

COUNTY SUPERVISORS RESPONSES

MATTHEW "BUCK" CONDIT - STANISLAUS COUNTY SUPERVISORS - DISTRICT 1

1) WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN?

I have been a firefighter for the past 33 years and a resident of Stanislaus County for over 50 years. I understand the challenges we face and the opportunity we have to improve our quality of life. Over the last 20 years, I have been honored to serve as a Captain for the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District. I will bring the same dedication to the Board of Supervisors that I have brought to my career as a first responder. Above any qualification that any of us running for office offer the voters, we should always be accessible and responsive to the residents of Stanislaus County. As the next Supervisor for District 1, I will make constituent service a top priority.

2) IN YOUR OWN WORDS, DESCRIBE THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POSITION YOU SEEK.

The government of Stanislaus County has nearly a 1.1 billion dollar budget and provides a wide range of services for the residents of the county. A supervisor will make sure the priorities are being met through the allocation of the budget. A supervisor also will sit on many boards and commissions, and regulates land use in the unincorporated areas of the county. If elected, I will be a representative and voice for the taxpayers and residents of District 1 on the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors.

3) IF ELECTED OR REELECTED, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY? DESCRIBE THE MEASURES YOU WILL TAKE TO ADDRESS THIS PRIORITY.

Public safety will be my number one goal as Supervisor for District 1. Local government must ensure safe neighborhoods and security for our business owners. We do this by providing the training and staffing for our public safety officers. Our ability to provide safer communities will improve our quality of life and improve our ability to attract economic development and jobs to Stanislaus County.

4) IS THE ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH YOU SEEK OFFICE OPERATING WITH A BALANCED BUDGET? IF NOT, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO MAKE THE ORGANIZATION MORE SUSTAINABLE?

Yes, however, COVID-19 will have devastating affects on our budget for years to come.

5) DESCRIBE WAYS IN WHICH YOU AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL WOULD ENCOURAGE A COLLABORATIVE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Our recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 gives the county a tremendous opportunity to be better partners with our nine cities in Stanislaus County. Currently, cities operate at a big disadvantage regarding tax revenue with the county. As a member of the Board of Supervisors, I will work to achieve a more equitable tax split with our cities and work to form a better overall working relationship between our cities and Stanislaus County.

6) WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE TRANSPARENT AND RESPONSIVE (OR EFFECTIVE)?

I will have regular office hours for District 1 residents and always support complete transparency regarding county government. As elected officials we work for the residents and people of Stanislaus County. Too many times folks get elected and become part of the problem, when they should be looking for solutions to the problems.

7) HOW DO YOU EVALUATE THE IMPACT TO BUSINESS WHEN MAKING VOTING DECISIONS?

I will always take into consideration the impact of my vote on business owners throughout District 1 and Stanislaus County. I will keep in close contact with both large and small business owners, as well as chambers and economic groups.

8) MODESTO NEEDS JOBS. AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, HOW WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO CREATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL JOBS?

Many opportunities exist for economic growth in Stanislaus County. It's essential that we work with our city partners towards a common goal "to bring jobs to Stanislaus County". Our ability to create job opportunities closer to home will improve our local economy and quality of life. As elected officials we should support efforts by our chambers and economic groups through polices that encourage and enhance job growth. In addition, we must look at ways to support small businesses and job training for our residents.

9) DUE TO CHANGES TO THE LAWS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, OUR CITY/COUNTY NOW FACES PRISONERS RELEASED EARLY, NON-ENFORCEMENT OF MOST NON-VIOLENT OFFENSES, AND RAMPANT HOMELESSNESS. WHAT ARE SOME SOLUTIONS YOU PROPOSE TO THESE PROBLEMS?

As a first responder, I know first hand of the problems we face from our homeless crisis. Our businesses downtown have been forced to deal with our homeless on a daily basis. Our police officers have been put in the position of having to deal with an increasing number of homeless camps. A serious regional solution that deals with the root cause of homelessness (drug addiction & mental illness) is something that we should support. Regarding early releases allowed under proposition 47, which I voted against, I will always make the security and safety of our county residents my number one priority.

10) IF YOU FILED A CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR THE SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLET, PLEASE INCLUDE IT HERE.

I have lived in Stanislaus County for more than 50 years and reside in Riverbank where my wife Kim and I are raising our two boys, Ethan and Erik. I will bring the same dedication to the board of supervisors that I brought to my 33-year career as a firefighter. 20 of those years as a Captain for the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District. We must meet our challenges with the goal of improving the quality of life for our residents in Stanislaus County. I am running for supervisor to bring fresh ideas and a common-sense approach to local government.

