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Q1

Candidate Name:

Dr. James T. Runyon

Q2

In what city/town/village do you live?

Los Lunas

Q3

For what position are you running?

City Council District 4

Q4

How long have you lived in the District you're running for?

10 years

Q5

Email address

james_runyon@att.net

Q6

Phone number for voters to reach out to you

5052214025

Q7

Other Information

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| Campaign Website | None |
| Social Media | None |

Q8

If elected, what would be your first priority as a City Councilor?

Ensure Los Lunas Boulevard is started and completed as quickly as possible so that families can be together longer and not stuck in needless traffic.

Q9

What can you as a City Councilor do to determine the usefulness of ordinances and regulations in serving citizens without unnecessarily overburdening anyone?

Taxes should stay low in order to bring in more businesses and families to the area. Government regulation should be simple and usable by any citizen.

Therefore, these ordinances should be evaluated regularly for their understanding and aid to the citizens.

Q10

What would you do to streamline permitting and other government red tape in order to attract new business to the Village/City/Town?

The Village is presently working on zoning ordinances so that anyone moving to the area knows what is required to live and work in the Village.

Q11

Our state holds top national rankings for homicide and other serious crimes. How would you use the position of City Councilor to keep citizens safe?

It has been one of my priorities to ensure that the police and fire departments are fully staffed and compensated well.

Q12

What would you do as a City Councilor to keep current businesses from closing/leaving while attracting more businesses to our Village/City/Town?

Taxes should stay low and businesses should stay open. These large companies and mom and pop businesses are the lifeblood of a community and should be allowed to prosper.

Q13

While you have no jurisdiction over the courts and judges, you do have influence over crime reduction in the Village/City/Town. What would you do as a City Councilor to address the growing number of criminals on our streets?

The Police department should be fully staffed and well compensated. However, the average citizen should be empowered to report crime and rally the courts to ensure when someone is arrested, they aren't immediately released back to the city to continue their crime.

Q14

Regarding the growing homeless situation, what is your plan as a City Councilor to address the needs of this population?

It is vital that the citizens feel safe and therefore the Village should not allow homeless encampments within the city limits. However, those who are homeless should be offered every opportunity to find a job and become healthy and stable once again.

Q15

Relating to 2nd Amendment rights, do you support or oppose ordinances or laws that would outlaw high-capacity magazines or 'assault rifle' possession? Please explain your answer.

The constitution states that every citizen has a right to bear arms. It does not limit that right with caveats on the size of shells or how many can be within a clip. These are arbitrary limits with no real logic behind them.

Q16

Relating to 2nd Amendment rights, do you support or oppose the governor's health order on gun carry restrictions? Please explain your answer.

As a citizen of the United States, I have a right to bear arms. In addition, I am not sure how my health is affected by owning a gun. The Governor overstepped her authority.

Q17

Relating to 'Home Rule', do you support or oppose a Village/City/Town's rights to adopt constitutionally based policies that may conflict with state mandates?

A Governor does not know the heart of each municipality. Therefore, they should have the right to determine their own set of priorities even if it contrasts with state mandates.

Q18

Why are you seeking this office and what makes you the most qualified person to be a City Councilor in this District?

As a Pastor, I manage the church and a restaurant owned by the church. During Covid, our church and restaurant stayed open continuing to pay salaries. Within my job, I also work on unifying people to a larger project. It is my goal to use this experience on the city council to ensure the council stays focused and the city is fiscally sound.

Q19

Have you ever been arrested for a felony or misdemeanor crime? If yes, please explain.

No.

Q20

Have you ever been delinquent in paying taxes or other financial obligations? If yes, please explain.

No.
