The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter." ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

2022 Voter's Guide Quartzsite

Local Activist Gold Is Found In Your Local City Council

By Patrick Wood Citizens for Free Speech

There ought to be a law!" Why, that would fix our problems, wouldn't it? We wouldn't have to lift a finger. Let somebody else do it. That's what we pay them for, isn't it? Unfortunately, this deceptive thinking allows us to escape any personal responsibility for doing anything about the things we don't like, and this is wrong.

The heartbeat of the First Amendment and the watershed of a Constitutional Republic is and has always been, personal action. Expressing your religion, speaking, writing, assembling together and interacting with the government to redress grievances, all require your personal attention and action.

While America has been engulfed in contentious national politics for the last fifty years, the enemies of our nation have done just the opposite: they focused on local action, transforming our cities, towns and communities while we slept. The phrase "Think global, act local" is attributed to a handful of people, not the least of whom is David Brower, the founder in 1971 of the radical environmental group Friends

of the Earth. It has morphed into a slogan for globalization in general and in particular the United Nations' pervasive program of Sustainable Development as embodied in its Agenda 21, 2030 Agenda and New Urban Agenda policies.

As a master strategy, these globalization-promoting organizations sent hoards of consultants, lobbyists and attorneys into every local community in America to promote a one-sided activism that has led to the ugly transformation of America.

Collectively, they "thought global and acted local." This stealth attack on local America has gone largely unanswered by those who would agree that this is not the future we want. But, "wanting" isn't the same as "getting". Getting the future you want is predicated on the vigilant, persistent exercise of your First Amendment rights. If you don't use 'em, you lose 'em

To stop and reverse the downward spiral. Americans must meet the enemy where he is operating and winning, namely, in your own local community.

There are two ways to do this. First, you can work to block something from happening. For instance, residents in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma were alerted that their city council was considering a mandate requiring face masks. In a meeting that took place for public discussion, citizens delivered over three hours of opposing comments that convinced the council to drop the whole idea. This is the First Amendment in action. Second, you can work to create something that

to think to think to example, in December 2020, the New Orleans City Council passed a 2020, the New Orleans City Council passed a binding ordinance that placed an outright ban on surveillance technology such as facial recognition software and predictive

> policing. The year long process leading up to the final vote was made possible by responsible local citizens who involved themselves in civic affairs by exercising their First Amendment rights.

Who says you can't fight city hall? Better yet, who says you can't **BE** city hall?

Did you know that many local elected positions are filled with no opposition? This means that there were no candidates on the ballot and someone just threw their name in... and got elected! There are water boards, school boards, planning and zoning boards, fire boards, advisory boards and many others in every community.

So, why don't more level-headed Americans get involved in local civic matters? Fear. Lack of communication skills. Ignorance. Laziness. No sense of need.

Citizens for Free Speech cannot address all of these, but for those who are ready to stand up and be counted, it does offer dynamic and proven training on how to effectively communicate with people who may not agree with you. These are easily learned skills and behaviors with which anyone can become proficient to make a lasting impact in their local communities. Simply put, your First Amendment rights to communicate are not abstract concepts that exist in a vacuum. They only appear when you begin to practice them.

Learn more at www.CitizensForFreeSpeech.org

Why is Red for Republicans and Blue for Democrats?

Did you know that the designated political party colors of red for Republicans and blue for Democrats have come about very recently? It was first done in 1976 for television to help show the audience specific voting and election trends--but the color designations have changed back and forth over time.

When ABC produced its first large electronic election map for television to be used in the 1980 election, it used red for Republicans and blue for Democrats; while CBS did the reverse. NBC stuck with its

original color scheme of red for democrats and blue for



anchor David Brinkley to say that Reagan's victory looked like "a suburban swimming pool."

It wasn't until the presidential election year of 2000, when they



for Democrat was used universally by the networks to make reporting the contested numbers in Florida less confusing. It took weeks to determine the winner, and by that time the public had gotten used to seeing those particular color affiliations—so the standard was set and we continue to use it today.

The whole political red and blue designation is basically a television graphics thing, nothing more!

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About this Voter's Guide

Thank you for participating in your future by becoming educated BEFORE voting. This guide has been created for everyone who wants to be educated on the local candidates but can not attend the meetings, online or in person and for those who can not attend the candidate meet and greets and the debates.

An educated voter is a responcible voter.

There will be another candidate meet and greet on July 17th and two debates on July 24th and 31st from 2:00-5:00pm at the Quartzsite Community Center 295 E. Chandler St.

You should have already recieved the Clean Elections Voters Guide in the mail. This is great resource for your State elections. Their website has debates to watch and much more.

We have included a sample ballot for you to use while educating yourself. Make your choices then take it to the polls as a guide

to assist you in the process. Your ballot may look different because we have listed all the candidates regardless of party affliation. If you are registered to a particular party your ballot will only have that party's candidates to vote for. The primary election determines which candidates in each party that will advance to the general election in November. For positions like Town Council, if one candidate recieves 51% or more of the vote in the Primary they will automatically win that seat and there will be no need to vote in the General election. If one does not then you will vote on this again in November.

Our hope is for you to read this guide thoroughly and do some homework on your own to learn about exactly who you are voting for. If they are an incumbent check out their voting records to see if what they say and how they voted is consistent to what they are saying and hold them accountable.

Before each interview, the following statement was made "If

elected, The Patriots Free Press newspaper will not hesitate to OUST you if your vote is inconsistent with what you tell us now! Lie to us and word will spread quickly that you are a liar."

Please read for yourself what each candidate said on each issue presented. The interviews ended up being quiet long in many cases so we have posted the entire interview at TPFPnews.com.





Supervisorial District	Precinct	Voting Location	Important Dates
1	Parker (51)	United Methodist Church 1300 Ocotillo Avenue, Parker, AZ 85344	Early Voting begins July 6 th , 2022
1	Poston (52)	La Pera Elementary School 19121 Tahbo Road, Poston, AZ 85371	Candidate Meet & Greet July 17 th , 2022 2-5pm Quartzsite Community Ctr
2	Upriver (54)	La Paz County Boating & Safety 8484 Riverside Drive, Parker, 85344	Candidate Debates July 24 th , 2022 2-5pm Quartzsite Community Ctr
2	Bouse (55)	Bouse Community Building 44031 E. Plomosa Road, Bouse, AZ 85325	Candidate Debates July 31 st , 2022 2-5pm Quartzsite Community Ctr
3	Wenden (56)	Indian Hills Airpark Pilot's Lounge 66957 Indian Hills Way, Salome, 85348	Last day to request a mail in ballot July 22 nd , 2022
3	Salome (57)	Indian Hills Airpark Pilot's Lounge 66957 Indian Hills Way, Salome, AZ 85348	Last day to mail your ballot July 26 th , 2022
2	Vicksburg (62)	Indian Hills Airpark Pilot's Lounge 66957 Indian Hills Way, Salome, AZ 85348	Last day to vote early in-person July 29 th , 2022
2	Quartzsite (58)	Quartzsite Community Center 295 E. Chandler Street, Quartzsite, AZ 85346	Primary Elections August 2 nd , 2022
3	Quartzsite (64)	Quartzsite Community Center 295 E. Chandler Street, Quartzsite, AZ 85346	Primary Elections August 2 nd , 2022
3	Cibola (59)	Cibola Wildlife Refuge 66600 Cibola Lake Road, Cibola, AZ 85328	Primary Elections August 2 nd , 2022
3	Ehrenberg (60)	Ehrenberg Fire Station 49480 Ehrenberg-Parker Hwy, Ehrenberg, AZ 85334	General Election November 8 th , 2022
ALL	Early Voting Location	La Paz County Recorder's Office 1112 Joshua Avenue, Parker, AZ 85344	



Most interviews were done with no advance notice of the questions because we wanted to know how they think and how they answer on their toes. We want the sharpest tools in the shed to represent us. Some would not and some could not do a live interview so after much deliberation we decided an interview is better than no interview so we emailed the questions.

Many of the interviews were very long and you can listen to the entire thing on our website, TPFPnews.com.

Town Council Candidates

Four Year Term (3 Seats)

- O Lynda Goldberg incumbent
- O Loretta Warner incumbent
- O Randy Smith
- O Write in: Sam Saxton
- O Write in: Richard Freese
- O Write in: Leo Stiles
- O Write in: Robert St. Germain O Write in: Steve Schue

Please tell us a little about yourself and why you are running for Town Council.

<u>Four Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Three</u>

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She was unable to be reached by phone at her place of business nor by cell phone, or email.

Randy Smith

After high school I went into the military, so I'm a veteran. Then I went to college and got my bachelor's. I began working with runaway teenagers. I got hired at a hospital as a mental health worker. I got my nursing license and was a nurse for a long time. Later, I went to work in corrections because it got me a pension. I ended up in Blythe and then Quartzite.

The reason I want to be on the town council is because I've seen, in the eight years I've been here, this town go downhill. The town has lost a big portion of their revenue and their swap meet. When I first moved to this area almost 20 years ago, the swap meet was huge and you couldn't even see it all in three days. Now, the swap is pretty much dead. That was a big part of the town. That's where a ton of the money came from. But now the swap meet is like 1/10 of what it used to be, so we need to get something else in the town. There's some vendors coming. I love the vendors. I hope more come, but we have to face the fact. So, I want to encourage more people to come here for businesses and maybe for housing or something like that. But I don't really know too much about that. I'd have to learn it because I know that's not my forte. I don't know business and never owned a business or worked at a store or anything. That's something

I want to work on. The medical care here is lacking. Since I have a medical background, I want to work on that. I would love to see a dentist, an eye doctor, and a veterinarian come here to town even if it's just once or twice a week. There's a lot of people in this town who don't drive and cannot get to Blythe or to Parker, so I drive them. We need to be good neighbors, to help all our neighbors.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

Since childhood, I've been interested in politics. Once we got to Quartzite and got to know people, I was asked "What do you think about running for council?" I was seeing things that are happening in town and seeing what is going on in the surrounding states and cities and watching our freedoms slowly being picked away and picked apart by City Councils, by State, and all the way up to the federal level. Having six kids and wanting to see their future in a patriotic country I thought well, maybe, I can at least help locally. Maybe that will have a ripple effect. So that's really why I stepped into local politics, to encourage small governments to encourage more freedoms. This is kind of our last ditch effort at freedom, to be honest. I really believe that and it's kind of scary. We have ordinances where if somebody wants to have a chicken in their backyard or have eggs they are demanded by a town ordinance that that can't happen. To me, that's bizarre. I grew up in the country. I grew up in a small town, much like Quartzite. The beautiful part of being in a rural town is to have those kinds of freedoms.

Richard Freese - Write-in

My name is Richard Freese. The basic reason why I want to run for council is not just hearsay but what I've been seeing hasn't given me a lot of confidence that there is a fairness on how people are being dealt with. I put my name in because I want to see why things are being done the way they are.

