

Eric Gorsegner Council Seat Voting Area 7



Candidate Information

ERIC GORSEGNER – SRP DISTRICT #7 COUNCIL CANDIDATE BIO

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As an Arizona resident since the 1980s, a former SRP employee for nearly 10 years, an SRP customer and a public citizen with deep respect and reverence for Arizona's history, I view the Salt River Project as the most successful economic development project in Arizona's history. The valley as we know it would not resemble the dynamic vibrant internationally revered metro it is today but for the actions taken even before SRPs establishment in 1903. During the 1880s the contributions of rugged risk-taking entrepreneurs like Jack Swilling opened the Arizona Territory for miners, ranchers, farmers, and settlers. Their achievements were literally built upon those of the Hohokam and Pueblo Indigenous peoples who inhabited a thriving valley complete with its own canal system 900 years before.

Yes, I am proud of SRP's history and its many contributions to our identity and prosperity over the last century.

That said, I also feel SRP has been slow to embrace necessary change, particularly in the areas of renewable energy, water policy, governance and certain corporate expenditures. This needs to change and we shouldn't feel threatened or resist the sensible measures that lead to a better and more responsive modern utility.

CORE VALUES :

As someone who has observed the utility industry from both the inside and outside perspectives, my priorities will include:

- Enhanced cooperation and partnerships to develop additional Underground Water Storage and Watershed Protection measures. I believe SRP needs to be more assertive on Legislative Policy that protects statewide surface and groundwater resources.
- Accelerating the market driven transition to Renewable Energy Deployment and Grid Stabilization by removing economic and bureaucratic impediments to Distributed Rooftop PV Generation.
- Restoring and expanding more robust and meaningful Energy Efficiency measures.
- Greater commitment to wind and solar Utility & Community Scale Renewable Energy projects.
- Streamlined Grid Intertie Processes for projects proximate to existing Transmission.
- Encouraging Microgrid Development pilot projects and residential & commercial Load Aggregation.
- Reprogramming a significant portion of SRP Advertising towards a new annual Ratepayer Rebate Fund.

EDUCATION :

Born and raised in rural Wisconsin, Eric moved to Arizona after receiving his BA degree from the University of Wisconsin (Eau Claire). He has earned a Master of Public Administration from ASU and added a Master of Law in Environmental Sustainability from ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law in 2017.

CAREER: :

Over a 3-decade career in public policy, government relations and administration, Eric held significant positions in the private, nonprofit & government sectors including:

Private & Nonprofit Sector:

- Sonoran Institute - Associate Director Land, Energy & Water Policy
- Salt River Project - Senior Government Relations Representative
- Arizona Business and Education Coalition – Manager of Public Policy & Communications
- Phoenix Association of Realtors - Government Relations Director
- Boulder Colorado Chamber of Commerce – Membership Ambassador

Public Sector:

- Arizona Corporation Commission - Policy Advisor
- US Department of Energy – Lands & Realty Specialist
- City of Phoenix - Deputy & Acting Chief of Staff to the Mayor
- Arizona Clean Elections Commission - Deputy Director
- Arizona Dept. of Commerce - Legislative Liaison
- Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection - Legal Intern

COMMUNITY SERVICE :

As a private citizen Eric has been active on many boards, and commissions. These include the City of Phoenix Environment & Sustainability Commission, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Arizona Resource Advisory Council, the Arizona Energy Consortium, the Phoenix Parks & Recreation Board, and the ASU Environmental Law Society.

Eric is an unabashed cheesehead, the proud father of two exceptional daughters, a recreational triathlete and still enjoys crashing his bike on weekends.

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