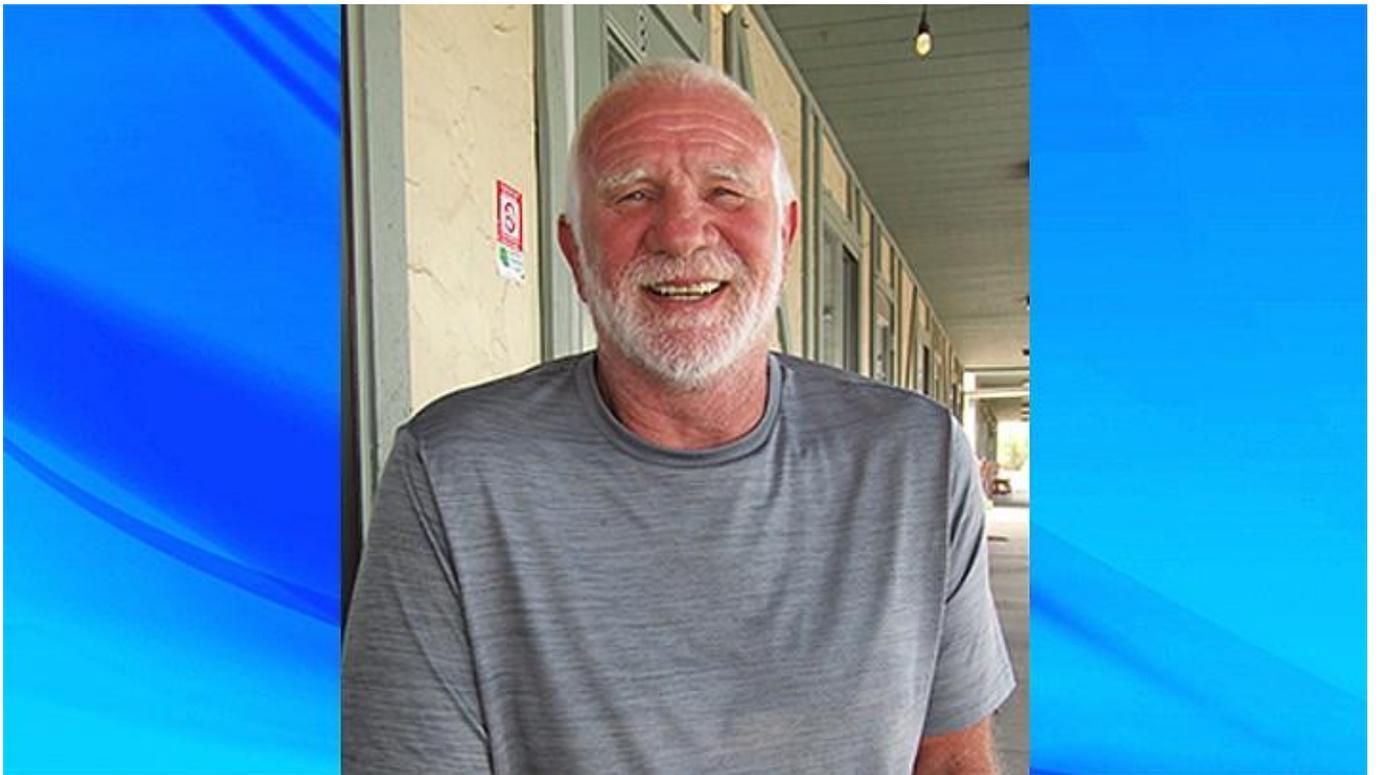


Bob Schacherer seeks seat on Chino council; opposes dense developments

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Editor's Note — This is the last in series of articles on the candidates for Chino Valley mayor and Town Council.

Fixing roads, opposing high density projects and having staff do work instead of outsourcing projects would be the top three priorities for Bob Schacherer, if elected to Chino Valley Town Council.

Schacherer said he moved to Chino Valley because he likes the wide open spaces, which is why he opposes dense developments. He said slow development is fine, but he decided to run for council when the proposal for an RV park arose, people spoke out against it and the council didn't come out against it in a stronger way.

He said the RV park was initially proposed as an RV resort, but it was obvious from the beginning that it would only have amenities of an RV park.

He also questions why the council members approve developments when there is a water shortage. "It's not part of the decisions," he said.

Schacherer said the town has to be smarter about fixing roads. He said on Rodeo and Jeremiah drives there is some pavement and a sidewalk to nowhere that began, but has stopped.

"It's a waste of money that we could put into fixing roads," he said.

Schacherer said not only potholes need to be repaired, but in some cases the edges are coming off the road. To pay for it, he feels the county should return a higher percentage of money to the town from property taxes. Chino Valley residents don't pay property taxes to the town, but they do pay property taxes to Yavapai County. He said not much of that gets returned to the town.

"Developers should pay more. I don't want to raise taxes, if developers want to build let them pay more. They are the ones making the money," he said.

Schacherer said he is against dense projects as he does not want Chino Valley to turn into Los Angeles, Phoenix, Prescott or Prescott Valley.

Schacherer said the Chino Valley Alliance for Responsible Growth is a good group that has the best interests of the town at heart. He said they arose to oppose the since withdrawn RV park, but they continue to make their presence known about growth issues.

"Everybody says they have water issues, yet they keep building," he said.

Schacherer predicts now that two Prescott wells have been contaminated that Prescott will be taking more water from Chino Valley.

He said the Town of Chino Valley has a lot of high paid staff, which he is OK with but then they shouldn't be spending on outside companies such as the contract just awarded with Matrix for the General Plan.

"The company doesn't live here and they don't know what we need," he said. "Between the city manager and the chamber of commerce we should come up with something on our own."

Schacherer added that the current Town Council doesn't question staff enough when they bring recommendations to them. "I get the feeling that decisions are already made before the council meetings," he said. "Even at the study sessions they already know."

Schacherer said he loves Chino Valley because of the open spaces, people, roosters and cows. He said the people are friendly as they always look forward. He said coming from the Los Angeles area he would see more people in Costco there than the population of Chino Valley. He attended a gathering at Memory Park where he noticed all the parents stayed close to their kids.

“That’s the small town feel,” he said.

Schacherer said he likes talking to his neighbors as a contrast to California where he didn’t even know his neighbors.

He would like to see a few more businesses in Chino Valley such as Trader Joe’s. “But not so many businesses that we ruin it,” he said.

He also proposes that county residents who have Chino Valley post office boxes be allowed to vote in town elections.

Schacherer, who drove a truck for 46 years, said he has no political background as he likes to get all the information in and process it before making a decision. “I will make decisions based on what the majority thinks because if I get voted in that means the majority supports me,” he said.

Schacherer said because he’s retired he can give 100% of his time to serving on the Town Council.

“I’m not a developer, Realtor or in construction,” he said. “I like to be transparent and my phone number is on my campaign signs.”

Born and raised in Dayton, Kentucky, he started truck driving right after high school. He volunteers for Meals on Wheels and Hospice.