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**FITZGIBBONS ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION BID FOR
CASA GRANDE CITY COUNCIL**

Lisa Navarro Fitzgibbons announced her candidacy for re-election to the Casa Grande City Council. Fitzgibbons was first elected to City Council in 2011 after being appointed to the council to fill a vacancy. “I feel like we’ve made progress, but there’s a lot left to do”, Fitzgibbons said. “I want to continue to focus on attracting excellent businesses to Casa Grande, improving the quality of life and to continue to be a safe community to raise our families.”

Fitzgibbons attended Casa Grande elementary and high schools. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University in 1987. Her work experience includes stints at Shearson Lehman Brothers/American Express in New York, NY, Xerox Corporation in Phoenix, Office of the Governor for the State of Arizona, and ten years with The Pepsi Cola Company in Phoenix. While she was at Pepsi, Fitzgibbons managed national sales accounts and served as a liaison between Pepsi Cola and the Hispanic community. Currently, Fitzgibbons serves as Director of Business Development and Marketing at Fitzgibbons Law Offices, P.L.C. in Casa Grande. Lisa is married to Denis Fitzgibbons; they have been married for over 25 years. Lisa and Denis have three daughters. Their daughters Ashley and Molly graduated from CGUHS and attended Loyola University in Chicago. Their daughter Grace is a senior at CGUHS.

“I was always taught that it was your responsibility to become a part of your community and give back if you are able,” Fitzgibbons said. “My time on Council has given me that opportunity.” In terms of highlights of her time on Council, Fitzgibbons pointed to improving public safety: a new fire station and a new police station have all been built during her tenure. Fitzgibbons also is proud of the completion of the Police and Fire Strategic Plans. Further, Fitzgibbons noted, “Small business is the backbone of not only America but Casa Grande as well. Although I am proud that Ehrmann Dairy, Tractor Supply Company, Sam’s Club, and Franklin Foods all came to Casa Grande,” Fitzgibbons said, “I am most pleased to see the many small businesses that have gotten a start during the last few years as the economy slowly recovers.”

“Lisa has been part of this community for a long time and I am proud of the way she has represented Casa Grande during her time on City Council,” said former Mayor and campaign co-chair Bob Mitchell. “She understands that not only do you have to have a safe community and employers, but you also need to have a good quality of life,”

Mitchell went on. “While Lisa has been on Council, she supported the Casa Grande Mountain Trail System, the Community Center, Fields for Youth sports, pickle ball courts, downtown street improvements and remodeling the main Library.” Mitchell noted that he was particularly pleased with Lisa’s public service as he was also her government teacher in high school. The campaign’s other co-chair, Carmen Auza, noted, “Lisa is an independent thinker. She has a small business mentality so she watches the bottom line and makes sure that whatever the City spends its money on, that it is fiscally responsible and gets a solid return. I am proud to serve on her campaign as a co-chair.”

“I know when I first ran, I made the point that before we can be a great city, we need to be a safe city,” Fitzgibbons recalled. “Now, several years later with our improvements in public safety, we are a safer city. Also, with our infrastructure improvements, we are on the verge of great growth. I think City Staff and City employees have done a good job. The future of Casa Grande is bright. We certainly need to promote Casa Grande better and highlight our willingness to work with people. We need to communicate our progress in public safety, our support for small businesses and the improvements we have made to quality of life, all while making things balance financially.”

Fitzgibbons also announced that she has formed a campaign committee along with co-chairs Auza and Mitchell. Campaign committee persons include: Tony and Lynn Serrano; Bob Brutinel; Cherie McGlynn; Claude Gipson; Dave Hernandez; Chuck Walton; Grant and Laura Walton; Randy Robbins; Cecil Kinser; Robert and Lupe Mendez; Kelly and Dennis Dugan; Mary Peoples; Mary Lou Rosales; and Tammy McCarville. Fitzgibbons is also looking for help with her campaign. Anyone interested in volunteering or if anyone has questions for Fitzgibbons, should contact her at (520) 371-1425. Fitzgibbons is hosting a campaign kickoff at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 1, 2016, at BeDillon’s. All are welcome to attend.

“I look forward to the campaign,” said Fitzgibbons. “The last time I did this, I met a lot of our citizens and they tell you face to face what they think and how I can help them. I enjoy that aspect of campaigning. We made it a family affair and got our girls, our family and friends involved in the campaign, so I enjoyed that aspect too. I feel honored that I represent the City of Casa Grande and I look forward to asking the citizens of Casa Grande to give me the opportunity to continue to represent them and make Casa Grande a better place to live, work and raise a family.”