

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,  
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 2**

**ANDY MELENDREZ** AGE: 55  
**OCCUPATION:** Council Member / Businessman  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

It has been my privilege to serve as your Ward 2 City Council Member for the past 3 years. I know that Ward 2 is the most diverse and sometimes the most challenging Ward in the City. I also know that my willingness to address these challenges with you has produced the improvements that we enjoy today.

I am most proud of meeting regularly with 14 distinct neighborhood groups. Together we worked to eliminate unhealthy businesses on University Ave.; removing blight, reducing crime, and promoting safety and security.

During my term I have developed an effective partnership with RUSD and UCR. I have supported Riverside Renaissance Projects that improve parks and the City's infrastructure. I am a strong advocate for our community's youth and secured resources for the Youth Opportunity Center and Skate Park. I promoted arts and culture activities through music and ballet performances and classes.

I ask for your vote for Ward 2 City Council.

Together we can continue to promote our community neighborhood improvement programs, promote public safety, reduce crime, address the housing crisis, and encourage environmentally friendly construction and new business opportunities that create jobs in our community.

Andy Melendrez

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**RUBEN RASSO** AGE: 62  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired Deputy Sheriff  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

My life has been one of serving others. I served our country in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969. Thereafter, I began a career as a deputy sheriff. I served the citizens of Riverside County for 28 years as a deputy sheriff.

While employed as a deputy I served as a trustee for Olive Crest Homes for Abused Children and working with the Boy Scouts of America of the Inland Empire.

After retirement I continue to be involved in Shop With a Cop program. The program helps families in dire financial straits.

I have a Law degree, Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and public safety experience.

I am running for City Council Ward 2 because I believe government should listen to and take appropriate action to maintain and improve the quality of life of the community.

The council should make sure that monies are spent in a responsible manner. The benefit should flow the community and not building projects exclusively.

I will listen to the community and take action where appropriate to ensure the community benefits because they live in Ward 2.

I respectfully ask for your vote this election. I will be honored to serve you on the city council.

Thank You!

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**AHMAD R. SMITH** AGE: 31  
**OCCUPATION:** Small Business Owner  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am running for Riverside City Council because I believe that the decisions made at our local level have the greatest impact on our everyday lives. My idea of Reinvesting in Riverside extends to all areas of our community. Because of this, a confident, effective and accountable public servant, not a politician, is what Riverside needs.

I've established myself as a public servant guided by principled actions and management as a U.S. Marine. As an entrepreneur, I take pride in my ability at bringing consensus to differing opinions while making decisions based on sound judgment.

This campaign is about community leadership. I believe in listening to the community and making decisions that are in the best interest for all citizens of Riverside.

This election is about the future of Riverside. It is also about being able to secure our past while looking towards the future to ensure Riverside remains 1st in sustainable initiatives, an example of fiscal responsibility, and a proud place to call home.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,  
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 4**

**PAUL DAVIS**

**OCCUPATION:** Business Owner

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am a former Riverside County Deputy Sheriff, Riverside Police Officer, financial administrator, and now a successful small business owner and family man. I studied Business Management and Economics.

Our Economy is in crisis. I have the education and experience to run our city like a business and stop wasteful spending. I will protect our essential public services including public safety, libraries, parks, public utilities and public works. I will work to bring more good high paying jobs to Riverside.

Public Safety is one of my top priorities and I will ensure that our employees have the tools they need to keep Riverside safe. I am opposed to the use of eminent domain for political purposes. I fully support the Community Police Review Commission.

Quality of Life is essential. I will work to ensure that a fiasco like DHL never happens again. I fully support our military at March and their good neighbor policy of no flights from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM. I will work to expand our parks and protect open space and uphold Proposition R and Measure C.

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**FRANK SCHIAVONE**

**AGE: 56**

**OCCUPATION:** Councilmember / General Contractor

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Protecting your tax dollars is my most important duty as your City Councilman. While the State and other cities are struggling financially, Riverside has a balanced budget with a healthy \$45 million budget reserve.

The fiscally prudent policies I've proposed have prevented cuts to vital city services such as public safety personnel.

Since being elected we've added 18 firefighters and opened 5 new fire stations, added 39 more police officers and I supported using a court ordered gang injunction to break one of the most violent street gangs in Riverside.

I helped develop the Riverside Renaissance that is raising our overall quality of life, creating new jobs by making long overdue repairs and improvements to our streets, sidewalks and parks. We are upgrading our utility systems to ensure a reliable supply of electricity and safe water. This has all been accomplished without raising taxes.

In 2007, I successfully repealed the unfair electric rate increase so residents were not subsidizing large businesses.

It's been my honor to serve you as a United States Marine, a reserve Riverside Police Officer and now as your City Councilman.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,  
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 6**

**NANCY E. HART**

**OCCUPATION: Incumbent**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

As your City Council member over the past 8 years, I've been honored to work with you to preserve the quality of life we enjoy in our area of Riverside. Together, we have accomplished much in the communities of our Ward 6.

We have much to be proud of, and the economic challenges which lie ahead require strong steps and steady leadership.

As our nation, and the Inland area face uncharted waters, this is a time not to fear...but to act boldly.

We must pursue businesses which create local jobs and work with educators who are preparing tomorrow's leaders. When we invest in our people and our future, we can seize opportunities to move Riverside forward and enhance every neighborhood.

Now is the time to sow the seeds for a vibrant local economy. Together, we must prepare our children through education, our work force through training, and our citizens through service to others. Let's build upon our proud past as we achieve future successes.

Your vote is your voice. I respectfully ask for your support...and your vote...to continue our progress together in Ward 6.

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**BILL SCHERER**

**AGE: 44**

**OCCUPATION: Mechanic**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Our Founding Fathers knew that prosperity comes when liberty is overseen by God, and that government, unbridled, suppresses liberty. It is up to communities like Riverside to elect those who believe in limited government, lower taxes, and the encouragement of prosperity through freedom.

Communities like ours, across America, are feeling the pressure of expanding government at every level. They are rising up to strengthen liberty, reward excellence, and secure the future for our children. Riverside can lead the way.

I know Ward Six. I work here, shop here, my two boys are Cub Scouts in the Ward, and I am a volunteer boxing coach at the Bryant Ranch Community Center. The Alvord school district is fortunate to have my wife as a substitute teacher and P.T.A member. It has the challenge of educating my boys as well.

I believe that our Creator has placed liberty in the hearts of all people. I believe it is the duty of elected officials to protect that liberty. In defense of these simple principles, I humbly ask to be your City Councilman.