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Candidate Statement of Qualifications

CITY OF: Costa Mesa
OFFICE SOUGHT: City Council
WARD/DISTRICT #: _____ (if applicable)

NAME: John Stephens

AGE: 49
(Optional)

OCCUPATION: Business Attorney

My wife Amy and I are 23-year Costa Mesa residents. We raised our four children here. We are active in our Church and schools. We believe in Costa Mesa and will work with you to build a better city.

Right now our city's future is at risk. I am campaigning for City Council to restore our city's brand.

I will use my legal and business background to prevent rising legal costs, which exceeded \$2 million in 2012. I have a degree in business administration from Cal Poly Pomona, a law degree from UC Davis, have practiced law for 23 years, and owned my law firm since 1998.

I will work with business leaders to create opportunities and jobs.

Property crime is rising (highest since 2005), but our police force is shrinking. I will put more police on the streets to protect our neighborhoods.

Active in youth sports since 1998 as a coach and board member of Costa Mesa Little League and Fountain Valley Softball, I will enhance our recreational facilities and oppose privatizing our parks or selling the fairgrounds.

I oppose the Charter because it eliminates protections against favoritism, fraud and corruption in city contracts.

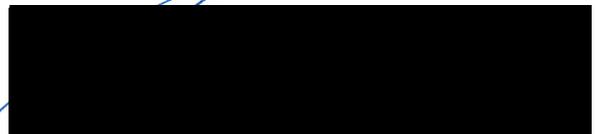
I respectfully request your vote.

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Date August 3, 2012



Candidate's Signature

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