

## Scottsdale City Council Candidate Questionnaire

Instructions: Please fill out the information requested and return it by July 1, 2008. Your unedited responses will be compiled with those of other candidates. Please keep your answers brief. However, if you need more space the response box will expand to accommodate you. If needed, please continue on an additional page.

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1.	<b>Demographics</b>	
1a.	Name	Suzanne Klapp
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1c.	Phone	480-767-9660
1d.	Years in Scottsdale	10
1e.	When did you register to vote in Scottsdale? Have you failed to vote in any Scottsdale or General Election in the past 5 years?	1998 No
1f.	Elected or Appointed Positions	Elected Republican Precinct Committeeman, State Committeeman
1g.	Civic Activities	Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Advisory Committee, Rotary Club of Pinnacle Peak Board, Scottsdale Leadership Community and Alumni Program Committee, Scottsdale Sister Cities, Scottsdale Mountain Community Association Board, Valley Leadership, Paradise Republican Women's Club, Women of Scottsdale
1h.	Education (include graduation dates)	MBA – Southern Methodist University (TX) 1975 BA – University of Evansville (IN) 1971
1j.	Occupation	Business Owner
1k.	Other personal information that you would like to share?	
2.	<b>Campaign Information</b>	
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2f.	Chair	Donna Reagan
2g.	Major sources of funds:	Individual donations
2h.	Endorsements	Sheriff Joe Arpaio, State Senator Carolyn Allen, State Representative Michele Reagan, State Representative John Kavanagh, Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Art DeCabooter

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3.	Why are you a candidate for City Council?	I am committed to improving citizens' trust and satisfaction with council activities and decisions and to creating opportunities for greater citizen/councilman dialogue.
4.	Identify the major issues facing the Council.	Transportation and traffic congestion, smart growth and completion of the Preserve
5.	If elected, what would you like to accomplish?	I will focus on retention and expansion of our existing businesses and attracting new businesses to strengthen our tax base. I also will open new avenues of communications.
6.	Are there matters that may come before the City Council in which you would have a Conflict of Interest?  What type of issues would these be?	No
7.	Are there any citizen/city processes that need to be changed?  Describe.	Code enforcement should be a priority, just as fire and police and parks and libraries are priorities. I am open to strengthening the enforcement process to improve our neighborhoods.
8.	<b>What is/was your position on the following issues and what did/would you do to support your position?</b>	
8a.	Growth and rezonings that increase density.	Growth is necessary to continue to financially support our city services. Some density will help ease the traffic problems created by urban sprawl and will help create more open spaces.
8b.	With increasingly taller buildings planned in communities to our east, south and west, Scottsdale is being pressured to follow suit. Do you feel it is appropriate to modify Scottsdale's building height restrictions in favor of taller buildings? If so, why do you believe that would be proper, and in what parts of the city and to what height limits should modifications be proposed. Comment specifically on downtown and the Airpark.	The economics of land costs and the setting aside of one-third of Scottsdale for the Preserve means some additional modifications of heights will be necessary in areas where the impact on neighborhoods can be minimized, such as in the Airpark, along the 101 Freeway and on the perimeter of downtown. Projects must be evaluated individually so it would not be responsible to dictate a certain height requirement. Scottsdale has a long history of public outreach on such projects. I support a lengthy planning process with maximum citizen input before final decisions are made.

