

When I retired twelve years ago, I chose to live in peaceful Banning, never expecting to become involved in local politics. I became concerned about Banning policies when the building of a plant to burn sewage waste was considered. I am one of the authors of the initiative that stopped the approval of that plant. Since then, I have seen our city fail to properly maintain our electric, water utilities and other public services, while user fees have risen drastically. Increased bond debt has depleted our resources. Redevelopment Agency procedures have been so poor that the Riverside County Grand Jury mandated changes, which were shockingly rejected by the city.

Our city needs a new direction. If elected, I will concentrate on bringing fiscal responsibility back to our city, and bringing our utility costs down. We must find ways to utilize our redevelopment funds to satisfy the financial requirements of our utilities. Lowering utility costs are vital to attracting new business activity to our city. Such development is key to generating the tax base to pay for our necessary city services, and will also bring additional customers to our existing business.

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