

# CITY COUNCIL - AT LARGE

## 2018 Candidates Survey Results



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<b>Personal/professional background</b>	I am a 4th generation San Diego County resident and grew up in Encinitas. I attended college at the University of San Diego, where I earned my BA in Political Science. I began my career in public service working in the U.S. House of Representatives, which eventually led to my current position as the Senior Policy Advisor for a County Supervisor. With over a decade of experience in local and regional government, my knowledge and expertise provides Poway with the leadership it deserves.	As West Regional Government Account Manager for ADT, I participated as a stakeholder in 17 State Medicaid Advisory Committees, which consisted of, Consumers, Legislators, Medical Providers, Program Directors, and Community Leaders. We all came together with a common goal, to deliver better quality of care, which was person-centered, all while reducing cost. Board member of Poway Historical Society, City of Poway Safety Services volunteer and served as Vice Chair on our Budget Review Committee.	I am a first generation Italian born in Connecticut and have one sister. My parents both were born and raised in Italy and moved to America on 1968. In 1978 my family moved to a city called Poway. I have often asked the question to my parents why Poway. My mom said it it's just like home in Italy. I have three wonderful kids under 7 and 2 great step kids who are learning about life. I have had over 20+ years in business one that was located in Walmart shopping center named Oharleys for 12 yrs.
<b>Why are you seeking this office?</b>	As the daughter of two deputy sheriffs, I was raised to believe in the importance of public service and giving back to your community. My husband and I chose to make our home in Poway because of it's community values, safe neighborhoods and great schools. As a mother, I am deeply invested in the future of Poway and keeping our city in the right path forward. Our children deserve a safe and thriving community.	As a proud 4th generation Powegian, I am committed to preserving and enhancing our unique quality of life. I believe that our Council should have a diverse perspective with a more self-sustaining overall vision for our City in the Country. We are at a turning point as a community, as well as financially, but we can course correct with sustainable smart growth. I want to represent you and continue our values to build an even greater tomorrow full of opportunities for the next 4 generations.	I am seeking the office of council to provide Poway a Liason for the transition that lies ahead for this great city. We need fresh faces, new beginnings and make Poway what it once was. The city that other cities wanted to be like. Top schools, great neighborhoods, A+ safety, a city where you wanted your family to be raised. Slowly but surely I will work together with my fellow colleagues to give the people the last word and work relentlessly to achieve what we need. Not giving into pressure.
<b>How should the city engage the community to ensure that the scope and details of future new development projects in Poway are communicated clearly to residents?</b>	As a current councilmember, I strive to be as available and responsive to residents as possible. I encourage residents to reach out with any questions or concerns, no matter how small or large. We also have to be proactive in engaging the community on new projects. Their input is invaluable. The use of social media tools to publicize community meetings and upcoming projects is crucial. Most people these days are checking Facebook before they are reading a newspaper or checking the city's website.	This is one of the biggest struggles while on the campaign trail that I have learned, we need more than just the Chieftain. I am having to make residents aware of the development first to then be able to discuss the details. Maybe having one or two representatives from 50 precincts to attend a televised and archived town hall or workshop for future development projects and report back with a one pager to share via driveway meet up, email blast, Next Door or Facebook post.	First and foremost we need open lines of communication. Tell the truth at all cost because it always comes out sooner than later. Have forums to educate the public but in a way that we all can understand it. The people of Poway are very smart, do not take them for granted. Have Q and A sessions with the city officials and keep them informed even if a mistake were made. Finally give them the respect they deserve, we work for them help them understand if they don't know the answer.
<b>Two plans are being considered for the new Poway Community Center: a. an 18,450 sq ft "hybrid" design for an est. \$11.8 million with one large meeting room, five classrooms, restrooms, office space, and kitchen; b. a 22,587 sq ft "hybrid-plus" est. at \$13.4 million which adds a second meeting room and classroom. Which best fits the city's budget and the community's needs, and why?</b>	It is very important that the council sees beyond our current needs and into the future. With the implementation of the Poway Road Specific Plan, higher density housing will be built within walking distance of the Community Center and it will become an even greater resource for families. I would have to fully consider the funding plan for the larger design before making a decision, but it's important to note that the costs to expand the center later on will be more than the current estimates.	With this framework I am forced to choose the hybrid-plus, we will need a larger facility than even this to meet our current community needs let alone the current projection of population growth in our town center. As for our funding short fall, some future developers have shown interest in donating, to receive credit for a "community benefit" towards their development. In addition, since this is identified as an emergency shelter, we should look into FEMA's Preparedness Grant as well.	Well I haven't had the pleasure to go deep into the city's budget and analyze it. From what I have been told and read about this project. They are trying to make this happen for people and the seniors of Poway. My opinion a new center done correctly can be a big revenue maker by having events, renting hall out for weddings, birthdays etc. This answer can be answered much better when I have been elected and have a better look at the \$\$\$\$. In short I would be leaning towards the larger of the two.
<b>List your top priorities as a Poway City Council member:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prioritizing public safety and keeping our city the safest in the county.</li> <li>- Supporting the small business community and promoting our local economy.</li> <li>- Advocating for park and open space enhancements, responsible growth, and revitalization of commercial centers.</li> <li>- Protecting our taxpayer dollars and ensuring they are spent wisely and responsibly.</li> <li>- Focusing on the future of our city with a long-term vision.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By combining new local business opportunities, moderate and affordable housing, along with improved community benefits such as expanding parks and open space, we can continue to maintain the spirit of Poway without selling out to developers, as we have seen throughout the county.</li> <li>Protecting prop FF and the power it gives our citizens</li> <li>Reestablish our commitment of collaboration with PUSD and the City of Poway</li> <li>Veterans Affordable Housing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen first. Interact with the people. Give them a say no matter what. Respect them with truth even if you know that it's going to be hard to take. As a member of council I will use this to bring Poway sustainable growth for city and businesses so we all prosper. We have to resolve the issue of Stoneridge so it becomes a show piece for other cities to emulate after. Last but not least I want the kids to get new parks become more engaged in school and become top tier all around again.</li> </ul>