

# COPP Forum

## 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.

No.	Question	Response
1.	<b>Demographics</b>	
1a.	Name	Nan Nesvig
1b.	Address	6144 North 77 <sup>th</sup> Place, Scottsdale 85250
1c.	Phone	480-368-8701
1d.	Years in Scottsdale	1995-Present approximately 12 ½ years
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?	1999  No
1f.	Elected or Appointed Positions	None
1g.	Civic Activities	Member of Coalition of Greater Scottsdale; member of Community Council of Scottsdale, member of National Association of Female Executives; year round NYS Soccer Coach; volunteer at St. Francis Elementary School
1h.	Education (include graduation dates)	Graduate, Juris Doctorate Program Concord University School of Law, CA. January 2005  Bachelor in Business Management University of Phoenix, CA. May 1993  Ancillary Certificate Program University of Phoenix, CA. Art of Negotiation, 1992
1j.	Occupation	Legal/Business Consultant
1k.	Other personal information that you would like to share?	I was an instrumental part of the Hanover referendum in Downtown Scottsdale and also assisted the Paradise Valley citizen's group, Preserve Our Paradise, in organizing their successful referendum against the Ritz-Carlton project.
2.	<b>Campaign Information</b>	
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2f.	Chair	Jim Derouin, Esq.
2g.	Major sources of funds:	Contributions from individuals; no developers or special interests
2h.	Endorsements	Councilman Bob Littlefield
3.	Why are you a candidate for City Council?	Scottsdale lacks transparency in its city government, long term planning, vision and leadership, has inconsistently applied policy decisions prompted by influential political lobbyists and this has led to less than favorable decisions by the Council majority. I believe in providing a seat at the table for all citizens and businesses in Scottsdale; fair, ethical, and consistent application of development standards and policies for all parties, with a fiscally conservative and reasonable approach to management of our City's funds. I also support realistic, long term, effective solutions to transportation issues, continued improvement of our City's services and maintaining Scottsdale's strengths, culture and its uniqueness as we progress into the future. As a candidate with a longstanding, proven background in the business and legal fields, I will provide proactive change for Scottsdale's positive future.
4.	Identify the major issues facing the Council.	Poor planning and development standards/policies which lead to increased height/density/upzonings and uncontrolled growth; transportation; completion of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve
5.	If elected, what would you like to accomplish?	Rework of City policies and procedures with regard to development and zoning; audit of all City boards and commissions; improve Code Enforcement; forward on completing the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.
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.	Yes. Although the City claims to value citizen input, the truth is that the developers and special interest groups are far more influential in the decision making processes than our own citizens. The key is to provide a seat at the table for everyone, not just those who are favored by the Council majority. We must open our government system to create a fair and consistent decision making process that benefits all parties.
8.	<b>What is/was your position on the following issues and what did/would you do to support your position?</b>	

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8a.	Growth and rezonings that increase density.	I am opposed to upzonings or rezonings, which increase height and density to facilitate growth in Scottsdale. In the event that a height increase is necessary because of a true public purpose, I would consider its discussion. There must be a compelling reason, however, to increase height and density, and the outcome of same must provide a greater quality of life for Scottsdale residents and businesses in order for me to agree to such a change.
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.	No. Unless there is a public good associated with the increase, one that will benefit or contribute to Scottsdale residents' and businesses' quality of life, I see no reason to support height increases. Increased height and density complicates transportation related issues and we already have ample congestion in the Airpark and Downtown areas.
8c.	Code Enforcement: Is it a problem and, if so, how would you solve it.	During the past year or more, there have been significant procedural changes with Code Enforcement. We do, however, have a long way to go with regard to implementation of said changes and consistent application of standards. We should not allow developers to deliberately blight a property in order to create political pressure for upzonings. We should continue to add quality, well-trained certified staff members and managers to the Code Enforcement Department and demand greater accountability of these individuals.

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8d.	<p>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?</p>	<p>I believe that Westworld should remain an equestrian-event oriented facility.</p> <p>I believe that once we finalize a long-term plan for Westworld, we will have a better handle on what to do with the 80 acres of land.</p>
8f.	<p>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.</p>	<p>I do not support utilization of taxpayer funds to subsidize private sector investments. I would support an ordinance prohibiting this practice.</p>
8g.	<p>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?</p>	<p>The Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction is economically good for Scottsdale because it is a premier annual revenue-generating event. I believe it is in the city's best interest to foster that relationship and continue to maintain that event on an annual basis. Our current arrangements with Barrett-Jackson are sufficient to continue this relationship. I do not believe the individuals at the City who attempted to negotiate the long term Barrett-Jackson agreement had a clue as to how to effectuate a win-win for all parties.</p>
8h.	<p>Condemnation: Include in your response your willingness to utilize condemnation, if necessary, to acquire land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, or other public good.</p>	<p>I would favor condemnation to acquire land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve; however, I would not support condemnation of land for private development purposes.</p>

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8i.	<p>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>	<p>Yes I am in full support of acquiring all land within the voter approved Preserve Boundary.</p> <p>Yes, I support the proposed Desert Discovery Center at the Gateway to the Preserve. I believe that we should have a gateway to the Preserve that appropriately represents the City's commitment to preserving the Sonoran Desert.</p> <p>Some taxpayer monies could possibly be required in order to facilitate this Center, however we should be open to private/public partnerships or other creative sources of funding as well.</p> <p>I do not believe that it is an appropriate location for an open-air arts venue. A large amphitheater would be too intense a use for this site. This location should be about celebrating the Preserve, its beauty, and peaceful nature.</p>
8j.	<p>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?</p>	<p>While the Plan was comprehensive and broad in scope, I do not believe that it addressed or resolved the most critical transportation issues.</p>

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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?	<p>I do not support placement of a light rail or high capacity transit system within Scottsdale city limits.</p> <p>Yes. The citizens and businesses of Scottsdale deserve to vote on a light rail transit system before decision is made by anyone to implement it.</p> <p>No, I do not support the \$50,000 expenditure to join the Valley Metro Rail Study Group. It appears to be a foot in the door for light rail, sometime in the future, for Scottsdale.</p>
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?	Yes, we have a significant morale problem among city employees. A change in the City Manager position is a good first step in proactively restoring trust and confidence in our city employees. A true open door policy with opportunity for employees to voice their concerns absent retaliation must be implemented at the city level. Likewise, we should expect greater accountability with a zero policy of intimidation of our employees by city management.
9.	<b>Services – Identify City functions that need to be:</b>	
9a.	Created	None
9b.	Improved	Planning, DRB
9c.	Reduced	Private developer subsidies
8d.	Eliminated	None
10.	<b>Identify City revenue sources that should be:</b>	
10a.	Created	None
10b.	Increased	Preserve acquisition funds
10c.	Reduced	None
10d.	Eliminated	Food tax
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 /Nan Nesvig/

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Please type your name for your electronic signature.

Date