

Compilation of TRRG Members' Questions for Mayor/Council Candidates

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General Philosophy

- Mayor Rothschild's mantra for the past 8 years has been "I am business-friendly." What will your mantra be?
- Can City government be TOO business-friendly? Why, why not?
- How citizen-oriented are you? What have you done in the past that shows you will be supportive of citizens?
- How accessible will you be? What practices will you utilize to that end?
- The General Plan states the vision and ideals for the City. How will you ensure it is carried out?
- Enforcement of the Unified Development Code is critical to the City. What will you do to make sure that enforcement occurs?

Commitment to Citizen Participation

- What do you believe is the appropriate role for the public to have in the governance of the City?
- How will you ensure citizen input for the future of Tucson is included in City code and then carried out?
- How can Tucson provide for meaningful citizen participation in decision-making?
- As Mayor, how would you run "Call-to-the-Audience"? Where in the agenda? For how long? How long could a person talk? How many people could talk?
- As Mayor, how would you run "Public Hearing"? Mayor Rothschild sharply limited the number of speakers, cherry-picking those who he would call on. Would you alternate between pro and cons, and if run out of one side, stop the others from speaking even if they have additional points to make? Would you adhere to strict time lines? Do you believe that a public hearing is the venue where the public is to be heard?

Addressing Neighborhood Concerns

- How will you support livability in Tucson neighborhoods?
- How will you ensure that neighborhoods are involved early and often in decision-making when new development is proposed for their area?
- Do you believe that area/neighborhood plans should direct/influence development within a neighborhood boundary? If so, how you make that happen?

- What decisions do you see are needed if the City is to honor area/neighborhood plans, including the Neighborhood Preservation Zone?
- The Unified Development Code makes 257 mentions of “neighborhood.” How has the City gone wrong in showing so little support for neighborhood interests, given that language in the code? What is the solution?
- If you say, “I support strong neighborhoods,” exactly what principles would you follow to make neighborhoods stronger, more livable, safe and progressive?
- Do you agree that neighborhoods have been neglected? If so, why did that happen? What needs to happen now to remedy that problem?
- What neighborhood services are you willing to commit to support?
- What is your view on gentrification of the downtown surrounding neighborhoods?
- What role do you see for PDS in supporting the efforts to update the existing area/neighborhood plans?

Addressing Other Resident Concerns

- Community policing is always a topic under consideration. What does this term mean to you? How do you see this coming to fruition?
- There is no staff currently assigned to Neighborhood Resources. How would you address this issue?
- What steps would you take to reinstate the function of a planning department?
- Enforcement of City Codes is lax, if not non-existent. Why not fine developers when they violate the code? Why not stop a project if permits are not followed? How can the City remedy this problem?
- Why do potholes take so long to be filled, or not filled at all?
- What should be the criteria applied before granting developers tax credits, incentives and fee waivers?
- What specific practices and regulations should the City be using now to address heat island effect, green initiatives, and sustainability?
- Mayor and Council are the appeal authority for historic reviews. Will you support historic preservation in the face of development pressures? If so, how will you do that?