If elected, I will:

- Work to protect Prime Agricultural Land
- Ensure that our public safety officers have the training and staffing needed to keep our communities safe
- Stand up to state bureaucrats for our water rights
- Work to combat our homeless problem
- Support term limits for County Supervisors
- Remember I work for you

There may be no better time to have a first responder on the board of supervisors than right now. I respectfully ask for your vote.

BILL ZOLOSCKI - STANISLAUS COUNTY SUPERVISORS - DISTRICT 1

1) WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN?

Long time small business owner in Modesto and Stanislaus County, Modesto City Councilmember since 2013

2) IN YOUR OWN WORDS, DESCRIBE THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POSITION YOU SEEK.

Representative for District 1 on the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, overseeing county budget and services, working hand in hand with local governments and making it easier to do business for private enterprise in Stanislaus County.

3) IF ELECTED OR REELECTED, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY? DESCRIBE THE MEASURES YOU WILL TAKE TO ADDRESS THIS PRIORITY.

Job growth and creation, fostering a positive business climate that makes Stanislaus county welcoming to both businesses already in our County, as well as attracting new businesses and jobs.

4) IS THE ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH YOU SEEK OFFICE OPERATING WITH A BALANCED BUDGET? IF NOT, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO MAKE THE ORGANIZATION MORE SUSTAINABLE?

While it is currently balanced, the full effects of COVID are yet to be seen, although most agree it will have a negative effect on county budgets. We must prepare now to come out of the covid pandemic in a position to replenish our tax base through job growth in order to keep our financial house in order.

5) DESCRIBE WAYS IN WHICH YOU AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL WOULD ENCOURAGE A COLLABORATIVE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

By being open and transparent. Having frequent meetings with leaders in not only the local governments in my district, but also business and private enterprise, to get their take on what county and city governments can be doing better.

6) WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE TRANSPARENT AND RESPONSIVE (OR EFFECTIVE)?

To model it after my own behavior. On the council I have always been open and transparent. By being more accessible outside of the Board of Supervisor Chambers, we will be able to be more transparent, and responsive, to those we serve.

7) HOW DO YOU EVALUATE THE IMPACT TO BUSINESS WHEN MAKING VOTING DECISIONS?

As a small business owner myself, I have a unique perspective on this. I believe in most cases when it comes to business, it's government's job to "get out of the way". As a local government, our job is to make it easier for business. To ensure they get the necessary county/city approvals as fast as possible, and not overburden business with paperwork after paperwork, department after department and approval after approval.

8) MODESTO NEEDS JOBS. AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, HOW WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO CREATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL JOBS?

As mentioned above, by making Modesto and Stanislaus County attractive to business, by streamlining the approval process. Work with our local educational institutions to ensure a labor ready workforce, and ensure our infrastructure, like the 132 bypass I helped make a reality, is updated and up to par.

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For homelessness, we need a three pronged approach: housing and job assistance for those who are merely down on their luck, mental health/drug abuse diagnosis and treatment. For early release, that is an unfunded mandate the state has placed on us. We need to work with sympathetic state legislators to ensure that the state pays Stanislaus County for the blank check they expect us to write to cover these early release offenders.

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Some think the solution to the pandemic and minimizing its impacts rests in ever increasing taxation. They are wrong! Government needs to be accountable, transparent, fair and foster economic growth. When the state decides to release even more prisoners into our communities because of COVID, we must demand they be tested and quarantined before release. The costs of the resettlement must be paid by the state, not the local taxpayers. When a local fire district tries a back-door tax increase and charges the homeowners property insurance or auto insurance for calls already paid for in their property taxes, we need to say No! I grew up, started my own business, raised my family here in Stanislaus County. As a small business owner of over 40 years, I know the responsibility of paying bills on time. I'm honored that Stanislaus Sheriff Jeff Dirkse and Valley PORAC, the association representing hundreds of Stanislaus County law enforcement officers supports my candidacy. If elected to the Board of Supervisors I will continue supporting public safety and oppose wasteful government spending. I would be honored to have your support. Please contact me with your questions or concerns. Thank You, Bill Zoslocki bill@billzoslocki.com www.billzoslocki.com, 209 577-1221

CHANCE CONDIT - STANISLAUS COUNTY SUPERVISORS - DISTRICT 5

1) WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN?

I serve on the Ceres City Council and work for Opportunity Stanislaus as an Economic Development Specialist. I am a graduate from Stanislaus State University and previously worked as a caseworker for State Assemblymember Adam Gray. I currently serve as a Board Member of the John Azevedo Research Center in Patterson, and a Board Member of the McHenry Museum Historical Society. I am a member of the Ceres Lions Club and volunteer as a basketball coach for the Ceres Hoopster Recreation League. Local government is meant to be closest to the people it serves and accessible for our residents. As a Ceres Council-member, I have held regular office hours for Ceres residents and voted against our part time city council receiving free health insurance courtesy of the taxpayers. As County Supervisor for District 5, I will continue to fight unnecessary spending and work every day to improve the quality of life for our residents.

