SAHBA-PAC

The Political Action Committee of the Southern Arizona Home Builders Association

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Your response to these important questions will be reviewed by SAHBA's Political Action Committee and help us evaluate whether we engage in the race through an endorsement and/or PAC contribution. Please note, after reviewing your completed questionnaire, you may be asked to meet with the PAC. Thank you for your interest in seeking public office and taking the time to answer our questionnaire.

Candidate Name: Ernie Shack, Candidate for Tucson City Council, Ward 2

Campaign Contact Person (If different from candidate):

1. What are your top three policy priorities?

Crime, Homeless & Infrastructure (roads). These must be addressed inorder to entice business' to invest and growth (economic & population) to gain a foothold.

2. What would be your approach to evaluating policy and regulatory issues and how will you determine your position on an issue?

Red tape has to be eliminated &/or mitigated to facilitate growth on all fronts. I've heard of business' gowing elsewhere when it became problematical to secure building permits. This is not a business friendly environment which must and will change.

3. What are your ideas for how the City can better encourage infill projects and what areas of your Ward would you like to see infill and/or redevelopment? What kind of infill and redevelopment will have the greatest impact to your residents?

Firstly to take vacated properties, where business' once stood. These are sight sores that only detract from residences and beautification. Because of the aftermath of the plandemic there's plenty that needs to be done in this regard, first and foremost.

4. What are your ideas for encouraging suburban development especially facilitating State land coming to market?

Haven't given that any thought. I'm not a politician, but a concerned citizen that wants to turn this city around from the direction it was on. Tucson has much potential on many fronts and that is a goal to work towards.

I would have to consult with city planners and others more knowledgeable to make decisions for State land coming to market. We need to entice manufacturers to Tucson for a multitude of reasons which would require development of new properties.

5. Do you think we have an affordable housing crisis in Tucson? What ideas do you have to encourage new home construction and promote homeownership in the City of Tucson?

This problem has come to my attention. Before throwing my hat in the ring, I was unfamiliar with this issue.

With the direction I've in mind, we certainly will have to promote construction of new affordable homes in Tucson. There are areas that lend themselves to development, but the infrastructure has to be greatly improved first.

6. Are there any regulations, fees or processes that you see as an impediment to housing that you would like to see eliminated? If so, which ones?

Not familiar at this time with the issue(s) involved with these questions. I certainly will give it the proper attention when elected. At that time, I would entertain your organization sitting down with me and explain these impediments to me.

7. Builders/developers often struggle with neighborhood groups when seeking a rezoning. Describe your approach to how you'd balance the perspectives of neighborhood groups with those of builders/developers seeking a rezoning in order to achieve a win/win resolution.

Have "Focus Group(s)" inorder to identify the areas of concern. Make it a "win/win" for all concerned. There is always a way!

8. What is the biggest challenge facing the City of Tucson at this time? In your opinion, what are the greatest opportunities?

Crime, Homeless & Infrastructure (primarily roads) at this time. With that taken care of GROWTH! This City will need to start promoting itself as having taken care of these issues and start reaching out to industry to make Tucson their new homes. With a good foundation we can only succeed in bringing Tucson into the 21st Century.

9. Would you accept a SAHBA endorsement if given?

Yes, I would be honored.

***Please complete and return this survey by September 8th. Surveys may be returned to*: bbg@theriver.com (520) 241-9557**

ABOUT SAHBA:

The Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (SAHBA) is a non-profit trade association representing 300 member companies within the home building industry. Collectively, we estimate those member companies employ over 5,000 employees. One of our core priorities is to advocate for home builders and related professionals to ensure a favorable regulatory, policy and business environment that will enable our members to succeed in meeting the housing needs for our growing region. As such, we actively engage in government and political affairs including political campaigns and candidate endorsements.