I was raised on a ranch in Wyoming. I'm a pastor and we came here to retire. We were in the mission field and we came off of it in 2000. I have an accounting degree and I was in law enforcement. I worked for First District Court up in North Idaho as a community service coordinator. In 1990 I had a business while pastoring. I have a strong background in project management and computers. I worked for Seagate technology working on hard drives. I was a Microsoft Certified Professional system engineer. I did my first computer network back in '91 or '92. I had my own computer business for about six or seven years. My wife and I went into the mission field in '96 to Papua New Guinea. We returned to Casper then to eastern Oregon and worked for Rugged Comm where I was general manager. I covered nine states and dealt with electric, utilities, wastewater and water districts and wireless internet. We came to Quartzite to retire. I mean that was what we were going to do. We got involved with the rock club. We were enjoying it and then I got talked into pastoring in the Assembly of God church. They had gone through a disaster with some water pipes breaking and other stuff. They brought a team in and remodeled the church. And I was asked if I would go ahead and Pastor it. So we did and now here I find myself wishing I was retired, running for city council.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

My name is Leo Stiles. I am a full time resident in Arizona. I was a Snowbird here for about 10 years before I bought my home here. I've lived here ever since. I've seen a lot of things go haywire with our city council that needed to be changed. And that's why running as a citizen for city council.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Two</u>

- Two Year Term (2 Seats)

O Karey Amon - incumbent

O Write in: Dennis Vosper

O Colleen O'Meara

O Devvn Rosner

Karey Amon - incumbent

[Karey's response to doing the interview was "This isn't working. If I can't prepare for an interview I shouldn't do it. Sorry... I don't shoot from the hip. That is a tactic I wouldn't use on anyone." So, reluctantly we emailed her all of the questions. This was her answer in full.] "My point exactly. Most of these questions have nothing to do with governing the Town of Quartzsite. Half of the questions don't reflect my privacy rights. And yes, I understand the job of town council.. It is to study the issues at hand, talk to residents about their opinions, consult with state and local laws, consider the result of that decision on the Town, and vote without regard to my personal positions on the matter."

Colleen O'meara

[Colleen was out of town and unable to take time to do the interview with us live. We again decided that an interview is better than no interview and emailed her the questions. She happily answered all of them quickly.] My name is Colleen O'Meara. I was a grade school teacher who has a double major in art and education. I later received my Masters Degree in Social Work and was a Medical Social Worker in Home Health Hospice. My strength is in creatively thinking outside of a "team box" and bringing fresh un-thought-of ideas forward, and they are generally agreed upon. I am organized, fair, and a creative thinker. My bliss, my talent has manifested since living here, in my ability to Coordinate/Produce a local Craft Venue with very creative crafter's who support my efforts to lead.

Please tell us a little about yourself and why you are running for Town Council.

I've lived here almost 4yrs. I've heard the complaining, I have seen the discrepancy between the excitement, "The snowbirds are coming, the snowbirds are coming!" to OK, they're gone, see ya all in November...crickets. The Town is seen as abandoned. Almost zero lack of interest until September/October when businesses start repainting etc for their RED CARPET response. Some businesses, of course, do make the effort and are hustling during the summer, but I don't need BEADS or a flag. THIS is why I wanted to get involved.

Devyn Rosner

I am Devyn Rosner, I've been in Ouartzite for two or so years. I bought a little chunk of East Main Street and I run Patty's RV and propane. We've taken huge strides in improving the lives of the tenants and making sure that life is better for everybody. I keep the propane price as affordable as possible. I don't change it unless my supplier changes. There were moments during the season when we were an entire 30 to 50 cents cheaper than everybody else around us, because a lot of people here are on fixed incomes and can't afford to be gouged during the season. I've been majorly improving the business and I'd like to carry that forward into improving the town. I love Quartzite, I fell in love with the town. But as a young person, you take a look around and say, what are my incentives to live here? What has this town done to make any sort of effort for somebody 40 and under to have a nice, reasonably happy life besides the beautiful winters and sunsets, things that are natural?

I-10 has become a major artery in the United States. The ADOT report says around 30,000 cars a day are coming through, lots of it. trucking. Since I've been to town, I've definitely seen a good amount of businesses leave, but the only thing I've seen go up is a new Terrible's gas station and a few minor replacements such as the Chinese place that came into the stagecoach.

I really want to get involved to make sure that things are running well. I have a finance background and see frivolous spending by the town. It disturbs me how the town is treating people. For example, local radio entity, Dennis Vosper. This is your radio guy, this is who's broadcasting out in your community. He cuts them

deals. He's really trying to help out and they go after the only guy who does radio in your town is just awful. But you know, I suspect that they want radio silence and they just want their one or two local newspapers and that's it. They don't like to be seen. And I feel like from this election, you can tell that they do not want new eyeballs on what they've been doing. They keep bringing back these old people who have already retired and have been involved in the town before. So, it's kind of suspicious to me that they're not really interested in having new sets of eyes or new opinions on anything. Even if you talk to them, they will vocalize as if they're about progress and as if they want new people involved. And here comes a young new business owner and they've been nothing but nasty towards me since this election started.

Dennis Vosper

I came to Quartzite four years ago, but I was involved with Quartzite as early as 2005 when my father, Marvin Vosper purchased KBUX radio. His dream was always for me to come and run the radio station but my wife hated the desert and didn't want to move out here. So it took him a few years but he talked us into moving here.

My wife and I have been married almost 26 years. We have 5 kids, ages 14, 16, 18, 19 and 22. We all fell in love with Quartzite so we call this our home. We don't plan on moving away, we're vested here. Unfortunately, on October 8, 2021 my father died in a tragic, fiery car crash which kind of obliterated all of our plans and kind of put us in a new direction, but the same direction. My father was a firm believer in protecting the town and the future of the town and he supported me when I ran the first time, and I believe he is supporting me now. So I'm here to continue a legacy, not only business wise, but with my wife, kids and our town. I love Quartzite and the potential here is immense.

We need to get away from electing politicians and begin electing statesmen who will obey their sworn oath to the Constitution and follow the lens of the Declaration of Independence, get back to protecting the unalienable rights of people and that itself will protect the community. So I'm here to stay. Probably the rest of my life, growing these radio stations. I decided in 2020 to run and I lost to Karey Amon by three votes. I'm running again for the same reasons, I believe that the current leadership is not taking the town in the best direction possible. Our current leaders do not use the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence as their number one filter for determining laws and ordinances and how to run the town. The Declaration of Independence says that governments are created specifically to protect the unalienable rights of the individual and in particular to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness or what was originally property.

I hope you will put your faith and trust in me but like any person in office, continue to keep an eye on what I'm doing even though I'm sworn to do what's right. If you don't elect me, keep an eye on the folks that you do elect. We've got to get back to the constitution and protect the inalienable rights of the individual. Get back to less government, more responsibility and with God's help a better World

Robert St Germain.- Write-in

My name is Robert St Germain. I've been a resident of Quartzite for 12 years. I own property. I am a retired Marine and Correctional Peace Officer. I am the VFW service member in town. I've been a member of the La Paz County Board of **Directors Industrial Development** Authority for the last seven years, which is something that I'm proud to be on. We raise funds and it all goes to non-profits in the county. I have an open door policy and conversations are confidential. I have no hidden agendas. I believe in truth and honesty. I am for the people of Quartzite, it's my top priority.

I'm just a little bit confused as to what direction the town's going in. Why we're not taking care of our people more? Why we're picking and choosing laws to stop people from doing this and that? Why a family can't have a couple of goats for their children? I want people to be happy here. I know we can't please everybody, but we have to move forward. We can't stand still. We can't throw a piece of rice out there to feed 20 people. We have to look at what our residents need and what they want. The town needs to be more transparent with the residents to tell them what's going on. Truth and

Honesty. I mean is everybody going to be happy? No. But that's not the point. At least you're honest and truthful. I'd like to see a lot less executive sessions, I believe thats secretive. If it involves the public or if it has something to do with our public, why aren't we talking about it out in the public? What are we hiding? We don't need to be hiding anything. We need to be open with our citizens. Nobody on there should have personal agendas. Just because you don't like somebody doesn't mean you can't work with them. You shouldn't hold that personal grudge against a citizen because he might have been your neighbor. His chicken was waking you up. No. You can't use your position. Your position is for everybody in town.

Steve Schue - incumbent

Hello, my name is Steve Schue. I'm a write-in candidate for the 2 year position for Town Council. I've been doing this probably at least five years, maybe more as I was originally appointed, and the next election I won with a majority vote and it showed me that people actually want me on town council. I'm a resident, business owner, property owner. I like it [Quartzsite] a lot. It's rural enough, you are not stuck in the city.

I believe as a town council member I have some control over the growth and the quality of life as a town council member, and the information that's provided regarding the community. I would like to be reelected for another two years. We've got a lot of candidates that have applied for the position, which I'm glad to see. When I first took the position hardly anybody wanted the job. There were a lot of problems with the town government at the time. We've sought to alleviate them over the years, and I think we're doing a fair enough job. The vote will tell what the people think about this and I'm looking forward to that. And as I said before, I'm looking forward to the new blood. Hopefully, we'll see some new people come in with some new ideas. And so that hasn't bothered me a bit.

Do you fully understand the job of town council and your role in it?

Four Year Candidates

Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent She avoided the inverview, she responded to text regarding the interview but never accepted.

Loretta Warner - incumbent She was unable to be reached by phone at her place of business nor by cell phone, or email.

Randy Smith

I have never done it before.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

No, I don't. I'm a dad of six children, and I don't even fully understand the responsibility of that. So it would be an ultra lie if I said yes. But I was appointed to the council, replacing Beverly Cunningham, God rest her soul. Every meeting I learned something new. Everybody that I talk to, I learn something new. That's the honest answer. I don't know if anybody really does.

Richard Freese - Write-in Does anybody that's on there understand what the role is? I've been scratching my head on that here lately. Basically, it should be the management working with department heads and giving guidance. Basically to approve the budgets, to make sure that the projects are heading in the right direction, to encourage future growth in a community. You know, we rely a lot on the vendors and the rock shows. But you know, the last couple of years we've seen a decline in that and a lot of a lot of people are worried. Now we're looking at another season that's coming soon and we're looking at outstanding, high fuel prices. What impacts is that going to have? I don't know, but we must begin working as a group, a cohesive group, for the betterment of the city or the town.

Leo Stiles - Write-in I do.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Two</u>

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Colleen O'meara

Probably not, and no one would who has not ever served. But like other high pressure jobs (smile), you learn fast or sink. I learn by doing. As I did, being a student, teacher and a social work intern.

Devyn Rosner

Yes, I'm fully aware. Although I didn't go, I was accepted to law school and was prepping for law school. I was accepted to Widener Law School. I'm fully prepared for roles like that. Not that it's anything official besides having the law and justice part that I studied in college. I've been reading up on governments and histories. I took four years of Latin and while you did learn the language that class focused extensively on Rome and all its laws, Greece, all its laws, the birthplace of democracy. These are topics I read about in my spare time. The main thing is Robert's Rules and a few other things like that. That's easy to be able to comprehend and brush up on and, based on what I've seen, don't think I could do any worse, even if I was completely uneducated.

Dennis Vosper

No, I don't fully understand it. I don't think the existing council does either. The Council protocol manual is available.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in

Yes, I've got two years experience on the town council in Quartzite. I understand the open meeting laws and Robert's Rules. I was taught in the League of Cities, what to do and what not to do. I'm proud of my two years I was on the board and I hope to be able to do two more. I do have the experience on the council.

Steve Schue - incumbent

Yes, I've been doing this probably at least five years, maybe more.

What is the foundational basis that you use in making political decisions?

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Randy Smith

I want to focus only on what I can do for the town.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

Well, there's two. I use my Christian conservative views. There's God and then country. So God comes first in my decision making. Then I go to the Constitution. I don't know the constitution backwards and forwards, but I refer to it much like a dictionary. When something just doesn't sound right, and my internal constitutional freedom radar goes off, I say okay, is this constitutional? Is this even right on a moral level? What does the Bible

say? I try to live my life in that light.

