

Tri City Chamber of Conference Candidate Questionnaire

Kennewick City Council Position #4

Ed Pacheco

1. **Education:** Continuing Education at Washington State University, Associate of Arts South Seattle Community College, Certifications from Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, Washington State K9 Association Explosive Detection, Department of Energy K9 Explosive Detection, Department of Energy Tactical Special Response Team, Certification Dispute Resolution.

***Experience:** Chairman Planning Commission, Hanford Advisory Board member, Commission and Coordinator for the Benton County Criminal Justice Proposition 14-5, President Hanford Patrol Protective Forces, Certified Mediator, K9 Handler Explosive Detection Division Hanford Patrol, Supervisor Seattle University Security.

- Hanford Advisory Board Member
 - Chairman Planning Commission
 - Commission and Coordinator of Proposition 14-5
 - Former Kennewick Reserve Police Officer
 - Soccer Referee and Coach
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- I am running for office because I have had the privilege of having a successful career. I have always contributed and done well and have had many accomplishments. I look forward to bringing those attributes to the city council.
 - I have prepared myself for city council by having to address many difficult decisions as a Federally Commission Officer on the Hanford site. I have been privileged to be selected to serve on the Hanford Advisory Board. I was helped write the Benton County Criminal Justice Proposition 14-5 and a Chair Coordinator for its passage. I have been on the Kennewick Planning Commission and was voted in as Chairman.

I intend to handle myself professionally and courteously. I think everyone should have the opportunity to speak to city council. As an officer I have learned that listening is just as important as speaking.

- Three actions to support/ Strengthen small business.
Flexibility in zoning- I have seen small business turned away at the Planning Commission because current zoning does not apply.
Special credits and incentives for business that choose to use older buildings in Kennewick to start a business.
Using Kennewick funds to encourage consumers to patronize locally own small businesses.

- **Economic Challenges:** As a current Planning Commissioner I have been part of planning and zoning improvements throughout Kennewick. Kennewick needs to continue with infrastructure improvements. I support continued funding for US395/Ridgeline drive Intersection, new sewer lines/water main replacement in areas and the widening of Metaline Avenue. Completion of current projects will better serve our community and meet expected population growth. Population growth will allow Kennewick the opportunity to attract businesses to new urban growth areas.
- **Labor and Industry issues:** If the information suggest Kennewick would benefit from a Labor or Industry issue then it should be addressed. If the residents of Kennewick want the Council to consider issues those issues should be addressed.
- **Regional Strategic Plan:** I think it would benefit the community if a regional strategic plan were in place. I think a strategic plan would allow Kennewick to plan for the future. We would have an opportunity to control our future. It would also help us define the overall mission and focus on the objectives which are most important to us. It could also allow us to work as a team and define the direction we are going. It would help with planning for needed staff to accomplish our goals. Lastly, it would help with accountability to get things done.
- **If elected how do you see yourself working, city council...** I think it's important to advance community and business development. I think the Council can help by creating a business friendly environment. I have experience working with others, building alliances, I listen and I'm sure we will find mutual interest. I think if both Council and business have common interest and the same goals we will succeed. My goal is a strong local economy which will benefit the community.