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Hi, I'm Connie Saunders and I'm running for District 7 LA City Council. I've been working with Laws and Codes for the past 25+ years in all 50 States, 3600 counties (the toughest of them) - and I have a high confront on working with codes. This is a key part of a City Council members job!

I also have a 40 year history of support for Drug and Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation and am CEO of a Non Profit Community Assistance program and have been since 2003. And I have a compassion for communities; I'm the Neighborhood Watch Captain for Hansen Hills which has been a successful Neighborhood Watch now for years. So I've been around the block and I'm ready for office.

Some of the changes in LA City that I'll make, if I'm elected are:

1. To establish a 'peer review' committee for identifying and handling any codes, laws or practices that violate peoples constitutional rights, primarily. Peer review is a process of subjecting scholarly works (such as codes, ordinances and zoning) to the process of analysis by professionals in the same field along with those who will be affected by the codes such as us in the community.

2. The High-Speed Rail going over land in Shadow Hills and Lake View Terrace is not constitutional and zoning law can be revised to clarify this, it doesn't have to be a difficult thing.

On the other hand tthe E1 route isn't a problem because it is tunneling underground primarily and the only negative effect it really has is when it's going over ground in District 6, which could be remedied.

3. There's 26,000+ homeless currently and LA city is really only planning to handle 10 thousand of them with housing units and their putting up 1.2 billion . In ten years it will need 40,000 more affordable housing units. The City is planning to do 10,000 units in 10 years and spend 1.2 Billion of their own funds on this. Money the city puts up is either granted or will mean the city must raise taxes. In addition I feel the city must stimulate building the other 20 to 30 thousand units needed. For this the City should pre-approve EZ codes and EZ building laws and plans for this type of needed housing models along transportation routes or on residential property that all investors can partake in with little fuss or fanfare, lower fees and more assistance to house the homeless or those who are nearly homeless. Make it inexpensive and readily accessible to everybody with full blueprints and building Hook up rates to utilities can be waived and the City can try to get group discounts for their Affordable Housing investors, for instance, so that each builder can get the discounts at the various lumber yards and whatnot, this could make a big difference in stimulating them.

4. I will also help the Jobless to get help with resume's, job interviews and bus passes so long as they are going to these interviews.

5. Once we have the housing units, I want to eliminate skid row conditions; completely outlaw them and otherwise have no homeless encampments on any kind of LA City's streets, sidewalks and properties.

6. For vacant storefronts I want to Survey communities residents and find out what they really need in there. Their vacant because some other business didn't make it, what kind of business do they want to see and then get those businesses in there.

7. Then I also want to work with bike share programs and get some trolley's into the various neighborhoods, linking up the neighborhoods shopping and get some shopping malls and perhaps even a Trader Joes, maybe a movie theatre and in Sunland/ Tujunga fill up that vacant ex KMart property with something comparable, maybe Target or something like that.

So I will work with people very dilligently on that.

Basically my viewpoint is 'The more complex the law is, the more invasive it is.' My years of executive training and experience has taught me that the best policy is to 'keep it simple'.