

# Palm Springs City Council Candidate Statements

August 23, 2015

On November 3, 2015 Palm Springs voters will select two candidates for election to four-year terms on the City Council. Six registered voters have qualified as candidates and five of the six have filed statements with the City Clerk’s office. The following are copies of those statements together with other available information.

The candidates, listed in alphabetic order, are as follows:

- David Brown
- Jim King
- Geoff Kors
- Paul Lewin
- Anna Nevernic
- J.R. Roberts

Note: Councilmember Rick Hutcheson and Paul Lewin currently occupy the two seats up for election. With respect to councilmember re-election, Councilmember Rick Hutcheson is not a candidate. Councilmember Paul Lewin is a candidate.

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**David Brown**, Age ?? - 760-699-3395  
 Dry Cleaning Manager. Resident for 10 years.  
 Email: DaveSB1968@gmail.com

I am a candidate for the Palm Springs City Council. I served three years on the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission. Because of this service, I have changed my political views from liberal to conservative. I also served on the Palm Springs LGBT Outreach Program with the Palm Springs Police Department and am a graduate of the Palm Springs Citizens Police Academy. I am self-reliant, hard worker and have two jobs, because I don't believe in the entitlement mentality. I am an active volunteer in my Palm Springs community. When elected, I will help all small business thrive in Palm Springs. It is time to give back to the Palm Springs tax payers, so I will lead the repeal of the Palm Springs Utility Tax. I will not waste tax payer's funds on the CV Link and am committed to be fiscally reasonable to all Palm Springs tax payers. Palm Springs Council needs to be diversified. Please vote for me and my conservative ideals.

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**Jim King**, Age 65 - 760-239-8200  
 Natural Gas Advisor. Resident for 8 years.  
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No candidate statement submitted.

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**Geoff Kors**, Age 54 - 760-537-0061  
 Legislative Policy Director. Resident since 2000.  
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The decisions being made now will impact Palm Springs for decades.

My legal and legislative experience makes me uniquely qualified to help lead Palm Springs during this exciting and critical time:

- Stanford Law School graduate
- Assistant Regional Council, Environmental Protection Agency
- Legislative staff, city/county government and nonprofit organizations

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- Executive Director, Equality California
- Representative, Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs

I will use my experience to:

- Complete downtown and support development and small businesses throughout Palm Springs, while preserving historic architecture, neighborhoods and quality of life
- Increase government effectiveness, inclusiveness and transparency, including clearly defining and prohibiting conflicts of interest
- Bring legal expertise to decisions made by Council, avoiding unnecessary lawsuits
- Create clearly defined criteria for economic development, Measure J and social services grants
- Pass a senior bill of rights
- Make Palm Springs a leader in sustainability, preserving natural resources and helping diversify our economy by creating green jobs
- Implement proven programs to address homelessness
- Improve our infrastructure, including roads
- Prioritize public safety

I will use my fundraising experience and relationships, developed over 30 years, to ensure Palm Springs receives our fair share of federal, state and county dollars and secures grants for services, public safety, transportation and infrastructure improvement.

I would be honored to have your vote.

Geoff Kors

[www.geoffkors.com](http://www.geoffkors.com)

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**Paul Lewin**, Age 44 - 760-303-1992

Palm Springs City Councilmember. Resident for 44 years.

[www.ElectLewin.com](http://www.ElectLewin.com) - Email: [info@ElectLewin.com](mailto:info@ElectLewin.com)

Four years ago, after working together to stop the Whitewater Jail, you elected me to lead with a fresh perspective, bring practical solutions, and to build a year-round economy, and I've done just that. I lead the Council to:

- Create new summer events,
- Bring "Forever Marilyn" to downtown,
- Invest in roads, libraries and bicycle lanes,
- Create the "Buzz Shuttle", and
- Create the Film Incentive Program that brought film crews to town.

I'm proud to have been raised and educated right here in Palm Springs. I know how to balance development with preservation to maintain our small town identity, quality of life, and still grow economically.

While much has been accomplished, there is more to do. If re-elected, I will continue:

- Careful management of your tax dollars,
- Investing in our Police and Fire Departments,
- Investing in roads, parks and community centers,
- Addressing homelessness, and
- Innovating our economy.

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Thank you for letting me serve you. I would be honored to have your vote for Palm Springs City Council to make us even better. [www.ElectLewin.com](http://www.ElectLewin.com)

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**Anna Nevenic**, Age 66 - 760-321-4111

Registered Nurse, Author. Length of residency not stated.

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As a young girl I want to create a just world, leave it a better place than I found it and reach out to those in need. I have a long history of civic and social justice advocacy; have a plan to move Palm Springs in a new direction, one that is inclusive of people and neighborhoods in every corner of the city. Democracy works best when more people participate in the civic process. I want to give community a final say in local issues ranging from public safety, transportation, to infrastructure, street and sidewalk repairs, homeless issues, and much more.

The reasons for seeking this office is to get things done, to insure there's a level playing field between average folks and the tourism industry. There is a need to initiate transparency and comprehensive ethics reform that promotes civic engagement. We must bring High Tech industry to create well paid job for our young people. Predominately, low wages created by service oriented industry will not bring the desired economic development.

I use my own money for the campaign, therefore I pledge to give my undivided attention to all of you. Please, vote for me.

760-321-4111

[www.annanevenic.com](http://www.annanevenic.com)

[www.unitedchildrensnetwork.com](http://www.unitedchildrensnetwork.com)

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**J.R. Roberts**, Age 54 – 415-297 9309

Planning Commissioner/Commercial Property Owner. Resident for more than 15 years.

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JR Roberts has the broad experience and demonstrated long term and local leadership to serve with distinction on the Palm Springs City Council. He is committed to continuing the prosperity the city has enjoyed over the last decade, but doing so without the excesses of the recent past.

JR has made the necessary and tough choices to help move Palm Springs forward as a Planning Commissioner. He has dedicated his time and expertise to the Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, PS Modern Committee and helped raise funds for the Animal Shelter, Desert AIDS Project, and Vote Yes on Measure J. JR has also served as Mayor and Councilmember of Sausalito, California.

So many of your friends and neighbors support JR because he has a vision for what Palm Springs is and should continue to be - a world-famous destination, respected for its special brand, its wonderful livability, and its accountable and responsive local governance. JR will promote smart, balanced growth.

JR Roberts has dedicated fifteen years to ensuring Palm Springs retains its small town character while always attracting positive international attention. Please help him continue to do more of just that - Elect JR Roberts to City Council.

[VoteJRRoberts.com](http://VoteJRRoberts.com)

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