CANDIDATE STATEMENT 2020

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City Council Incumbent/Small Business Owner

During the past three years I have had the honor and privilege of serving my Community as one of your elected City Council Members; as part of those duties I serve on 18 City and County appointed Boards, Commissions and sub-Committees. Due to the current pandemic, my re-election campaign will be self-funded.

I have very much valued this time to serve my Community for the betterment of the entire community, striving for equality and representation for all. It is a job that I have grown to love. My priorities have always been safety first, fiscal responsibility, quality of life Issues for our entire Community, helping to grow our Business sector, pursuing the possibilities for additional education opportunities, for preschool through high school and maintaining control over our small town atmosphere.

We have achieved much: I continue to promote proactive local decision making and big picture ideas, also reaching out to form positive alliances with others in our County. With the passing of measure JJ, we have as a City, retained full control of the Baylands process despite tremendous pressure from outside influencers.

I have been involved in the renovation of the Brisbane dog park, the Brisbane Library, many Capital Improvement safety upgrades, the approval of the Lunafest Film Series, the introduction of Junior Volunteer of the Year Award, the creation of the Public Arts Sub-Committee, instituted the banning of unhosted STR's and the ongoing planning for the Brisbane Baylands as well as continually updating our plans for Brisbane’s future for all.

Due to Covid-19 crisis we are facing logistical and financial challenges and if re-elected, I know I will be calling on the people in our Community who are willing and able to step up to help others. I expect some fiscal conservatism will be absolutely necessary and know that we will succeed just as we did in the 2008 financial crisis. As work from home may become a norm that is preferred by some Companies and their Workers, our transportation needs and commercial space needs may change dramatically. We need to have a can do and flexible mindset to rise to these challenges as they present themselves.

Moving forward I desire to continue to be honorable, useful, compassionate and yearn to keep making a difference for everyone in our fair city.

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