

THE FUTURE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
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Candidates Forum

"The people asked me to run for the office of mayor and I did it for them."

With this being my first time to run for a political office I have several visions and goals I hope to bring to reality during my term. I firmly believe that we can have a better, safer, and cleaner place to live.

I am, and have been, invested in Ruidoso Downs for many years, not only as a resident and property owner, but also as a 15-year employee. I have worked hand-in-hand with the citizens of Ruidoso Downs and with surrounding government entities such as Ruidoso, Lincoln County, and Mescalero.

While I am in office my goals are as follows:

- Improve the quality of life for the citizens and the City of Ruidoso Downs.
- Control wasteful spending.
- Make our city government open to all.
- Personally address any concerns citizens might have.
- Provide more and improved services (such as roads, water, sewer, trash, and information).
- Keep the citizens informed on all key issues pertaining to expansion and money spent.
- Give citizens a chance to voice their opinions on issues before the city council votes.
- Improve working conditions for employees (such as communications, training, equipment, and future advancement).
- Make Highway 70 a business expansion community by changing zoning rules and making it more appealing to draw in new businesses.
- Improve communication between City Hall and the residents, business owners, and surrounding governing bodies.

In order to support growth in tourism and population, we must continue with the quest for adequate water and sewer infrastructures for all residents of Ruidoso Downs and newly annexed areas. We must also focus our attention on street improvements, drainage, zoning, and increased planning for businesses. We should promote industry, but, in doing so, we must also protect our valuable residential properties. Adding to this, we need to be respectful of, and preserve our local culture and arts realizing the tourism it brings to our city.

My full attention to the needs and future of our town is top priority and I will be a working mayor, involved in the day-to-day operations of all departments and with our personnel. I am available on a daily basis for our citizens to voice their opinions and concerns.

"I look forward to a future of growth and prosperity."

Tom E. Armstrong, Mayor