Richard Freese - Write-in I use two. I am a Christian. So I use that as a basis but I also use the Constitution of the United States. I have family that fought in the Revolutionary War, andt in the Civil War. I believe that we are a blessed nation because of them. You've got two theories of economics. You've got a Keynesian theory, which is: you must go in there and you must interfere with the market all the time. I'm of the theory that says, "keep your hands off." Supply and demand works. And that's when Reagan came out and that's what he talked about was trickle down economy. I have real strong issues with our tax system just because I don't believe in punishing someone for their productivity. So if you're very productive, I'm going to put you in a higher tax bracket. I'm gonna make you pay more money. There's someone over here that just wants to sit around. I don't believe that's a fair and equal income tax. Why penalize somebody?

Leo Stiles - Write-in

Honest government for our dying city.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Two</u>

Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

The integrity and character of the individual. Does the issue adhere to the original constitutional values? Our constitution was no fluke. Those men, whether rich snobs, intellectuals whatever, were inspired and directed. They wanted to protect all of us from any future domination or rule the means of which had brought them Here. I'm a Christian who believes that it was no mistake that I decided to run. I understand spiritual influence, having faith and trust in our Heavenly Father.

Devyn Rosner

Well, that would be our founding documents, that our country started with to avoid tyranny, government overreach, things like that. Government has strayed very far from that. I understand that history changes and that there's certain things you have to look out for. But we've strayed much further than I would have liked to have seen.

Dennis Vosper

The Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are the supreme law of the land. If you filter all government decisions through the lens of that, which is to protect unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. When you look at the original language, happiness particularly refers to your ability to own land, and then in owning land to provide food, shelter, all the essentials for life, that's what the pursuit of happiness meant. Governments are mandated to first protect those rights. Every piece of legislation, every ordinance, every decision that would come before me that would be the filter that I use.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in Well, I follow the laws. I do research on the laws, what laws will be affected if we make a certain *****Continued on Next Page*****



What is the foundational basis that you use in making political decisions?

decision? What's our liability when we make that decision? And if that decision, number one, would be what's the best for the residents of Quartzite? Not for one or two people but for the residents of quartzite. **Steve Schue - incumbent** Honesty and what's good for the community. The Constitution, of course, "We the people" is very important to me, trying to form a more perfect union and that type of thing.

I feel that I've been honest with the people. I've always sat up there, I

don't talk a lot. With some of the people, the town council members talking a lot. It takes us late into the night sometimes. I usually keep it short. Unless there's something that I feel needs to be said. Which I say.

Would you say you are Republican, Democratic, Independent, Libertarian or a combination thereof?

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Randy Smith

Non-partisan in the town council if I was running for Congress or Senate that would count but town council is not-partisan. So I don't think that's a fair question to ask if that's okay.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

Well, I don't even know anymore.

We've got so many politicians that are called RINOs. What I would say I am is a Patriot. I'm an American. A Democrat may have a view that I agree with or a Republican may have a view that I agree with. A libertarian may have a view that I agree with. I'm registered as a Republican. But what is a true Republican and what is a true Democrat?

Richard Freese - Write-in

A combination. I'm a registered Republican, but I have some libertarian tendencies also.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

Well, I've been a registered Republican since I was 21 years old. I would consider myself more of an independent than a Republican because I do cross party lines while I think there's a better candidate other than a Republican.

Two Year Candidates <u>Pick Two</u>

Karey Amon - incumbent Not one council person currently knows the political affiliation of any other member. It is not if a Republican or a Democrat can best

Colleen O'meara

serve the community.

My whole life. I have been an independent thinker by and large. I don't run with a crowd/group. I seek other's input and advice. Mull it around and make my own decision. Consequently, I have hopped from D to R a couple times. I have to consider the person and their character as equally important.

Devyn Rosner

We're basically on a two party system

and anything else really starts to confuse people. I'm pretty much identified as Republican but I do consider myself a combination.

Dennis Vosper

I am officially registered as a Republican and I would be closest to what would be considered a Ron Paul Republican. So a libertarian leaning Republican.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in I'm a Marine.

Steve Schue - incumbent

Well, I've been brought up a Republican for a good portion of my life. But in the last few elections, I've been independent, because some of the Democratic candidates were more qualified than a republican, so I have to say I'm independent now.

Would you consider yourself a Conservative or a Liberal?

Four Year Candidates

<u>Pick Three</u> Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

I don't think it's a fair question. Oh, isn't that probably the point of the business? They do want to be nonpartisan, basically equal in the Town Council. It doesn't matter. Same job, same focus.

Sam Saxton - Write-in Absolutely conservative. Richard Freese - Write-in A conservative. Leo Stiles - Write-in A conservative or "centrist." Two Year Candidates <u>Pick Two</u> Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara I feel both are on a continuum, but I am a Conservative.

Devyn Rosner Conservative. **Dennis Vosper** Conservative.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in Conservative.

Steve Schue - incumbent Most certainly I'm conservative, I like traditional values, Bible-based society. I'm a Christian. I'd say I'm pretty, conservative.

Which best describes you: Constitutionalist, Socialist, Communist?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

I don't think it's a fair question. **Sam Saxton - Write-in** Constitutionalist. Our nation was founded on the Constitution. Some people want to say that the Constitution is archaic and it should be redefined or completely thrown out altogether. And there are groups that are actually trying to force that and make that happen. But I'm a firm believer in what is written in the Constitution is fair, it's the most equitable form of government. So, constitutionalist. I refer to it quite often. **Richard Freese - Write-in**

Constitutionalist. Leo Stiles - Write-in Constitutionalist.

Two Year Candidates

Pick Two Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara Constitutionalist

Devyn Rosner

Yeah, there's only one option to pick there. The other two are absolutely destructive choices. We've seen those things try to play out and it's never worked and it's not necessarily what is good for anybody. So constitutionalists. **Dennis Vosper**

Constitutionalist. Robert St Germain.- Write-in

Constitutionalist. **Steve Schue - incumbent** Certainly not communist. Constitutionalist is pratty bread but

Constitutionalist is pretty broad but I have to lean towards constitutionalist

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What are the top three issues you want to handle if elected?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

I also would like to touch on the fact that during the summer, there is absolutely nothing here. Summers are pretty much dead. I would like to see the Senior Center, the Community Center and other places, boost up and maybe have more things to do.

I would like to encourage people who can't drive to ride the bus, so they could get out. Especially in 120 degrees. They go to the community center, Senior Center or whatever. I want to encourage ridership on the bus for those people and educate them on where the bus goes. If they get a free ride, because a lot of people need a free ride. That's important, because I talked to a lot of people in my park who think, "I'm not getting on the bus. I'm not gonna pay that money." I'm like, "Well no, just talk to him and find out, you probably get on free." So, I think that's also very important.

Number three is to shop here and to support our local stores. I think that's very important. I think that we as council members need to be a leader in that, we need to set an example for that, and we need to shop in our local stores. And I'm not saying anything bad about McDonald's or Subway or whatever. That's fine. But if you can, and I'd rather you go to someplace like Karen's Cafe or Quail Run or Taco Mio or wherever because that's a mom-and-pop place that money stays here. You go to McDonald's. That money, yeah, you're helping people work there. Maybe, but some of them don't even live here. And the money that it makes, the profits, it's going to some billionaire somewhere. Shop here. I mean, I'm not saying not to go to Walmart, but I shop in the Coyote and the Roadrunner for most of my stuff. So go to those, that I think is very important.

thing. So it's not going to be here forever. I'm looking for companies that will be an industry that will last a lifetime essentially, something that actual skilled labor can go and do and be able to collect a retirement from. I think that is very important.

plant coming but that's a short term

Housing, we need small family housing to big family housing. And honestly, for that, I would actually like to secure some BLM land and make it so that these houses sit on one acre or larger parcels and those will be homesteads. My thinking is, that could be our slogan, come and homestead in Quartzite. And we would see families come from all over the United States move to Quartzite because you can have goats, chickens and all that. And have your small town environment, a tourist attraction, and a place for you to raise your family.

We started a Christian school, because we felt like the ball had completely been dropped, and not only dropped but deflated. The level of education here is just absurd. The council doesn't have much pull over that, but I would like to see how the council can help the town because you can bring in industry, you can bring in houses but you need to have a good school for those families to go to. That's the third part of the triangle, is education. And that part of the triangle is being overlooked. So I really think that the Council needs to help bolster the school up in whatever way legally possible.

Richard Freese - Write-in

One is some individuals on the Council were using department heads to do the vetting of potential candidates. I believe we've already got a vetting process and that's called the election. I believe it's the voter's responsibility to vet them, to find out who they are and vote for them or not. So I think that's a huge one. One of the other things that I'm scratching my head about is, I was trying to figure out what our budget was and what we spend our money on and I came across these really nice pie charts where everything's kind of lumped in. They look real pretty. I've got an accounting background and I want to be able to look at the income statement and a balance sheet. I want to be able to look at and see what is really happening. I don't know, maybe I'm misjudging the city, and maybe

they make that available, but I think it should be available anytime anybody wants to know, they should be able to. The town works for the people and should always be above board and lay everything out for the people to examine it. When things are hidden, I have a problem with that. Now I understand they go into the private sessions, if the attorney is giving some guidance and stuff, okay, I have no problem with that. But everything else needs to be above the board. The citizens of Quartzite need to know what's going on. They're not idiots.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

I want to see Quartzsite grow not die. End corruption in city government. Develop programs that the citizens can be involved in. Like a community garden that could benefit all.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Two</u> Karey Amon - incumbent

Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

 Make our town look like a TOWN!! This has to happen if businesses take Quartzsite seriously. Who comes here, sees this withered up town and states, "YES, this is the perfect place!"
 Bring in vital business that decreases (or eliminates entirely) the need to go outside of town for what we need/want. We need a veterinarian but we could start with SPCA.
 More exploration of cultivation/ agriculture that would provide better, fresher, cheaper produce. A farmer's market!

Devyn Rosner

Small business. Housing. Community Improvement. Housing and small business go together. We have no agricultural zoning and little industrial zoning. Any big businesses would be handled in Blythe right now. I'm sure that there are plenty of companies that would be elated to come into the very central spotlight of Quartzsite, under Arizona laws to operate and do business here. We are in the desert, we have to make sure that we're watching our water carefully and focusing on agricultural prospects, especially with noted food shortages coming up and all these other pressing matters. It's very important that here in the

desert we start to use the desert to our advantage. We need things to do here.

Dennis Vosper

The number one issue will be the election law issue in our town. The issue was brought up by Councilman Sam Saxton to abolish the town ordinance, 30.09 Section B, which states that at the time of turning in your paperwork to get on the ballot, you can't owe any money to the, even a quarter on a library book, you'd be forbidden to be on the ballot. The key issue is it's interfering in elections. The residents, not elected and unelected bureaucrats, should be making the decision for who's on the ballot. The people need to decide whether they want somebody who owes the town money or not. It's up to the people, not the council. So Councilman Saxon brought this up to be voted on to abolish it. The majority of the current Council on record said they like this code and they think it protects the sanctity of the council that it protects. Sam did get the council to agree to postpone the vote on 30.09 Section B until after the election. So this election right now will determine if we have election integrity in the future.

I want to address water and sewer rate increases. Our town is currently on a plan where every six months your rates go up. This was brought in I believe it was 2018 after Jim Ferguson removed the citizen board that was keeping an eye on the rates and put in a five year plan where every six months your rates go up. So I would like to see the water and sewer rates go down, especially for our senior citizens. So we'd like to keep rates under control and lower rates and not force people to be on them.