2) IN YOUR OWN WORDS, DESCRIBE THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POSITION YOU SEEK.

If elected I will serve as the representative for the people of District 5, which oversees and sets county policy. District 5 includes Newman, Patterson, Crows Landing, Grayson, South Modesto, Westley, and Ceres. I believe it is my responsibility as an elected official to be accessible, proactive, and to look out for the best interests of the taxpayers.

3) IF ELECTED OR REELECTED, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY? DESCRIBE THE MEASURES YOU WILL TAKE TO ADDRESS THIS PRIORITY.

My highest priority will be focused on improving our quality of life here in Stanislaus County. That includes addressing the lack of basic infrastructure of our county islands, maintaining and improving our public safety department, and having clean and accessible drinking water. I will also support efforts to offer incentives in order to recruit businesses to our area. We must work together to truly make a difference for future generations.

4) IS THE ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH YOU SEEK OFFICE OPERATING WITH A BALANCED BUDGET? IF NOT, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO MAKE THE ORGANIZATION MORE SUSTAINABLE?

The county budget appears to be balanced.

5) DESCRIBE WAYS IN WHICH YOU AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL WOULD ENCOURAGE A COLLABORATIVE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The county should work with our nine cities to ensure fairness and equity through our tax sharing agreement. The tax sharing agreement between the county and cities is outdated and deserves to be revisited by our leaders. Our county budget will not see the short fall as experienced by our cities due to COVID-19 and the lack of sales tax revenue, which the cities are fully reliant on. Through more equal tax sharing our cities would be financially stronger and able to provide more services for the different communities. If our cities are stronger financially our county as a whole will be stronger.

6) WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE TRANSPARENT AND RESPONSIVE (OR EFFECTIVE)?

We need to have good transparent oversight of our county government, and I will be accessible to the public in order to understand the different issues we face as a community. By doing this it will aid in making thorough and effective decisions. I support complete transparency for the government and will continue my practice that I started as a Council-member by holding regular office hours throughout District 5.

7) HOW DO YOU EVALUATE THE IMPACT TO BUSINESS WHEN MAKING VOTING DECISIONS?

As a Council-member, I always take into account the impact my vote will have on business owners. I will continue to do the same as a County Supervisor.

8) MODESTO NEEDS JOBS. AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, HOW WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO CREATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL JOBS?

I understand the enormous challenges our businesses face here in Stanislaus County. We must focus on retention efforts for our local businesses and do our best to be business minded in providing incentives and streamlining projects. In District 5 specifically, we have an incredible opportunity with the Crows Landing Naval Air Base. The potential is enormous and I will work tirelessly to execute this project and push it over the finish line. Along with retention efforts we also need to focus on attracting new businesses and industries to Stanislaus County. With the cost of doing business, real estate, and utilities in the Bay Area, we have the perfect opportunity here in Stanislaus County to market our community and relocate new businesses closer to their workforce. I will support incentives for businesses in order to entice them to locate in Stanislaus County.

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I proposed that cannabis taxes be earmarked for public safety while serving on the Ceres City Council. On the county level I believe we need to earmark this tax revenue stream for our Sheriff's Department and mental health efforts. We need to be creative and look for ways to fund priorities without growing our bureaucracy. As County Supervisor, I will support only those proposals that provide the training and staffing for our public safety officers. We have to deal with challenges like Prop 47 and other state mandates. The Chamber and other organizations must be active and vocal to reverse bad policies that have been handed down by Sacramento and DC. I will work hard with my fellow board members to come up with a serious long term plan to combat homelessness. This needs to be a regional plan that is multi faceted. Part of the plan could include skill and job training, homeless prevention, and housing. Any problem this big will take all nine cities and Stanislaus County with one vision and one goal.

10) IF YOU FILED A CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR THE SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLET, PLEASE INCLUDE IT HERE.

I'm running for Stanislaus County Supervisor for the same reason I ran for City Council: to improve our quality of life and bring accountability and responsiveness to local government. Whether I am working at my job as an Economic Development Specialist or serving as a Council-member, I am looking for ways to attract new jobs and businesses to our county. As your representative on the County Board, I will continue to work to bring job opportunities closer to home for our residents. While serving on the City Council, I have voted against tax increases, fought to establish a beautification committee, and led the effort to form strike teams for our fire department. I also opposed raises for city administrators and supported direct funding for public safety. It's time District 5 be treated as equally as other areas in the county. For too long some county islands in District 5 have lacked the basic infrastructure like clean drinking water, sidewalks and safe neighborhoods. We need a Supervisor that is willing to speak up and stand up for the residents of District 5. It would be an honor to have your vote. Please call (209) 622-7485 or email conditforsupervisor@gmail.com with any questions. Chance A. Condit

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