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MARY KORTSEN TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION TO CITY COUNCIL

Mary Kortsen has filed for re-election to the Casa Grande City Council. If elected, this will be her third term serving the residents of Casa Grande.

Kortsen has lived in Casa Grande for most of her life. She is a paralegal and certified document preparer. Kortsen worked for law firms in Mesa for approximately 20 years. Upon her election to the council in March of 2007, Kortsen started Kortsen Legal Document Preparation where she works with clients in the preparation of LLCs, Wills, Trust and Deeds. Kortsen says she receives a great deal of satisfaction in being able to assist people and still keep their costs down.

Kortsen is married to Dan Kortsen, a retired farmer and second generation Arizonan. They have three children, Jennifer, Jimmy and Amy, ten grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Kortsen's father, Dr. William Ford (now deceased), was a family practitioner in Casa Grande for over 40 years. Kortsen often meets up with people who were patients of her father and many who were delivered by him.

During the past nine years on city council, Kortsen has focused on several areas impacting Casa Grande: The building of the public safety building and the city court, the street improvements in historic downtown, and ensuring that the city had the necessary infrastructure to lure good businesses to Casa Grande. Kortsen likes to say that former councilman, Steve Miller, taught her the value of really big sewer and water lines in order to attract manufacturing businesses. And, it worked. Casa Grande is now the home of the Ehrmann Greek yogurt plant, an expanded Franklin Foods cream cheese factory and the Tractor Supply distribution center, all located on the west side of town where the city built a large capacity water and sewer line. Kortsen hopes to work with the land owners on the east side of town to be able to provide for further development.

Over the past 18 months Kortsen, along with other council members, has pushed forward with the community center in spite of attempts to further delay the project. If re-elected Kortsen will work to ensure that the community and rec center will have the input of all segments of the community.

Kortsen believes that the widening of the I-10 over-pass on Cottonwood Lane should be something to seriously explore. She would like the overpass to have 4 lanes for vehicles and a generous bike lane. ADOT currently has plans for an interchange at Kortsen Road in a few years. They will not put the interchange at Cottonwood, saying that an interchange on Cottonwood is too close to the Florence interchange. Kortsen is aware that budgets for roads and bridges are tight. A public/private partnership could hold the answer.

Kortsen hopes that the residents of Casa Grande will allow her to serve them for another four years. You can contact her at: marykortsen2016@gmail.com.