

## **Joe Smith Candidate Statement**

I am Joe Smith, in Lemon Grove some call me LinebackerDad, because I'm faithfully committed to Lemon Grove as your Family and Community Engagement Director. I have served you in this role for the last five years and brought you many recreation center programs, music enrichment, and wraparound services to your schools. I'm running for Lemon Grove City Council because I believe in a city that fills a need and works for every resident .

I bring a track record of leadership, teamwork, and accountability, values I've lived daily as a leader, parent, coach, and community servant. I stand on family values and the opportunity we've asked for to live, work, and play in a safe, clean, and beautiful city.

Together, I seek to restore trust, rebuild our cities legacy, and ensure every Lemon Grover, from the youngest to the wisest can thrive. I'd be honored to earn your votes and contributions.

I've kept my ear to opportunities and studied the hard numbers: our infrastructure backlog is estimated at over \$171 million in needed repairs. Homelessness is a growing crisis and divided topic.

### **If appointed, I will:**

1. Ensure teamwork and consistency among the council.
2. Prioritize safety, fixing streets and storm drains. I'll advocate not only for "main roads," but ensure residential streets see attention too.
3. Partner with regional agencies, nonprofits, and neighbors to create effective, compassionate solutions to homelessness and housing insecurity.
4. Champion transparency, fiscal responsibility, and collaboration, so Lemon Grove never again faces the threat of disincorporation.
5. Seek opportunities to take advantage of San Diego County's tourism industry, an estimated 20 billion impact to our county's economy, supporting approximately 1 in 8 jobs.

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