I want to address the high pay rate of our upper management, the town manager has a base salary of upwards of 150,000 plus benefits plus a car allowance. All of our upper level staff are paid \$100,000 or more and the kicker is they do not live here. So, I would like to see lower pay for these top executive positions and to require that all future executive staff must reside in or move to Quartzite within six months of their hire.

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Sam Saxton - Write-in Jobs. We've got the concrete mixing

What are the top three issues you want to handle if elected?

Robert St Germain.- Write-in 1. Working for the people and to give a voice back to the people.

- 2. Housing.
- 3. Businesses.
- 3. Businesses

in Steve Schue - incumbent

To keep working on the housing for one, that is what I'm good at. The schools are number 2 . I hate to see the high school kids have to drive or ride all the way to Salome to go to school. I'd hate that myself. Jobs, of course. As a realtor here in town, I've been selling quite a bit of commercial property. New businesses are coming in. We now have to worry about getting qualified applicants for jobs. We don't have a lot of quality

candidates here in Quartzsite. Most of them will have to be trained. I know that there's services out there now, a vocational trade school in Salome. And I just hope the high school kids over there take advantage of that.

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Do you think our Town is healthy and successful? If not, what would you change about it?

Four Year Candidates <u>Pick Three</u> Lynda Goldberg - incumbent

No inverview. Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

I think it's not successful right at the moment because of some things which can't be helped such as the virus and gas prices and stuff. But also, because I think that they drove away the swap meet. I heard from a lot of vendors about how it costs too much, they raised the prices. They couldn't afford to come here anymore. And they just got discouraged and they're going to Tucson and other places. So, I think that this town needs to have a more friendly, accommodating attitude towards vendors and people who are going to come in and tourism. I mean, there's all kinds of off-roading here. I don't understand why somebody doesn't open an off roading business, you know they rent out an ATV or something like that. Maybe not in the summer, it gets too hot, maybe in the wintertime There's a few, that's true. I have seen them. But I would encourage people to utilize that.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

What is success? I believe that we're still shaking off some of the major corruption that was in our town government from years past. And I think we're still paying the dividends from that. The town has 18 months of reserves in finances. So we're successful on that level. I think we have been successful in some areas and I think we've failed in some areas. The area I think that we have failed the most in, is thinking that we're a seasonal town and it's always been kind of a mantra, the mindset. I would like to change that paradigm. We could absolutely be a year-around tourist attraction town, and we wouldn't

have to be seasonal. Families travel with kids in the summertime. It all boils down to marketing. When people look at our town, what do they see? That's why I constantly talk about I-10. Our frontage road, our curb appeal, is terrible, it looks like it's dying. We will have to talk to ADOT about that and get that cleaned up. Our town needs a makeover, which will pull people off the interstate. More sit down restaurants where people will come in off the interstate and sit down and stay some. Airbnb's, maybe another hotel. Market our town such that people want to stop here. Whether it's camels, diamonds, gold or whatever. There's tons of gimmicks out there. This is the West. Oatman has their gimmick, it's donkeys, and they have shootouts in the old town. You know it's a gimmick, but it brings people in. We just need to put our heads together and really figure out what our "gimmick" is. What can we market? I think we're leaning towards camels, because that's part of the history here. Marketing our town to be a year-around town is the direction we need to head.

Richard Freese - Write-in

Boy, that's a rough question. The rock shows are great. I see that as a three or four month timeframe. What are we doing to attract young families? A town's future is always in the younger people. I know we are a retirement city, and I understand that. But we still need to do what we can do to bring in some industry where younger people can come here and raise their family. Are we solely focused on the 72 year olds that make up our average population? I look for somebody to try to help me do something around here, you can't find anybody because everybody's too old. It'd be nice to have some younger people here.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

I don't think our town is healthy and successful. I think our town is dying. And that's why I want to run for city council. We need more commerce in this city and the council seems to be driving people away and not inviting them to stay.

Two Year Candidates <u>Pick Two</u> Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer. Colleen O'meara

NO. We have significant structures on borrowed land that is rented/leased monthly. Making us debt encumbered. Which means the town goes after every possible nickel and dime like vendor fees, water rate increases. EVEN possibly allowing a HUGE marijuana farm/dispensary to be allowed on purchased land on Main Street!!!

A grant was sought to pay for our Park, \$900,000. The park is lovely, but will never be overused. Find a grant to do something we really need: a new Main Street. Which could involve ADOT, but must be done for town survival. How does a town this size, in our sad situation justify or afford to pay the Town Manager \$150k per year plus car and gas? I would call for an examination of the fees and it would need to be re-negotiated. To summarize my point, we are land leased, poor, and over-paying a Town Manager, both issues hobble us from real growth and development.

Devyn Rosner

The problem is that everyone is coming from a different starting and ending point. If there's people that have been here for a long time. They've seen new businesses come in and they might think that it's all great and it's all going well. But when you're coming from somewhere like New Jersey, let's say, you come to a place like this, and you see the amount of money moving through and you see what's going on, you think, oh, geez, we're 40 years behind. We could really catch up very quickly if things are run well, right and honestly. So it's all perspective based, but me being a young person who's experienced a lot of the world and traveled quite a bit

we are not where we need to be. I'm here to help that.

Dennis Vosper

I know there's a mixture of what people feel and what I see personally. As the general manager of the radio stations, I do talk to a lot of business owners and managers. And our current census is another indicator of where we're at. In the time that I've worked in Quartzite, I've seen the number of people that live here and the number of people that visit here decrease year by year not increase. I think our census reflects this. Current leadership says the census was just a large undercount. I would suggest that it's not an undercount, but it is an accurate count, and that it's a sign that our town is actually shrinking and that the current leadership is not doing a good enough job to get our town to grow.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in

Is our town healthy? Yeah. Successful? We need to fix our infrastructure or we will never bring any big businesses; hotels, trucking depots, warehouse depot's anything like that until we have better infrastructure and part of that infrastructure has to include housing. We have the resources to do these things, we just need individuals in there that will use the resources for what people of Quartzite need.

Steve Schue - incumbent

Happy and successful exchange, I hope we are all happy. I received a call the other day on the water, they were concerned about the water and the taste of the water. The taste of the water is mainly minerals from our well which are probably more healthy than the bottled water in the filtered water people drink. I drink the town water all the time, it's great, it just tastes different. Healthy? We have an average age of 72 years old. So it's a climbing population. We certainly have health problems in town based on age. We do have several good doctors in town.

Working with other agencies is important in dealing with funding and regulatory constraints placed on a small community. What would you do to implement a good working relationship with all agencies involved?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

Oh, I have to learn what these agencies are because if I get on the town council it will be the first time I've ever done it. At first I just have to sit and listen and learn about it. But I would think that the best way to do that is to just work with them to be cooperative with them and listen to them. To hear their side of, their point of view. They might think that we don't need a certain thing, I don't know, something like boosting of the power or the streets or something and we might think we do. But we can't be so arrogant to think that our side is always right. They might be right. How to work with them is to listen..

Sam Saxton - Write-in

I talked to a fellow the other day and he made a good statement. If you're not at the table, you're on the menu. We need to get seats at the table at HUD and other national and state level agencies where we can really dig in and make a difference for our community. We need to diversify and get at the tables at different agencies. I know we are in some; WACOG and some other things. I've only been a council member for six months, so I'm still learning a lot. I think we will see major change happen when we get seats at the right tables.

Richard Freese - Write-in

Number one, you need to have open communication. You've got to be likable. You've got to be willing to hear them out and see what there is, be knowledgeable in what they're doing. And be an asset to them, work with them, don't fight them, it doesn't work. You've got to be able to work with them. You've got to be able to let them know they can trust you. Trust is huge. If you can't trust people and they can't trust you, you can't get anything done. So often, anymore, you really don't know

who you can trust, and that's the way it is in government. Are they after their own agenda? Or are they working for the agenda for the people? That's my major concern. Number one, I believe in local control. It starts on the local level. We need to begin by taking care of Quartzsite, but recognizing that we're part of the county and part of the state but first must begin on the local level. So we've got to be slow to enter into agreements that could potentially hurt the city. Just because we want somebody like us, You don't want to go and give our water rights away to somebody, you want to be able to think things through a little bit. Don't be too quick to respond.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

Well, we'll begin with, I've got little heartburn about city government because most of our city government doesn't even live in Quartzite. So they have no vested interest in this community.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Two</u> Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

This question was accidentally missed.

Devyn Rosner

Not only am I genuinely a kind person who can tend to get along well with others and I would be putting the olive branch out. I would start with a better town lawyer who is looking out for the town, and who can help you form these relationships to get through regulations and things like that. That's why you want a gung ho educated lawyer who's going to say, "All right, you can't have your parades on Main Street. This is what we can do to get around that." You want somebody educated, especially when it comes to positions like town manager and the lawyer because they're basically your go to. I can do self research but we might need the guy who knows the loopholes, and how to really press the law and work within the law to improve the town and to move things forward. And so it definitely starts with a good legal team.

Dennis Vosper

The first key is having an open door and knowing who these people are. I've been in touch with several individuals here in town who are in touch with a lot of the folks in these agencies and so I think you are correct, and that is having these relationships will open more doors for the town. I believe in keeping the door open but at the same time, all governments in our country unfortunately have gone away from the mandate of protecting unalienable rights including many of these agencies that we're talking about right now. And so I would be cautious, have good relations but at the same time, still continuing to use the lens of protecting the unalienable rights of individuals and property rights of the individual as well. Having those relationships is key and staying in touch with the people that already have those relationships, inviting them and going to their events. So it's gonna take a lot of work, time and effort and I intend to do that.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in

Well, the best thing anybody can do is get over there and meet the individuals. I believe in law enforcement. I don't think they should be handcuffed. I think if someone breaks the law, they handle it and then the Prosecuting Attorneys have to follow through on that. Community safety is a really big one. We have our police department, the Sheriff's department and we have Highway Patrol. So, we have to work well together. We have to make sure everybody in our community works well outside of the community. Get to know the groups out there, get to know what they do and hey, you might even want to volunteer for one of these groups.

I try to read all the notices and the agendas for the county supervisors about what's going on up there because that affects us also. We have Gosar and Sonny Borrelli, we can ask them for assistance. They're great. They will help us out. Unfortunately, some of the bigger entities like the state Attorney General aren't concerned with Quartzsite due to the fact we don't have enough votes to concern them. So we have to start at the bottom and work our way up to get something that's wrong, right.

Steve Schue - incumbent

I'm trying to think of which agencies you are talking about? I'm a member of the Arizona Western Council on Government (WACOG) and so that's one agency that we're working with. I'm on the council on aging and I'm trying to implement that better. Also, the League of Cities, we will be going to a meeting this summer, with just about every town council person there and city manager in the state of Arizona. And so, we look forward to networking once we get there.



Most small towns in America have a quaint Main Street or downtown area with a few anchor restaurants and small businesses that attract business to the local community. Do you feel that Quartzsite lacks this type of community resource? If so, how will you, as a town council member, help to attract small businesses and encourage community engagement to rebuild the "Main Street" in the Town of Quartzsite.

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

How would I know how to encourage businesses to come here? I would have to learn that because I don't really know too much about that particular part. So on that part I have to listen to my fellow council people and the mayor about how to do that. I don't have experience in it. But, I often drive down Main Street, I think right here in this section, it's all fast food. All fast foods except here at Karen's Café, maybe. And then a couple stores across the way. A big section where there's nothing, except the dollar general. And Silly Al's. Then there is a big stretch, and then there's the grocery stores way down there. Everything's too spread out. It's not like a town where you can walk down the street and hit every store. You know, if you park here, you can't walk to the market because it is way the heck down there.

