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The voters of City Council District 7 deserve a choice. My name is Jaemes Shanley and I am running for the D7 Council seat as a Write-in Candidate.

Why have I launched this campaign?

Albuquerque faces significant and serious problems that are not being effectively addressed by our City's government. Our residents deserve a Council that:

- **Prioritizes** issues by the scale of their impact on the City,
- Bases their actions on **facts rather than generalities**,
- Proactively **communicates with constituents** about measures of impact **BEFORE voting**,
- Commits to Ordinances & Resolutions that **solve or measurably improve** those issues,
- Performs **rigorous due diligence** in advance of voting on measures,
- Demands factual **accountability for major expenditures**,
- Has an unwavering **commitment to a vision of Albuquerque** that is economically thriving, socially cohesive, sensibly sustainable, and in visual harmony with its unique heritage.

During several months of driving and surveying 5 major corridors of Albuquerque (Central, San Pedro, Menaul, 4th Street, San Mateo), I documented the status of 3,816 properties, among them 2,323 commercial premises. 626 of those (21%) were closed and/or abandoned. There are also 118 empty vacant lots. This lack of thriving businesses spreads like a cancer to adjacent properties and kills the former vitality of so many commercial corridors. Major effort is required to attract, nurture, and support locally owned small businesses with capacity for growth to rebuild these corridors and nourish our economy. A realistic effort must be made to transition some of these unused commercial buildings and land to higher density housing at prices that offer people a chance to get a foot on the ladder of home ownership.

Empty commercial spaces—whether they are gutted small businesses or vacated big-box stores—and the unhoused neighbors and crime they attract, are the two major problems that plague Albuquerque. They are followed closely by a growing threat to Albuquerque's water supply that receives virtually no attention or mention by City Council or the Mayor's office. **It is nothing to celebrate when you can walk across the Rio Grande riverbed without getting your feet wet.**

The Mayor's office and City Council have worked in tandem to fund and build an "unhoused industrial complex" that has consumed \$300+ million dollars over 8 years without visible or even numerical improvement in the situation of an unhoused population numbering in thousands obliged to subsist in appalling conditions on streets, sidewalks and alleys.

We are all "punished" by the impact of these two problems which have connections but also have independent and complex root causes. That is not an excuse for them to be ignored or addressed ineffectively.

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Using the “housing crisis” as a smokescreen, the City Council enacted in January, with Councilor Fiebelkorn’s vote, Ordinance O-24-69 to rezone corridors of the City while suppressing and unfairly penalizing the voice and standing of residents to appeal the nature of development in their neighborhoods. Most recently Councilor Fiebelkorn, on behalf of the Mayor’s office, sponsored Resolution R-25-167 for an Opt-in upzoning program which would permit any R-1 single family home property on any street in any neighborhood city-wide to be rezoned at minimum to R-T for 2 story Townhouses & Duplexes or, if on corner lots, to 3 story multi-family apartments. This newly permissive use would not have been subject to ANY prior notification of surrounding residents nor of standing for appeal, in direct contradiction of the City’s Comprehensive Plan commitment to preserve “healthy, vibrant, and distinct communities…… consistent with long-established residential patterns”. Fortunately, it was defeated in Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee, with Councilor Fiebelkorn the only yes vote.

We need a City Council that is laser focused on the highest priority issues threatening our community and which understands and follows the Comprehensive Plan, the Long-Range Community Planning Area Assessments, and the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO).

About Jaemes Shanley

Resident in Albuquerque for 30 years (1969-1979; 2006-present)
 Resident of Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Tokyo, Boston (1979-2006)
 Int’l Sales, Marketing, & Strategy exec. 1979 – 2014 (Polaroid Corp. & Newell-Rubbermaid)
 Lives on family compound in Mark Twain neighborhood with wife and 5 rescued cats
 Travels Albuquerque streets daily to visit (with carrots) his horse in Corrales.
 President Mark Twain Neighborhood Assoc.; Vice-president D7 Coalition of N.A.’s



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