

Instructions to Candidates: *Please provide your written responses before the end of the Sunday before the scheduled Zoom call for your District.* Your responses will be posted on our website and on YouTube for voters to review. The forum moderators will select one of your responses and ask for additional detail during the forum. Thanks in advance for your participation!

- With the County's on-going struggle to fund its budget, how would you propose to either reduce the County's expenditures and/or increase the County's revenues? What services could be reduced or cut, to reduce expenditures? Where and how might revenues be increased?

*The first area to restore appropriate funding to EDC is through reduction of litigated matters. CPS cost us at least \$400,000 in 2023 in settling a case where EDC was sued for kidnapping a 9 year child. \$400k, that's a lot of taxpayer monies and we don't even know if the BOS demanded answers from CPS when the matter was approved by them last summer. Building and Planning is another massive drain on funding for EDC. The TIM fees drawn in are certainly huge but we are finding out that there may be bigger issues to come (Sheetz). Notwithstanding the \$40-70M exposure from Austin vs EDC. Why has the BOS not been proactive in fixing this over the last 3-4 years?

*Our current budget is full of federal funding allocations to various projects but the expenses of many County operations seem to fall short not meeting expectations. We are using funding sources such as that from the Tribe which are maybe really something that should be considered a gift.

We must continue to seek additional funding from Federal and State resources for our roads and infrastructure. We must ensure that projects being built with agreements to fund infrastructure in their local are committed and actually completed. We must keep our housing development within scope of maintaining the character of EDC but keep in mind that taxes from real estate are necessary to keep up with the continued needs of departments. I think that accountability of spending and project efficiencies are needed across all departments. While this is easier said than done we have a lot of talent that if held to standard can ensure budgets are met while working efficiently.

Our small business community and agriculture will continue to be strong contributors to local revenue for EDC. Encouraging new businesses and working locally does and can drive our local economy.

There is not one single solution but these are several areas where we can improve our fiscal responsibility and grow economic strengths.

- What is your position on the proposed Costco development in EDH and why? What benefits & drawbacks do you see this project having on EDC?

*Many stakeholders in the area express support for this 2nd local Costco location and I have certainly heard opposition. The area is also a sensitive historic location with nearby Clarksville. Whiterock is going to become a very business place due to the Capital Connector and even more overwhelming if the US Davis/AKT project gains any momentum. I have also “heard” that Costco may be pulling the project though I do not think EDC has confirmed this idea. The beautiful drive from the EDC line on the West and coming up 50 has changed in my short 15 years. That said, it was acceptable to build a Town Center in EDH with major stores, a movie theater and a large car dealer. There is now a second hotel being built that is now part of the “concrete-scape” of EDH. Balance the project so that it fits the area, does not intrude on the historic value of Clarksville, meets the stakeholder values of the character of EDH, factor in some way to maybe draw increased tax dollars into EDC versus Folsom and if all that can be done maybe it would work well in the EDH community.

- In the last couple of years, the Planning and Building Dept has come under scrutiny to the point of there even being a Grand Jury investigation. What are your thoughts on the results of this investigation, the current BOS’ response to this, and what would you do to improve the shortcomings of this department?

*The simple answer is to work within the findings of the Grand Jury and remedy the reported issues where the department is able to implement corrective action on its own. Any further review of matters they are not able to remember should be conducted in conjunction or direction by the BOS and CAOs office.

Aside from the Grand Jury report one Supervisor made a public comment, “the B&P department is a revenue generating department” and also said, “it may just take 10 years to obtain a permit” and that’s ok????? It sounds like accountability is at the BOS level. Let’s get B&P to work for the taxpayer!

- Would you support the building of the proposed Alder Creek Dam? What are the benefits or detriments of this project as you see it?

*EID needs to protect our water resources and continue to bring to the attention of the State that it has a right and obligation to do so. EDC should work with EID to support this protection for all property owners, residents and agricultural alike. Water will always be a focal point of discussion as we are the source of water for so many others in the Region. Increasing reservoir capacity of current systems is needed and creating other water conservation reservoirs is needed. We also need to be cautious of State interests to limit homeowner use of water or rather its desire to restrict to the level that its is

unfair and unreasonable. We must support our agriculture needs for proper levels of water and that we are not letting this be taken away from EDC.

- Wildfires are an ongoing concern for the citizens of EDC. CalFire has implemented what some might consider very restrictive and even intrusive regulations. The County is also looking at codifying its own set of fire prevention regulations. Do you feel this is appropriate, or not, and why?

*Fire prevention is a personal and government responsibility. Our fires often get out of hand not because of individual property owners but due to poorly managed lands. I use caution in stating fires are revenue generators but there are a lot of decisions that seem to be driven by funding when a fire occurs. Property owners should maintain their land to minimize fire risks. Many local fire councils work tirelessly to obtain funding for their respective communities. Without a doubt these efforts need to be intensified and we may be building a better defense against wildfire.

The property owners rights against government intrusion should be protected and yes, this may even apply if the owner has not performed the best fire management practice on their property. I do not believe that EDC should impose a policy that is more restrictive than the State regulation. EDC should work though at a local level to help the property owner to meet requirements.

- Do you support the concept of a 'constitutional' sheriff? Why or why not?

*The US Constitution is essential to protecting the rights of US Citizens. Current discussion has a tendency to "politicize" the right of a Sheriff that may challenge laws if they deem the law to not be constitutional. The State of California seems to be non-conforming to many rights that other States may find are a citizen's right under the US Constitution. I would support a Sheriff exercising their authority to provide protections under the US Constitution IF they determine locally that an infringement has occurred or is imminent.

- Recently, the Ranch Marketing Ordinance has been under scrutiny because of the accessory uses allowed to ranchers and farmers "by right" such as non-agriculture events. In some circumstances land owners were taking advantage of the fact that specific use definitions were not defined. Do you feel that the matter is covered appropriately now or do you feel it needs to be explored more?

*We have a unique agriculture environment that has grown its ability to produce products for distribution to commercial entities but also provide for distribution to locally visiting communities. AG tourism is important in "marketing" the products from our AG locations. While some aspects of this ordinance may be reasonable it is restrictive in many respects and potential an overreach by EDC. It does not make sense

to have promoted local AG uses for tourism and then implement restrictions that appear to be measures counter to the promotion that was originally intended.