So I would encourage people to know if they're going to build something here or open a store, to try to put it in this section of town because this seems to be more where people go to get off the freeway up here. Especially travelers because they want to go to the gas station or fast food. And to fill up this section. More than the section I live on which is over on the side. We do have a new gas station open but there's a lot of spaces you know, they're gonna come across, because that guy went out of business. I don't know what happened to him. That rock lady, I haven't seen her for ages. She went to Flagstaff. And there's some other empty things along Main Street. I would like to see them get something but not necessarily rocks.

You know, we have enough rock stores and jewelry stores. So it'd be

nice if it's something different. I don't know what. A clothing store. One that has clothes and shoes. A Beall's was down there, and I went there all the time. Something like that. Clothing, something for pets, maybe? I don't know. I never thought about stores, and I really don't know much about them.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

Wow, even just on the engineering side of that is a major undertaking because we really don't have a definite "downtown". The town is kind of spread out. Usually a Town Hall is downtown. Our Town Hall is set off back inside the town. My thinking is "downtown" would be the Pilot, McDonald's, the Jerky store, Times Three, and that little strip across the street. And then you skip to the other end of town. I don't know if we can make that small town Main Street feel without totally reconstructing everything. I do believe we could kind of create that sense with different curve appeals. That would have to come from some really creative out of the box type of thinking. I'm not the kind of person to say that it can't be done, the London Bridge is in Lake Havasu. If you can dream it, it can be done. For outsiders coming in, if you just ride through the town, you're not gonna say," Oh, yeah, this is downtown".

Richard Freese - Write-in

That's another good question. Part of it deals with the vision. What's our vision five years down the road? What's our vision 10 years down the road? Where are we wanting to go? What future goals do we want to have? Are we just wanting to be a retirement town where our people have to go to Parker or have to go to Blythe to shop? There is not a whole lot to do in Blythe for shopping. You have to hit Lake Havasu or Yuma or go over to the Phoenix area. You've got to encourage new economic growth, but at the same token, you don't want to hurt the existing businesses. So you've got to work in a partnership with the existing businesses, because they've invested their time and maybe all the capital they have. You don't want to wipe them out because you

want Walmart. I like the little stores that we have here. There's times I'd like to have more options as far as lumber and stuff. But I think there's some things that we could look into. And that's just in the commercial lane. We've got businesses that open up and they're more touristy. So we've got to decide in the future. Is that the direction we want to go, kind of a touristy winter Snowbird type community. Are we wanting to balance in the summertime? What are we going to do for that balance? What kind of jobs, what kind of technology or what can we bring in here? We're on the interstate. We have good access there. What can we bring in? Having been in the high tech world for better than 20 years. There's high tech companies that we could be looking into, to supplement income for some of the retirees and for younger people. And if you got that you got the base, the financial base, it boosts and lifts up the main street.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

Yes, to begin with, our main street in Quartzsite consists of truck stops and fast-food restaurants. There's not much else up there by the way of commerce. We need to be able to attract, in some way, other businesses that are of interest to the public.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Two</u> Karey Amon - incumbent

Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

YES! Quartzsite is totally lacking in quaint charm that is a magnet to business and tourists. Our MAIN ST needs to be either relocated (not going to happen) or completely revamped. Recently I was in conversation with a well-respected member of our community. Their idea was WONDERFUL! I then went to another individual who stated that ADOT would never agree. WELL, then we jump on ADOT and tell them that our town will DIE without a change in their view AND do what we must to win.

Devyn Rosner

So there's a lot of ways to operate our Main Street. Others and I have talked plenty about going back to the two lanes and slower miles per hour and parking on the street, things like that. Again, it goes back to the lack of businesses. To even start we need to tackle that housing issue and we need to get people here so that more businesses come here. We need to re-strategize to pull this highway traffic off. To have 30,000 cars to even capture 1 to 10% of them. Quartzite has so many things here that make it special; like the prospecting, the gems, the Quartz, the vortex, the camels. Harp on that to pull people off the highway. The QIA has highway visibility, and they sit there dead for most of the year. So the town could work with organizations like the QIA to see what we can do while you're sitting there dead for six, seven months to get people off of the highway?" Visuals are so important. It could be a whole camel theme. You don't just do one thing and stop, you keep going, and that takes very passionate, very energized people to continue to push forward.

Dennis Vosper

At one time we had a lot more restaurants and a lot more happening entertainment wise, and there's been a shift. I spoke with a gentleman named Ham Staples who had the UTV rentals in 2018. He had the idea of taking all of Main Street and reducing it down to two large lanes with a large center lane, slowing the speed limit and having parking on both sides of Main Street all from one end to the other. The town itself would have different displays that would go over the road and create the main street theme, which would encourage more business. Stop, Park and Shop. By doing so you're increasing the value of Main Street itself. I like the idea of Main Street continuing eastward beyond the Chevron station at exit 19 for industrial use. The town needs to make Mainstreet itself attractive, which would incentivize the property ***Continues on Next Page***



owners to fix up their properties and build new businesses. Because this is the Business I-10 route ADOT will be a challenge. So it's going to take some elbow grease to get them to budge. My understanding is they're pretty stubborn about not changing this, but it was originally two lanes with no center lane. Having that center lane would take care of a lot of the issues that I think that they would have but we need to have more parking on Main Street, make it more inviting and have a theme that is encouraging for people to stick around.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in

I think redoing our Main Street would be awesome. I'll give you a perfect example. Back in the 90s, I used to come out to Quartzite. I lived in Ehrenberg and worked in the state prison in California. I was amazed at the size of the flea market here. I could start where Carl's Jr. is today and walk down to four corners. It would take me all day long and I still wouldn't see everything. People would ask me "'I'm looking for this or that" I said "well, if it ain't for sale Quartzite it ain't for sale. We drifted away from that when the town incorporated.

The fees started going up and some of the properties started charging more. The majority of flea market vendors are elderly and it's a lot of work so they're retiring for health reasons and things like that. So we're losing that but if we did a storefront Old Town Quartzsite. You know, do something with some facades on the front of the buildings to make it look interesting like a lot of places do. We have to make sure we have parking. We have to support the businesses that are still operating during summer. They're doing it for us and I believe we need to support them. We need to enjoy a sit down dinner in the air conditioning and support the local economy that way but we need to advertise what's available. We've got a great little town. We're in a great spot on the map. We need to take advantage of it.

Steve Schue - incumbent

Right now, the Main Street property is just about all sold, I don't know of any that is available for sale, maybe one lot. I personally put effort into selling those lots. Businesses. We really don't have a lot of choice on who goes and comes into town. Most of the property there is C-2 or commercial, retail. We look forward to new businesses coming in. With our demographics being on 95 and I-10, we get a lot of traffic. The goal has been to stop that traffic and get people to move in. We're certainly limited in the summer

time, our clientele drops to about half. And so, it's basically a seasonal town still and we're trying to change that. The ATV community, the off-road community that we work with, It's not really safe to be out in the desert in the summertime, I just assume come in the winter and enjoy it. And we do get a lot of people here. It's one of the most popular communities for offroading in the southwest.

Housing is a significant issue in the town of Quartzsite and the surrounding areas. For Quartzsite and La Paz County to attract business professionals to work in the healthcare industry, education, and local government agencies, there must be places to rent. How do you see Qz/Parker and La Paz County overcoming its extreme housing shortage?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

We would have to encourage people who build apartment buildings and want to have that type of property to come here. But I also have no idea how to do that, I'd have to talk to the other council people because I've never worked in that type of industry. I don't know. That's a hard one. So we would have to tell them about the advantages of being here such as, if you're an outdoor person, if you're a desert person, if you want to ATV, if you want to go hiking, there's hunting out here and bird hunting out by river and you got the river. We have to show them these types of things. We have to think of all the positive things in our area. And what I like about Quartzite is that it's in the center. You go this way, you go to Phoenix, you go this way you go to Blythe and Palm Springs, this way you go

to Laughlin, and this way you go to Yuma. You can go to big places where there is stuff, but you are in a quiet little town. But it's not too far to go to any of them. That's a big advantage. For me.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

I think the youth are an extreme target right now, especially children in poverty, which is what we mostly have here in Ouartzite. I've heard "We have a small school so we can't do a great Christmas program or something" My thinking is absolutely the opposite. We have a small school so we can do guitar lessons for all the kids because we don't have hundreds of kids that we would have to buy guitars for, we only have 150 or whatever. So we can have 50 guitars and put all of our kids through guitar lessons, piano lessons or art. And then the problem is with public education, for somebody to come in and teach guitar lessons at the school, that person has to go and get a certificate. The town needs to create a space for an after school program, but not sit there and color. Have somebody there that will teach guitar lessons, art or have a shop where the kids can go and learn

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We've got a lot of seniors on fixed income on Social Security, or I should say social insecurity. With the cost of everything going up, we need to sit down and talk to the seniors and ask, "What can we do

for you?" We have a senior center, what more can we do for that? We need to have more for them to do. The majority of Quartzsite feels like a big family, but we need to wrap in the rest of everybody and become a loving community. I think it would take a "town hall meeting" at the Senior Center and invite all the seniors that can make it, to come and tell us what we can do for you. Tell us what you need. And then we can move forward with good action and good direction on what we can do for seniors and what they actually need.

Richard Freese - Write-in

I think one of the things you've got to look at is how much BLM land is around us? How much BLM land is available? And then what type of building are we going to do? There is some private land available. You've got to be able to bring somebody in who's willing to invest either into a housing area. But again, in order for people to come in and buy, you've got to have the industry. We've got to do a combination of business and housing. I'd love to see a tech company come in, kind of like what Musk did in Texas when he brought in the factory

and he brought in the housing. I'm not saying Elon Musk is a solution, but something along that line where you work with someone who can come in and is willing to invest and at the same time provide the housing. They come hand in hand, but you've got to be able to have land that's accessible. We're almost landlocked with BLM land. So the city has got to stop renting BLM land for everything.We've got to work in agreements with BLM land so we can own it or make it available to the public to own or investors to own.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

Eventually I'd like to see an apartment complex built that will attract more people that have no place to live besides in a trailer. Most of the people in Quartzite, that's what they live in, is RVs. If you look at the community around, there are very few residential streets that have occupied houses.

Two Year Candidates <u>Pick Two</u>

Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

This is a side rant to this question. The town would be able to do more if it wasn't doing the fast hustle each month to pay land lease bills. The new million gallon water tower sits on rented land, our TOWN HALL is on leased land.... and there's more. Back to the question. WE will not get a significant increase of ANYTHING until this town looks SOMETHING like a TOWN!

Devyn Rosner

We are going to have to reach out to

developers, architects, and have unique plans drawn up. Luckily the desert is really finally getting the attention it deserves as far as its beauty. Glamping, Earth ships, container homes, all of the things involved with desert life are becoming more popular. Many people really want more acreage and the ability to farm and grow what they want to grow, Arizona is pretty cool about that. Quartzite is very unique in that while we offer lots of low end housing through the RV parks and affordable housing prices compared to other markets, there's an opportunity to go very high end and to appeal to those who have money who maybe want to have a second home or maybe want to place their desert farm here. Possible underground eco palaces, all of that. In today's world, you get to run free with your imagination, and I definitely see a lack of imagination here. We have the land, we need the ability to build on the land and the infrastructure for it.

