





I want Neighborhood Councils and other local groups to have more direct representation in city government, but I don't believe that a quota system is the answer. I will appoint more community and NC members to boards and commissions where their input is most needed and can have the most effect in making city government more effective and responsive.

3. Prohibition of any financial connection between the Commissioner, his/her family, subcontractors, etc. and projects that might come before the Commission? **Yes** **X** **No** \_\_\_\_\_

• Should Council members be asked to abstain from voting on any issue upon which they have accepted money or favors from the proponent? **Yes** **X** **No** \_\_\_\_\_

• Council members and City staff are allowed to return as lobbyists after only one year. This practice allows unrestricted and unfair access to City officials.

Would you be willing to increase the time period to

Four years? \_\_\_\_\_

Five years? \_\_\_\_\_

Seven years? \_\_\_\_\_

Ten years? \_\_\_\_\_

I think that the current one-year rule needs to be strengthened, but I don't know what restriction will be most effective to prevent unfair lobbying. I want to study best practices from other cities and jurisdictions, and hear from both grassroots organizations and government ethics experts before making a decision.

• Sunshine Canyon will, with the phasing out of Puente Hills, become the largest dump in the U.S. The impacts on the surrounding community will be enormous. How can we handle trash more responsibly?

1. Will you renew the BFI contract for residential trash in 2006?

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** **X** \_\_\_\_\_

2. If no to the above question, and it reaches your desk will you veto it?

**Yes** **X** **No** \_\_\_\_\_

3. When the city contract expires in 2006, arrange to have trash taken to destinations away from populated areas and sensitive water facilities?

**Yes** **X** **No** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Set a goal of price leveling so that MRFs (Material Recovery Facilities) can compete economically with lower landfill costs?

Yes X No \_\_\_

3. Base the city franchise fee on only the tonnage that has not been MRF'd, recycled, or converted?

Yes X No \_\_\_

4. Construct at least one conversion facility in each of the of the City's five waste sheds?

Yes \_\_\_ No X

I do not support the construction of new waste-to-energy conversion facilities within the city. We can deal with our waste problems through increased MRFing, diversion, and transportation to remote destinations without the environmental and health impacts of waste-to-energy plants.

5. The Bureau of Sanitation was ordered, in 1999, to implement a recycling program for apartments and multi-family facilities. This has still not been completed. Would you commit to its full and timely implementation?

Yes X No \_\_\_

- The EIRs for the City are prepared by the proponent and are invariably biased as a result. Would you be in favor of having them financed (as they are now) by the proponent, but be contracted out to an independent contractor chosen by the city?

Yes \_\_\_ No X

At first blush, I don't think that this proposal would work. The City's professional staff is more than capable of impartially reviewing EIRs, and I am concerned that this kind of proposal would push development from within the city—where we can have input and regulate it to preserve residential quality of life—to our neighboring border cities, where it would increase sprawl and traffic congestion.

- Neighborhood Councils receive “early notification “ of a project only after the application is deemed complete. Unfortunately, the environmental documents have already been prepared, the maps adopted, etc., by this time in the process. Would you support giving notice to the Neighborhood Councils when the first applications are filed and the first meetings are held between the proponent and staff?

Yes X No \_\_\_

We are grateful that you have responded to our questions and we will make every effort to put any detailed responses on our website. We also invite you to include your website if it contains discussions of any plan or vision you have for the City,

Your website [www.changela.com](http://www.changela.com)

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