

CITY OF: COSTA MESA
OFFICE: CITY COUNCIL

Al Melone
Occupation: retired CPA

Age: 66

My primary purpose in seeking office is to represent the underserved citizens of Costa Mesa.

Many of our citizens, such as seniors and pet owners whose pets are traumatized by fireworks, are upset with our city's fireworks policies. I prefer an outright ban on fireworks, consistent with most other cities, or a referendum before the voters allowing the majority to rule.

I am sensitive to neighborhood issues: residents upset by the Banning Ranch development; Mesa Del Mar residents concerned about a possible Sports Complex; Cabrillo residents who may be adversely impacted by the Starbucks drive-through; and citizens who want dog poop bags provided in our city parks. Especially near and dear to my heart are my fellow small dog owners who have frequented Bark Park. Personally I live in the States Streets neighborhood.

As to the big picture, I support the Charter and outsourcing. The role of government is to provide services to its citizens at a reasonable cost. There is no obligation to provide full employment to employees, many of whom could never hope to find comparable compensation and benefits in the private sector. The needs of our residents must come first.

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