Dennis Vosper

Near future is going to be challenging. I think a lot of the true solutions are going to take some time. Initially there are a lot of snowbirds who don't come to Quartzite anymore. There's several homes on my street right now, for years the owners have not come because of different reasons. So I think the town could reach out to all property owners in and around Quartzite and speak to them about the market being available for rentals. The town can speak with the local real estate offices and encourage them to create rental contracts where they can handle the rentals for these out of town snowbirds so their properties are protected and they can rent them out. So it'll help the short term housing crisis.

Right now the vast majority of all the land within our town limits is frozen. I think it keeps the property values artificially high. It makes it hard to build. The long term fix that I want to promote is that we work with BLM to release that land at reasonable sale rates in conjunction we could work with, we have a merger coming here with Horizon Community Bank as well as I believe it's called Arizona Federal Credit Union and the assets that they have are going to be quite extensive. And I've spoken with several at the bank and they're liking this idea of being able to work alongside and build stick-built homes on one to five acre land purchases that can be purchased from BLM in the state trust. So that's going to be the kicker is getting the BLM and state trust to release the land at reasonable prices.

With one to five acre lots you have room to be sustainable, to be independent. If you have some farm animals you're not going to bug your neighbor. You have enough room and enough freedom. This will encourage long term growth with homes that have three bedrooms or greater to encourage families to move here. They're going to be nice homes with room to grow, for kids to stretch their legs and play and have a lot of freedom.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in

We need to start attracting developers. We need to start getting more housing. I would venture to bet if we had somebody come in and build 200 apartments that 80% of those apartments would be filled by current Quartzite residents who live in campers and trailers year round. They want something that is not going to rock around when the winds blow. They want central heat and air but it would also attract younger people to stay in Quartzite at an affordable rate. As far as professionals we do, and yes we do need three and four bedroom housing. Not everybody is elderly. We have children in this community. What if we were to have housing where they can grow up here, stay here and work here? Become a policeman, a fireman, get involved, work for the town. become a teacher. We have so many growth possibilities, but we're not looking towards the future. Sometimes I think we're looking towards the past. La Paz County as a whole has a great opportunity. Unfortunately, we're not attracting the developers to come in. We have a little too many rules, regulations, codes and fees that need to be looked at and changed. We could bring in a warehouse depot, a truck depot and make a deal that they'd help with housing for employees.

Steve Schue - incumbent

There's certainly a housing shortage. We have a lot of snowbirds, people who just come in for the wintertime and their houses sit vacant all summer long. Sometimes people just don't come back for several years and there's a lot of vacant houses. But there's just not any property managers to manage the rentals if people wanted to rent their house out. I don't recommend absentee landlords, that's not the way to run a rental. You'd have to have a good property manager in order to encourage me to have more rentals here.

If you are elected to serve our community, what is your vision for the youth? What is your vision for the seniors?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

I think about that quite often because of my history working with delinquents. There is just nothing here. I don't know what kids, especially teenagers, do in this town. Go to the river, get drunk? I don't know. What would I encourage? I

thought about that and I don't know what I would do. I remember when I was a teenager, I wouldn't want to go to the Community Center or whatever else there is to do there, kids don't want to do that stuff. They want to go out to parties and do things. I guess if you're a family that goes to church, you could try to encourage events at your church, you could do that. If not that, then maybe you can try to encourage things down by the river. Some people don't have a boat or anything. I think it'd be easier to organize these little kids because you have the community centers. I just volunteered to work

the Fourth of July. Why? So I'll be out there sweating with an umbrella over my head out in the sun. Because games, that's for the little kids. For teenagers, it's hard. I don't know how teenagers handle it here.

There is a ton of stuff for the seniors in the winter. I think that the Senior Center is very good. Especially in the wintertime they have good things. And, of course, it is a cool down center for anybody. The QIA is very good for seniors during the winter, but there's not really a whole lot here to do in the summer for us full timers, especially for seniors. I think what needs to happen is that word needs to get out to the seniors who can't drive, about the bus, about where they go on the bus, and the schedule and all that. So that they can get out of their senior apartments or their trailers and actually interact with people and go places within the town, so they are not just stuck. And to go to the library. I go to the Senior Center and the Community Center and I see almost nobody.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

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Richard Freese - Write-in

One thing I really like is that the town is talking about putting in the splash pad. That's nice. I'd love to see it. I'd love to see a pool. A community pool for seniors and the youth. A pool where seniors needing physical therapy and water therapy could go, but it would also be there for the younger people. I believe at one time there was actually money raised for one, I've heard all kinds of stories about what happened, but I think that's a direction that I would like to see the town go. I think the city has done well with the parks but I would like to see a little more along that line for the youth and the seniors. Right now, if the youth want to go swimming they head over to the river.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

Well, we don't have very many things for youth. We have a beautiful park up here. that has a lot of youth activities, but I drive through that park every other day and I never see any kids, ever. I mean, they got a BMX track, they've got a skateboard track. I would like to see at some point in my four-year term, a community swimming pool. I would also like to see a covered community garden. We have plenty of space in that city park to do both of them. I do realize that building a swimming pool means maintenance, and someone there all the time, but we need it desperately. There's no place except to go over the Colorado River to go swimming and I personally don't swim in the Colorado River.

We need to have more senior activities. We have the senior center up here, and they serve meals and it is kind of a gathering place. It is a place for seniors to go and cool off if they need to. But you know the community doesn't do anything beyond that. I think we ought to be organized, like community dances, get togethers, you know social times for senior citizens because we have a lot of them in Quartzsite. The majority of our population is seniors and they need something to do during the offseason.

Two Year Candidates <u>Pick Two</u> Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

The youth of today need survival skills. Self sufficiency. When I was in Junior High, we had cooking and sewing classes, Shop, wood working. Boys grew into men who knew how to use tools and FIX things. I made all my clothes. Before embarking on a "town project" let's discover what is provided via our schools and hopefully work together to sponsor outside projects where GARDENING, MECHANICS, SEWING and those other valuable skills can be provided and taught.

As seniors decline and are unable to remain here, many have no choice but to leave for a community that can provide long-term care and medical resources. We wouldn't have significant attrition were we looking to make a retirement community that could provide services. A home health business right here in Quartzsite would be an additional comforting feature to distant families who wish to support their loved one's independence for as long as possible.

Devyn Rosner

So those are two very good things to talk about. Because while you feel like the elderly here is the population that is running the town, they're not catered to at all. Where's the community pool? Where's upgrades to the Senior Center? They're very much lacking in their care of the elderly. I would love to ramp up the services like the very poorly run, Camel Express and a better community center and a community pool, things like that. Older people want stuff to do. They're missing plenty of American pastimes (a drive-in theater, bowling, pickleball, community gardens, etc) that the elderly would just love to be a part of.

As you know, our school has not been operating. The kids are getting bused outside of town. Just like the sidewalks and benches, it's great that you put some money into the park. and that, there's a little bit of a skate park. There's some other stuff to do. They have their dance slab and a few other things. But again, you don't stop. You continue to improve and you continue to move forward. And I would say they're very much lacking right now in their care of the children in the community and the elderly. So again, it's one of these situations where if I get an office, can I do much worse? No, we're sort of at a bottom for it and we can only go up and this is part of the reason why I'm donating my salary back. I hope to be able to pick up the pieces when the town or certain organizations are missing what they need.

Dennis Vosper

My visions for youth and seniors is bright.

If elected I'll support and encourage more private churches and organizations to create both fun and engaging activities that lead youth towards positive ends and goals, as well as organizations that teach viable and in-damned skills, such as craftsmanship, welding, auto repair, music, and others to youth.

Seniors offer so much knowledge and wisdom that is oftentimes passed over and not passed on to the next generations.

Seniors are very important to our me, they are very important to our community. My mother is one of those seniors here in Quartzsite and she, like all our seniors, have needs and wants that should receive attention.

Similar to my vision for the youth, less government and more private involvement of churches and other organizations will be where I direct my attention most for seniors.

Empowering local churches and other private organizations to do what they do best is the most effective path for good governance.

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Robert St Germain.- Write-in The people that should be helped most are our handicap, our children and our elderly. I think we can have more programs for the children. Educational and fun. If we had a tour bus, we could take children and seniors on trips to see the Grand Canyon, to Phoenix or Yuma for the Opera or to see a Play or a baseball game. Maybe there's a big bingo game somewhere that many would enjoy. So there's things that we can do to help get the children out and

get their education better. Let them learn about life. Teach them to use a checking account, how to balance your checkbook. We should teach our children what politics is really about by bringing them to the town council meetings. Let them see when and how the politician speaks. Let them see the other side of the picture. We need to teach our youth that we're slipping away from the basics. I couldn't wait till I was 18 to vote and I've never missed a year since I turned 18.

Steve Schue - incumbent

We certainly need more things for the youth to do. We're already working on a splash pad right now. That's probably for younger kids. It gets real hot here and we are hoping that is a way to cool off. We're hoping they will appreciate that. I love our park; we have a lot going on there. It's one of the nicest municipal parks that I've seen and I just hope we can continue to develop that park for the benefit of our youth. The biggest issue facing our youth is education. As I said before, occupational education is important. The Salome High School is trying to emphasize that. They have a lot of good programs and I just like to be able to help them with that. To augment it even though we are not in their tax district we should support their High School.

Do you agree or disagree with and would you vote to enforce mask mandates? Vaccine Mandates? Lockdowns?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

Masks: I'm a retired nurse, okay, I go with medical. If they say masks, I'm gonna do it. Vaccines: Same thing because that's my training. Lockdowns: I don't like lockdowns either, but you know, if we have to. I care more about the health and safety of my neighbor's because I want them to be safe. There's been too many people in my own park that died of it and I don't like that. I care enough for them to want them to be safe.

Sam Saxton - Write-in Absolutely not to all.

Richard Freese - Write-in

Masks don't work. I've got too many friends in the medical field. I've got friends who retired; an emergency room physician, I've got a friend who used to be on my board who is a respiratory therapist. They. Don't. Work. Vaccines: How can you mandate a choice? And that's what I believe it should be. We're big people, we can make our own decisions. Lockdowns: No.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

Masks: If mask mandates came back up I would be agreeable to it. When I go shopping uptown if the store is really busy, I wear a mask. Still, although there is not a mandate for it. I don't believe in vaccine mandates. I really don't believe in lockdowns.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Two</u>

Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer. Colleen O'meara I believe in HONORING, OBEYING

AND SUSTAINING THE LAW. PERIOD. **Devyn Rosner**

Masks: No. Vaccines: You can't

mandate something like that. That's a medical choice. No more lockdowns. Look at how disruptive they were. Look at how many small businesses failed. What a disaster.

Dennis Vosper

I disagree with and would vote against all of these mandates

Robert St Germain.- Write-in

No, I don't. I don't believe in mask or vaccine mandates. I think it's wrong and would vote against it.. Lockdowns: No, I don't believe in pick and choose lockdowns. The only lockdown I ever agreed with was when I worked as a Correctional Peace Officer and we locked inmates in because of fighting and stuff like that.

Steve Schue - incumbent

The mask mandates, they helped a little bit, but they don't solve the problem. I think the better thing to do would be social distancing. And keeping your hands and surfaces clean. I believe a lot of the most recent cases came up because of the tube float on the Colorado River. There were several hundred people who attended, I think almost 400 people. I believe that's where a lot of new cases came in from. A lot of people from California are coming in on vacation. They look forward to that event. And then I actually know that most of those cases were from La Paz County, not necessarily in Quartzite, although I do know other cases that have popped up recently.

