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Recent city councils have been polarized, with often predictable 3 to 2 votes. I am a centrist, not affiliated with either the majority or minority, not accepting contributions from or beholden to special interest groups, including unions or developers. I will vote the issue, not the politics.

My focus is on preserving and enhancing our residents' quality of life. We must avoid uncontrolled growth and retain the sleepy coastal town feel I have long cherished. We need open spaces, not traffic and parking problems.

Our city's pre-recession rainy day reserves need to be restored, a priority second only to public safety. Until then, the serious problem of unfunded pension liabilities must take a back seat. Meanwhile, public service employees across our state must assume a greater share of their pension costs.

The relentless proliferation of the urban coyote is a growing threat to pets and young children. In July 2013 a mother was able to save her 2 year old daughter from a coyote who bit the child and was trying to drag her into the bushes. (Google "Cypress coyotes") We must take advantage of evolving technologies and contain this problem in 2015. I appeal for your support!

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