Meet the District 2 City Council candidate: a local businessman who is rooted in North Sacramento

What's your plan to heal the damage done to our small business community due to the pandemic?

One of my priorities is to create a small business task force to start the needed discussion of how to restore jobs and our local economy. The federal money we have will run out and then we will be forced to look at budget cuts. I want to do everything in my power to prevent devastating budget cuts that harm our community.

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How will you combat racial inequality?

As a councilmember, I will ensure the City has a plan to address the needs of communities of color, specifically within District 2, that includes robust job and business ownership opportunities. To help bridge this gap, my plan is to invest in learning centers to help close the digital divide. At my stores, I have hired local youth and work hard to give them opportunities, but sadly I see more businesses leaving. We must work to encourage businesses to come and hire directly within the community.

Housing costs continue to rise. What can we do about this?

We need more affordable housing in our district. Too often, the focus is on areas near Land Park or Natomas and Del Paso Heights continues to be left behind. We have seen development in the south part of our city. I propose an additional task force that works to incentivize developers to build here and also work to cut regulations for small businesses to invest in our area.

The homelessness crisis remains a real issue for District 2. What will you do?

Tackling homelessness is the No. 1 issue when I talk to voters. I do not think the current plans address the reality of the street, especially when it comes to those who struggle with mental illness and addiction. The City is spending \$70 million to refurbish a downtown hotel to serve 130 people. That is a massive waste. I see other cities – like Modesto – redoing hotels for \$10 million and moving families off the streets. It is time for new ideas to these old problems – like more social workers to help our law enforcement on the front line and to finally reduce regulations that make homebuilding more expensive.

Why should people support your campaign?

After eight years many folks are tired. They're tired of the lack of progress; tired of the increased crime and homelessness. I worked hard to open two local supermarkets and I know what it takes to work through bureaucracy and regulations. I have hired hundreds of local residents over the years, many of whom have gone on to bigger and better things. I would bring a new energy and new ideas to the Council.

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