Vaccines: That's a tough one. I wish we could all go back to church. I wish we could all have public gatherings like we did before. I just hate to see people who are shoulder to shoulder at these events. As far as the vaccines. I'm not an expert but I got my vaccine. I know that other people who got the vaccines still got Covid. I'm not an expert on this subject, but I do appreciate social distancing. I do appreciate the handwashing and anything we can do to keep our areas sterile from foreign bacteria.

President Biden threatened loss of school lunch programs for the poor if boys were not allowed in the girls restroom. Would you ever support this?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

[Laughter] That has nothing to do with the town. If it is passed at a higher level, the Town Council could probably say, "No, we're not going to do it in our town". This is how I would do it. Boy's bathroom, girl's bathroom and an in between bathroom for boy or girl, a family bathroom. Sorry, but I don't want to see a girl in my bathroom. I didn't want to see it when I was in nursing school. I have nothing against transgenders, I'm fine with it and I've had friends who are but I don't want to see it.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

That is diabolical. That is tyranny and not constitutional. And it's definitely not conservative. I cannot get behind that man on 95% of the things that he says. For a boy to say he's a girl. By all means, call yourself a unicorn, I don't care. But to deny somebody something because they don't follow your orders is 100% tyranny and that's not even American. And that's when I go back to the Constitution of the United States.

Richard Freese - Write-in No.

Leo Stiles - Write-in No. Absolutely not.

Two Year Candidates

<u>Pick Two</u>

Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer. Colleen O'meara No

Devyn Rosner

I have not heard about this. So I really don't know. It sounds like a joke. And we're just gonna leave it at that. I don't think that could be real. Is that real?



[Unfortunately, Yes. We received a letter from the Senate which can be seen on TPFPnews.com] That's just crazy.

Dennis Vosper

There was a lot of lunacy with this. I would not support this. Girls go to the girls bathroom boys go to the boys bathroom. **Robert St Germain.- Write-in** No, absolutely not. **Steve Schue - incumbent** Absolutely not.

Do you agree or disagree with the overturn of Roe v Wade?

Four Year Candidates

Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

Do I think it's the state or federal? I would think that federal because I think human rights and human rights should be federal.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

I think it's a victory, I think it is a constitutional victory because, in my opinion, and from what I can detect, the federal government never had the right by the Constitution to even make that call so overturning it to me is saying, okay, there was a law passed that was unconstitutional, so we have reversed it. Which I think is absolutely correct.

Richard Freese - Write-in I'm doing cartwheels.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

I feel, my personal opinion, is that every woman should have the right to make her own decision without the courts getting involved in it.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Two</u> Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

Agree. As a woman with a body you bet I respect my body. And for women who have experienced incest or rape, they weren't respected and I'd hang the $*/^{\&}(a)$ who were guilty. If the mother's life is at risk, You bet, I protect the mother determined case by case. Leave it up to the doctor.

I do not care if the fertilized egg is only a day along. It is a prospective person. I got pregnant and wasn't married. Scared stiff and afraid to tell my family I had 2 choices. I went to a clinic and was required to watch the video. There is NO WAY on God's GREEN EARTH that I was going to destroy this child! I did not want to be married to the man who WITH ME was the contributor. In spite of it all, I kept my baby, who has been a joy to me.

If a woman is so dang concerned about her body and choices, then damn it, she needs to be concerned about who she allows to PLAY with it and the long term impact of a stupid choice in partner.

Devyn Rosner

I don't know that people are going to be able to separate Devin Rozner from Patty's RV and propane. But obviously, we respect all lives and we want every child to have a chance and I'm just going to leave it at that.

Dennis Vosper

I think Roe v Wade is a mixed decision. It's a very positive direction. But I still think that the Supreme Court has the right to rule on systemic genocide and that's what I believe abortion is systemic genocide. And that should not be an issue that states can decide is something that they should have that they can allow in their state, but it's a move in the right direction. I believe that abortion is his murder.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in I have no horse in that race. I think it's totally wrong and disgusting when they say that the day a baby's born a woman can decide to end it's life.

Steve Schue - incumbent

I don't think anything is a federal issue anymore. I believe anything would be a state issue, but I think we should be practicing more abstinence and protection rather than worrying about the aftereffects. That will solve a lot of problems.

Do you believe there is a problem with our Borders and how would you change that?

Four Year Candidates

Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

I'm very much for Border Patrol, and law enforcement because I'm retired from corrections. So I'm very pro-police. I'm very pro Border Patrol. So I think beefing up the Border Patrol. Have you driven to Yuma lately? They have no border person at the checkpoint. I'm like, what the heck? And maybe surveillance? That is something I haven't really thought about, but I am pro Border Patrol and I would like for them to have more.

Sam Saxton - Write-in All you have to do is go down

there and look and you will know or ask a border patrol agent what they've done. A problem? That word doesn't even touch what's going on at our border. There's not a country in this world that you can enter right now, the way you can enter the United States. If I illegally went into Mexico, I would probably be shot on site or arrested and held in a prison cell with maybe one meal. If I tried to go to Canada, same thing. I'm all for immigrants. My great, great, great uncle, John Weber, an immigrant himself from Wales, was the head superintendent on Ellis Island, so my family was a part of legal immigration. I'm all for immigrating to the United States because it's the greatest country in the world, but do it the right way. And if you don't want to protect our borders, you naturally have no right to be our Commander in Chief.

Richard Freese - Write-in

There is a major problem with our borders. There is an agenda to open the borders, and I'm not totally sure why. I believe in immigration, my wife's grandparents immigrated, but it should be lawful, it should be orderly. It shouldn't be a mass rush across the border because they are getting free this or free that. I'm all in favor of building a wall. I feel like we should be like Texas, we should build a wall in Arizona. Not because I'm against the Hispanic people, there's a lot of people coming up from the border. There is a right way to do it, you go through the door. If I'm going to your house and I break your window and come in that way, I'm a thief. If I go up and knock on your door and let me in then I'm company, and that's the way our borders should be.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

Major problem with our borders. I would like to see the border wall completed at some point in time. I mean, a lot of the materials are sitting down there, dormant, that could be put to use closing up our borders. And we have hundreds of 1000s of illegal immigrants in this country right now and more coming across the border down there daily. And some of them are criminals. I don't know that all of them are, but I would say probably a good percentage of people that cross the border down there, are criminals in their own countries. That's why they come to the United States.

Two Year Candidates

<u>Pick Two</u>

Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara This question was missed.

Devyn Rosner Yes, it is absurd. Close the borders.

Dennis Vosper

Absolutely, yes. major problem at the border. The current administration has a very much near open border policy. As a councilman, I don't know if there would be much that we could do on our local level other than refuse to have federal grants that require the taking of illegal aliens in our community. But I would definitely be encouraging our representatives to oppose anything that opens our border. We should have very tight border security and tight borders and have people come here the legal way. **Robert St Germain.- Write-in** Yes, we definitely have a major problem is borders. I would finish the wall. I would put more security down on the border and I would start exporting all the illegal immigrants. People from the Middle East, Africa, China, Europe, all over the world are coming into our southern border, and nothing's being done about it. I believe this year, there was approximately 50

nothing's being done about it. I believe this year, there was approximately 50 suspected terrorists that were caught how many weren't caught with the open border? Why does an illegal alien have more rights than a US citizen? Don't like your country? Go back to where you're from, and do something to change it. I've been all over this world when I was in the Marine Corps. I enjoyed seeing a lot of things but I love America. We have everything here. We have sandy beaches, rocky beaches,mountains, valleys, the Grand Canyon, and the little Grand Canyon. We got everything that you could possibly think of, you don't have to get on a plane and fly overseas to see something, we have everything here. Get out and enjoy it.

Steve Schue - incumbent

Well certainly, there are problems with our borders. I would put it back the way it was. Those border guys are very lax right now. They let anybody in and so our borders are basically the way we define our nation. If we don't have borders, we lose the aspect of having a nation.

What would you change anything about our current Gun Laws?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

This question was missed.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

The gun laws that they're trying to impose right now are dangerous to our freedoms. I'm a firm believer in the Second Amendment. I believe every person should proudly have a gun or 50 if they want. If you want 25 AR15's, that's your American right. What People don't equate here is that the amount of deaths that are resulted by an AR 15 every year are a drop in the bucket when you compare them to the amount of vehicle crash deaths. I have not heard anybody talking about outlawing vehicles yet. Criminals don't follow laws.

Richard Freese - Write-in

I'm all for the 2nd amendment. That right shall not be taken away. I appreciate that Arizona is a second amendment state, and I'm all in favor of that.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

I would change nothing about our current gun laws. I carry. Arizona is an open carry state. I don't carry often, but I do carry and everybody I know carries.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Two</u>

Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

ELIMINATE automatics and semiautomatics EXCEPT for our Armed Services and Police.

Devyn Rosner

I'm now a proud gun owner and coming from New Jersey I've never felt so free. The ability to defend myself. How important that is. I mean, truthfully, if someone is kicking down your door, how quickly could the police get there? This whole thing that you're not allowed to defend yourself is just crazy. We know that gun owners are not the ones going out making a hayday of it. We know that there's isolated incidents. I'm very happy with Arizona for standing pretty firm on everything. And so it seems like for right now, it's handled.

Dennis Vosper

I'm a firm believer that shall not means shall not. Our firearms freedoms should not be infringed at all. There are other cities and towns in Arizona and across the country that have made themselves Second Amendment sanctuary cities and towns and I would put forward a motion to make Quartzite a second amendment sanctuary town. **Robert St Germain.- Write-in** Nothing. I love Arizona. We got the best gun laws in the country. LA Paz county is actually a sanctuary gun county. So, if Joe Biden and his group decide to enforce laws on us they won't be enforced here in La Paz County and that's the way it should be everywhere. If you outlaw guns only criminals are going to have them. I cannot go down to my local gun store and say yeah, let me get that fully automatic Uzi because it's illegal. But yet when one is used in a crime, where did he get it? Honest gun owners are being blamed for what criminals do

Steve Schue - incumbent

I know they're trying to change it right now and I know that school shootings have become an issue. But I don't think our 21st amendment should be violated for particular events. Our guns are meant to protect us from tyranny and it certainly has. If you look at other countries that have pulled guns, they have given the power back to the government and taken it away from their citizens.

How would you make our schools safer?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

Make sure that the town police, the state police and the Parker police are trained and equipped and have enough staff to where something happens they can stop it and not just stand outside. I would want that first over anything else, because in my opinion, if one kid or one person here is safe, that's all I care about. If one person dies because we didn't have the funding, that's not okay. I would rather have the funding and have all the training equipment and never need to have one person die. So I'm very much for that matter. Same job,same focus.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

Every important facility in this country. is protected by guns, except for our schools. Can you wrap your mind around that? Every major important facility in this nation is protected by multiple men and women with guns except for our schools. They're actually gun free zones, which means free candy to anybody who wants to cause harm to children. So I believe you should instate somehow at the state level or national level, a school security force, armed security guards for every single school in the United States of America.

Richard Freese - Write-in

I can remember as a kid, I had to work on a 22 and I took it and walked down the hall with it. I stopped by the principal's office, and said, "Hey, I've got this 22 rifle, I got to work on it". He said, "That's fine. Is it unloaded?" I went down to the shop and worked on it. Now it is not that way. My feeling now is one entry point with a ***Continues on Next Page***



metal detector and an armed guard. We're spending bookoo bucks telling the people the right pronouns to use, we better use some of that money to protect our children. I think our schools ought to have a police officer present or somebody capable of control of any invader.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

I think our schools ought to have a police officer present or somebody capable of control of any invader.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> <u>Pick Two</u>

Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

As police are now wearing body cameras, they should also be provided to teachers, and all staff. More effective in places where a closed circuit camera gets an obscured view. It would also hopefully deter and when necessary confirm poor behavior, including aggressive acts.

