

Sun's Question #2

What do you consider the most pressing issues not only for Town Council and staff but for the town of Wickenburg itself?

We need a more Deliberative and Directive Town Council. Our Council needs to set direction and policy and assume a more directive role in Town Government. It should require a higher quality of staff work, and take more time to discuss measures in the open and before voting. It should reframe the role of the Town Manager to take direction from the Council and ensure that the direction is carried out. It is also imperative that the Council ensures instructions are issued with clear objectives and measurable outcomes, and then follows-up to see the instructions are carried out as intended.

We need to keep and restore our Community Center. This is one of two buildings in Wickenburg designed by Arizona's own Benny Gonzales, and over 850 voters have indicated their desire to see this building restored, brought up to code, and operated by the Town. This issue needs to move forward and, if elected, I would start the deliberation by either introducing or supporting motions to: (1) restore the building, (2) direct Town Staff to identify possible sources of funding in the existing budget, or (3) introduce a substantial line of funding in next year's budget.