

GOALS

My overarching goal is Quality

At a time when state and local governments appear to be in a headlong dash to the bottom, my goal is to assure that 50 years from now our descendants don't look back on 2021 as the time when La Mesa began a descent into mediocrity.

Specifically I look back 50 or 60 years to where the El Cajon City Council approved the construction of hundreds of low-cost low-quality apartments as a means of increasing property tax revenues. I look back 50 years ago to when a compliant San Diego City Council approved the construction of "Ray Huffman 4 -plexes" to replace high quality 1930 and 1940 single family California Bungalows

I applaud the current La Mesa City Council for its policy of approving appropriately placed, constructed and occupied Alternative Dwelling Units (ADU's) sometimes euphemistically called "granny flats". If properly approved and constructed they fill a genuine need for single resident homes. However an ADU must never exceed 800 square feet in order to preserve the aesthetics of our neighborhoods.

I also would ask the Council to review the need for so many Boards and Commissions. It appears that the mission of many should be combined, thereby saving hundreds of staff hours.

As a long-time public board member I realistically acknowledge that an individual councilman must be able to "count to three" to get anything accomplished. As the junior member of the La Mesa City Council I will work collegially with the more experienced members. Accordingly these goals are simply that. Unless a majority of the council were to

agree with me none of this can be accomplished. As a Grossmont Hospital board member I worked for eight years to achieve approval of the well-received Grossmont Healthcare Center at Briarcrest Park. It may require a few years to achieve La Mesa's planned infrastructure capital improvements. Among those on my "wish list" is a larger public library, a suitable community theatre for local performing arts and meeting space for local non-government organizations (NGO's).