Devyn Rosner

We're not currently operating the school but if we were, there's lots of ways to do that. Training and arming principals, teachers, and department heads so that if something does go down in the school, there's at least something that can be done. Something super safe, obviously, we don't want children having access to guns. We've seen police officers being in schools but that very much changes depending on the community you're in. There's definitely some inner city schools right now that probably have massive benefits to having a police officer on site. And then there's places in rural spots where it makes no sense to pay somebody \$80,000 a year to sit in your school building in the event that happens.

Dennis Vosper

What we know about school shootings is they all happen in firearm free zones, which Joe Biden was the sponsor or co-sponsor of the bill that disarmed and made these zones gun free zones, and what they end up doing is making target zones. So, I believe that having armed, trained teachers is a good first step. Nullifying the federal law that talks about gun free zones and states do have the option to nullify laws that they find unconstitutional. So that is one aspect. Continuing to do the things already in place, lock the doors and you cannot get out of the campuses. Make parents and kids aware, train the teachers, parents and kids about gun safety and get rid of the gun free zones.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in

I believe the school should have one entrance and one exit. It should be guarded. There should be a metal detector there. And it should be a highly qualified individual who's working it. Nobody should get in that school except through that door. I mean, teachers, students, janitors, the cooks in the kitchen, whatever. There should be a fully qualified individual that is proficient with their weapons. So they have to certify at a shooting range every quarter. If they don't qualify, then they shouldn't have that job. They should be physically fit. I don't need somebody 300 pounds, that can't chase somebody down. Not to be rude or anything but we need to look out for our children. They cannot protect themselves. We need to protect them. There's things that we can do to teach our children but we have to secure the property. We have to have cameras and early notifications. We got to have a hotline to the local police department, not a 911 call that's gonna get routed, a direct hotline. So yeah, we definitely need to take care of our children. Is it going to happen again? Yes, because any place that has a no guns law is an open target for a sicko..

Steve Schue - incumbent

Gun is in our school, with security attached to it. I don't think taking guns out of school is the answer, that just opens it up to the people to have guns. As far as security, the school has already implemented a lockdown procedure and they do have procedures against that, but I don't think taking away people.

The United Nations recently voted to give the World Health Organization power to set standards, create laws and be able to enforce them on all nations in the event of another pandemic. Do you agree with handing US Sovereignty over to the WHO?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith This answer was skipped.

Sam Saxton - Write-in No. Not at all. We've seen in the last two and a half years of what the "World Health Organization" has done. All they've done is gotten wealthier. To me, all it is for them is a money thing. So absolutely not. Having the World Health Organization in charge of anything is absurd.

Richard Freese - Write-in

Leo Stiles - Write-in

I think we should have our own right, in case of another pandemic of major proportions, to be free to enforce our regulations.

<u>Two Year Candidates</u> Pick Two

Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

I don't feel that it would threaten our Sovereignty outright, but when you have brain-dead leaders who are slow to respond to a crisis as has been witnessed in recent years... Somebody needs to be in charge to provide overall leadership with an intelligent base.

Devyn Rosner

No, we need our states to go back to having more power and being able to run the show a little bit more compared to the federal government.

Dennis Vosper

I wholeheartedly disagree with all actions, foreign or domestic, that threaten to negatively impact our nations sovereignty and we should respect the sovereignty of all other nations as well.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in No.

Steve Schue - incumbent

That's pretty scary stuff. I just don't think the American people would stand for that.

Would you vote to raise taxes to supplement a deficit in the town budget?

Four Year Candidates <u>Pick Three</u>

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

I say yes. Because I think we need to pay taxes because this town can't run

without taxes as far as the government goes. But at the same time, I don't want my taxes raised. But I want to make sure the town runs well. So I would say within a limit, but not grossly and not on the people who are living on a very slim fixed income. I have a person in my park, he only gets \$625 a month, that's not enough to live on. But someone like that? Of course not. So I think it would depend on how much you make. What your income is. What percentage? I think it just seems to be fair, but I don't like these people who have all this money but don't want to pay taxes, then they run out here and scream that there's a pothole in the ground! Hello, where do you think the money comes from to fix it?

Sam Saxton - Write-in

I think the town needs to figure out more creative ways to make money rather than raising taxes. We are already taxed out. You work hard, pay income tax, then you go and buy food and you get taxed again. Every time you turn around your money is being taxed. The last thing we need is more taxation. The whole reason the Civil War started was because of a 3% tax rate. Today we are paying almost 10% sales tax. We are already overly taxed by the federal government and the state government.

Richard Freese - Write-in No. Cut Spending.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

No. This is one reason that I'm running for city council, I think that we have city management that's way overpaid. The city council just voted themselves a pay raise and health insurance. The City Council is a four year or a two-year term. Why don't they bring their own health insurance with them? I have my own health insurance. I'm 100% disabled so I have VA coverage. Plus, I have Humana supplemental insurance. I will not take their health insurance

as a city council member, nor will I take their stipend for pay. I'll take their stipend but I will give every penny of what I earn on the city council back to this community. Whether it's giving money to the Food Bank, whether it's helping some person that's down on their luck pay their electric bill or their water bill. Every penny I make on the council will go back into the city somewhere.

Two Year Candidates Pick Two **Karey Amon - incumbent**

Refused to answer.

Colleen O'meara

Hell NO!! Personally, We would be better off with our Town Manager's total income re-assessed and possibly reduced. I beat this horse earlier.

Devvn Rosner

I don't know that I would, unless it was something absolutely imperative that was about to damage the town and the welfare of its people.

Dennis Vosper

No. I oppose all tax increases. Town Manager can get a pay decrease to help with the deficit, that's not on the table though.

Robert St Germain.- Write-in No

Steve Schue - incumbent

It's not necessary. Right now, we have ample money coming in. The state, based on our last census, has restricted us from paying out better wages to people because our census came in wrong. We didn't have people out there counting people because of Covid, so everybody didn't get counted. So the population decreased over 40%. The people are still here, nobody left town, they just didn't get counted. So as far as raising taxes for any reason, I don't support that.

Quartzsite Code 30.09(b) has been used recently by the Quartzsite Town Council to eliminate candidate competition. Would you vote to rescind this code?

Four Year Candidates Pick Three

Lynda Goldberg - incumbent No inverview.

Loretta Warner - incumbent No inverview.

Randy Smith

I don't know what the code is, all I know is that I did it the correct way. But I don't know what the other people did to not follow the code. But I have no problem with looking into it to see if it's fair or not.

Sam Saxton - Write-in

From the get go that has been my stance and it still is my stance to rescind that code. It has been deemed unlawful.

Richard Freese - Write-in

Definitely. Candidates for city government should not be vetted by likes or dislikes of those who are holding office, or in power or department heads. We have a vetting system, it is called an election.

Leo Stiles - Write-in

I would definitely vote to rescind that code. I mean, they tried every way they could to figure out how I couldn't run for city council but I'm a citizen and I'm a good citizen. I just care. And I think that the City Council uses code enforcement to try to be their muscle.

Two Year Candidates Pick Two

Karey Amon - incumbent Refused to answer

Colleen O'meara

Let me say this. You own a business that affords credit to it's customers. In the process of interviewing a prospective employee, 3 people have applied. 1) doesn't have a credit card; 2) another has a company credit card with a huge balance; 3) The last applicant is in arrears to repay and has not replied to mail or phone contact. Which one would you seriously consider? I vote for the ones who respond, and are paid up. Who don't make excuses. BUT for the town and this important situation, I would also have sent any communication by undeniable certified mail, and given a due date 10 before the Town Council application packet deadline was due to correct the situation but not eliminate their participation. With the choice up to them.

Devyn Rosner

Absolutely. The fact that it was even brought up and used again, is just awful. That needs to be taken out. We need fair elections.

Dennis Vosper

I would absolutely vote to repeal 30.09 Subsection B. I would classify that particular

ordinance and the way it's being used as what they call law fare. So it's being used right now against opponents that should be on the ballot. They push out anyone having political positions that the current group disagrees with. So I would absolutely repeal 30.09 Subsection B

Robert St Germain.- Write-in Yes. It's already been ruled by a judge that it's wrong yet it's still

there being used only when it's to the current council's advantage. We need to work together to give the town of Quartzite an opportunity to pick who they want on the Council. The Council shouldn't have a say and who is or isn't on the ballot.. We need honesty, integrity and for

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IT'S THEIR DECISION.

IF THEY DECIDE TO TURN THEIR BACK ON THE FIRE AND BURN THEIR BEHINDS, THEN THEY WILL JUST HAVE TO SIT ON THEIR BLISTERS."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

people to be ethical. **Steve Schue - incumbent** It should be abolished.

AZ Statewide 19

Federal

US Congress District 4

Pick 1

- O Gosar, Paul (R) Incumbent
- O Kutz, Randy (R)
- O Morgan, Adam (R)
- O Sandra Elaine Dowling (R)
- O Jivin Hodge (D)

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Govenor 4 Year Term

- O Kari Lake (R)
- O Neely, Scott David (R)
- O Salmon, Matt (R)
- O Taylor Robson, Karrin (R)
- O Tulliani-Zen, Paola (R)
- O Hobbs, Katie (D)
- O Lieberman, Aaron (D)
- O Lopez, Marco (D)

Attorney General 4 Year Term

- O Lacy Cooper
- O Andrew Gould
- O Tiffany Shedd
- O Rodney Glassman
- O Abraham Hamadeh
- O Dawn Grove

Arizona Treasurer 4 Year Term

- O Bolding, Reginald
- O Finchem, Mark
- O Kimberly Yee
- O Robert "Bob" Lettieri
- O Jeff Weninger

Arizona Secretary of State

4 Year Term

- O Shawnna Bolick
- O Mark Finchem
- O Adrian Fontes
- O Beau Lane
- O Marianne Ugenti-Rita

US Senator - Six Year Term Pick 1 O Brnovich, Mark (R)

- O Lamon, Jim (R)
 O Masters, Blake (R)
 O McGuire, Michael (R)
 O Olson, Justin (R)
- O Kelly, Mark (D) Incumbant
- O Victor, Marc J. (I)

Legislative District 30 Representative

2 Year Term

- O Leo Biasuicci Incumbant
- O John Gillett
- O William "Bill" Hardt
- O Donna McCoy
- O Marianne Salem
- O Nohl Rosen

Legislative District 30 State Senator

2 Year Term

O Sonny Borelli (Uncontested)

Arizona Corporation

Commissioner 4 Year Term

- O Nick Myers O Eric Sloan
- O Kim Owens
- O Kevin Thompson
- O Sandra Kennedy

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

- O Shiry Sapir
- O Tom Horne
- O Michelle Udall
- O Kathy Hoffman

State Mine Inspector O Paul Marsh

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Quartzsite Town Council Candidates

- Four Year Term (3 Seats)

- O Lynda Goldberg incumbent
- O Loretta Warner incumbent
- O Randy Smith
- O Write in: Sam Saxton
- O Write in: Richard Freese
- O Write in: Leo Stiles
- O Colleen O'MearaO Devyn RosnerO Write in: **Dennis Vosper**

- Two Year Term (2 Seats)

O Karey Amon - incumbent

- O Write in: **Robert St. Germain**
- O Write in: **Steve Schue**

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