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We must maintain our high level of city services to resident and commercial interests. Many aspects of these services stand out as models for communities throughout the Valley. We can meet future needs of our growing community by implementing sound fiscal policies using the financial resources available to us. As we develop these policies, citizen awareness and input is vital to the success of these policies.

Redevelopment on a smaller scale, leaving the residential areas out, is still a good option to help prevent the deterioration of Seventh Street between 10th and 11th avenues. The commercial impact of 12th Avenue and Lacey Boulevard is real and citizens must be adequately informed of the threat to our historic downtown. Redevelopment is much better for Hanford than raising taxes.

Poor economic conditions are forcing the state to look for other ways to fund its programs. Legislative plans are taking money away from cities. We can stop these irresponsible plans by telling our state representatives they will not get our vote unless they take care of their problems. If reelected I would urge the council, city staff and other communities to begin a "save our local funds" campaign. We can not repeat the failures of Proposition 13. Local money should stay here and be spent to provide services for local residents.