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AZ Green Chamber Endorses John Little for Scottsdale City Council

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The Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce its endorsement of John Little for Scottsdale City Council in the 2020 General Election. This endorsement is based on Mr. Little's answers to an open-ended survey put together by the Board of Directors for the Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce. The quotes below are from Mr. Little's response to the survey. The survey included a broad swath of sustainability issues, from water and waste, to renewable energy and sustainable food systems.

Mr. Little has proposed the development of a comprehensive plan to make Scottsdale America's Healthiest City by expanding farmer's markets, promoting urban farming, reducing obesity, lowering the incidence of heart disease and diabetes, providing free masks, hand sanitizer, and sunscreen throughout the city. On the increasingly crucial health issue of heat, Mr. Little expressed strong support for urban design and landscape guidelines that promote shade and walkable streets.

Regarding the issue of water and the prolonged drought in Arizona, Mr. Little has demonstrated that he understands the situation: *"The public, especially young people, must be made to understand we live in an arid climate and that conservation strategies such as reclaiming wastewater, groundwater recharging and xeriscaping can help secure a brighter water future."*

Mr. Little's comments about waste reflect that he is thinking ahead. He mentioned concern that our nearby landfill may be forced to close in fifteen years when it is full. He says, *"This is a significant strategic issue that we need to begin planning for now. I support rewriting the city's procurement code to give preference on bid awards to companies that adopt Zero Waste packaging principles. I would also grant a tax holiday for businesses who could demonstrate significantly reducing their waste."*

Finally, when asked if he would support the creation of a sustainability staff position within the City of Scottsdale which could pay for itself in just a few years through the water, waste and energy efficiencies it would create, Mr. Little said he would enthusiastically support it if the City Manager believes that it is necessary. Mr. Little further proposes the development of an "Environmental Dashboard" for the city that can help educate citizens and policy makers on progress toward goals.

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