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8c.	Code Enforcement: Is it a problem and, if so, how would you solve it.	Code enforcement has been improved over the last few years with additional manpower and other resources. Yet, more emphasis should be placed on this essential city service by thoroughly evaluating complaints and response time and assuring adequate staffing and rigid standards.
8d.	There has been much debate over whether Westworld should remain primarily an equestrian-event oriented facility or should become more of a regional exhibition center. What type of event facility do you believe Westworld should be and how does the 80 acres the city purchased north of Bell Road factor into that? Should the city keep or sell the 80 acres?	There has been no community consensus on the highest and best use of Westworld. This is a critical component of our community that we must address through a comprehensive plan in the next few years. The plan should include all the stakeholders and the general citizenry. The city should retain the 80 acres until the plan identifies whether to use it or sell it.
8f.	Do you support using taxpayer funds in any amount to subsidize private sector investments? If so, please describe. If not, do you believe the city should be barred by a city ordinance from using taxpayer funds to subsidize private sector investments? If so, please describe.	Some strategic investments might be needed for some projects. Each project is unique and should be evaluated on its own merits.  I would not want to hinder the city with a city ordinance barring such investments. We must have some flexibility to remain competitive with surrounding cities and to maintain our quality of life.
8g.	Do you believe it is in the city's best interest to enter into a long-term agreement the Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction? Why do you think that despite many years of attempting to come to a long-term agreement the city and Barrett-Jackson have not been able to do so?	Yes. The parties involved got to a stalemate likely because of personality clashes. There are now new players on both sides and it is time to end the posturing. The acting city manager is starting with a new purpose and a new manner to reach an agreement and we should be patient that the reenergized negotiations will make real progress.

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8h.	Condemnation: Include in your response your willingness to utilize condemnation, if necessary, to acquire land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, or other public good.	Condemnation is a tool that should be utilized only for the public good. Acquisition of property for the Preserve is appropriate, but condemnation should occur only as a last resort.
8i.	Preservation: Are you committed to acquiring all the land within the voter approved Preserve Boundary? Do you support the proposed Desert Discovery Center at the Gateway to the Preserve, Thompson Peak Parkway north of Bell Road? Why or why not? How do you think its capital costs should be financed? Its operational costs? Do you think it is an appropriate location for a large, open-air arts venue? Why or why not?	<p>Yes I support completion of the Preserve. I also support the addition of a Desert Discovery Center at the Preserve Gateway. The Center will allow more citizens to enjoy the Preserve experience, particularly those who might not be able to hike the trails.</p> <p>The Center's scale and importance should be a major draw for citizens and tourists. There is no community consensus yet on what the design should be or whether it should contain an open-air theater that would rival Red Rocks or Wolf Trap. Whatever design is chosen, it should be sensitive to its desert surroundings and be a model of desert architecture.</p>
8j.	Traffic: Do you believe the Transportation Master Plan solved any of the city's transportation issues? If so, what part of the TMP do you support? What part do you not support?	The plan solved some issues about trails and bike paths and surface street improvements. I also support the plan for a "ring road" around the airpark to relieve traffic congestion, particularly on Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. I would have liked a recommendation to widen Indian School Road.

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8k.	Do you favor light rail or other form of high capacity transit for Scottsdale? If so, what kind and where? Will you support the City Council's resolution that prior to adoption of a plan for light rail transit anywhere in Scottsdale it shall be put to a non-binding public vote to allow Scottsdale voters to voice their opinion? Do you support the expenditure of \$50,000 annually to join the Valley Metro Rail Study Group?	I am not in favor of light rail or modern streetcar in Scottsdale. If we get to the point in the future that some form of high capacity transit is planned, it should be submitted for a non-binding public vote. This should not be a Council decision. I support spending \$50,000 to be part of the Valley Metro Rail Study Group. We cannot isolate ourselves from regional transportation planning efforts. We must be a player in any regional transportation discussions.
8l.	Much has been written and stated recently about a morale problem among city employees. Do you believe a morale problem exists, and if so, how can it be remedied?	I believe there is a perception of a morale problem. The new city manager is making a careful evaluation and reaching out to employees to judge the actual attitude and to help each employee feel invested in the city. The move toward written self appraisals from charter officers is also a positive change. Employees want to feel that their leaders are being held accountable for their performance. I will take an inside look at employee morale in the city when elected.
9.	<b>Services – Identify City functions that need to be:</b>	
9a.	Created	Park and ride areas
9b.	Improved	Code enforcement
9c.	Reduced	
8d.	Eliminated	
10.	<b>Identify City revenue sources that should be:</b>	
10a.	Created	
10b.	Increased	
10c.	Reduced	
10d.	Eliminated	
11.	Is there anything in your background that you would not like publicized on the front page of local newspapers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
12.	Would like to receive a copy of the compiled results?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Signature

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Date 7/1/2008

Please type your name for your electronic signature