The way to maintain all we love about Poway -- great schools, low crime rate and unparalleled quality of life -- is to prioritize our budget cuts to make the least impact on the most important aspects of our life in Poway without raising taxes. Concentrating on needs versus wants will be critical in the coming years.</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>The businesses along Poway Road that have closed in recent months are, for the most part, victims of the slowing economy. A specific example is the car dealerships that have closed due to significant decreases in revenue and new buying habits of a now computer-based consumer. I see, however, with each business closing, a great opportunity to reshape and redesign Poway Road by attracting restaurants and businesses which compliment our rural theme while at the same time provide great services and products that give our residents and visitors a reason to shop and stay in 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>Consensus of the City Council on important issues is not necessarily a negative. It usually conveys a like-mindedness, or joint interest, to advance policies that benefit our community. As a City Council member I will thoroughly research and consider each and every issue that I am asked to vote on. My decisions will not be made based upon the decisions of the others on the Council. They will be based upon what is best for Poway.</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>Live video feeds add to further openness and transparency in the governance process. The only caveat would be that I would seek private funding for the project through sponsorships and advertising before I would commit taxpayer dollars during these hard economic times.</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>If I am elected, South Poway and all residents of Poway will have a councilmember they can count on who will be thoughtful, responsive and well-educated about the issues that impact their community.</p>

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