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Our City of West Hollywood has slid off track. Crime and homelessness have increased significantly across town, fiscal irresponsibility at City Hall has drained the City's once financially robust coffers, and a stream of anti-small business decisions by the City Council has impacted the vibrancy and success of our local hotels, restaurants, bars, and shop keepers who have historically been the source of the city's tax revenue generation, job creation, and social entertainment fabric.

Meanwhile, our city council members appear more occupied with furthering their own personal ambitions, running for higher office, and appearing special interest groups in exchange for political support and campaign contributions instead of tackling West Hollywood's growing problems. To the surprise of most of us, they have chosen to instead focus their attention on inane issues and amazingly cut funding for public safety while eliminating peace officer positions.

As someone who worked extremely hard to assure the success of our city during my 20 years of service on the West Hollywood City Council, it has all been hard to watch. As such, after the urging of numerous city, neighborhood, and business leaders from across West Hollywood who care deeply about our city's future, I have decided to run for City Council once again to restore focus to City Hall and get our city back on track.

Besides fighting to restore funding for public safety and increased peace officers and prioritizing getting the homeless off our city streets, as your City Council Member I will:

- Fight to protect renters and increase affordable housing in town;
- Work to move homeless shelters away from residential neighborhoods and schools;
- Invest resources in recovery work to reduce local alcoholism and drug addiction and decrease the number of addicts living on our streets;
- Fight to protect the character of the Sunset Strip and our "Historic Boystown" district;
- Fight to stop the hostile attack on our small businesses community;
- Increase public funding for the arts;

I am a 32-year resident of West Hollywood who has also chosen to locate my civil rights law practice here. I love this city and am proud to have the strong support of a wide range of its neighborhood and community leaders, local business community, and the Association for LA Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS).

I humbly and respectfully request your vote this election. By working together we can get West Hollywood back on track again.