

Ron Kolb Council Seat Voting Area 1

Candidate Information

My name is Ron Kolb and I represent District One as a council member for Salt River Project. I grew up in the west valley city of Glendale and am very proud to be from a city that represents old town farm values. We are hard working people from varied backgrounds that know how to get things done.

I graduated from Glendale High School where I was introduced to many things that shaped my desire to try and learn many diverse things. I was a member of both 4-H and FFA (Future Farmers of America). I worked in the agricultural fields west of Glendale at the age of 13.

My family was a typical lower middle class family. My parents instilled the importance of hard work and personal responsibility at a young age. We had everything we needed and had to work for what we wanted. My brother, sister, and I were care givers for our mother since we were younger than 10 years of age. We did not miss out on activities because we learned to work with each other and share our responsibilities at home.

I was active in student government and became student body president. This gave me the opportunity to travel to other schools throughout the state. It gave me exposure to different cultures and allowed me to make friends that are still part of my life today.

I went to Glendale Community College for a couple of years studying Agribusiness.

My work experience includes working for Marriott Hotels where, as a gardener, houseman, maid, and bellman I met people from all over the world. I met celebrities, presidents, entrepreneurs, and everyday people. I also became Mr. Marriott's personal valet when he was in Phoenix. I learned a lot from this humble multi-millionaire.

I am an ambitious self starter who started my first business at the age of 18. March 20, 2024 will be the start of my 51st year in business.

My experience in varied situations helps me adapt to my surroundings because not only have I succeeded a lot, but I have also failed. You pick yourself up and start again.

I have a very supportive wife (Diana) who has run our second business for over forty years. This has allowed me to take part in other things throughout the West Valley. We have three children. Our oldest is an account executive with Discover card, our middle daughter is a Kindergarten teacher, and our son is a Paramedic- Captain with Phoenix Fire Department.

I am very proud to be part of Salt River Project and feel that I have enough experience to contribute to the work that the project has continued for over 100 years. I still love the smell of fresh cut hay and the sound of running irrigation water, neither gets old.

I can be reached at: ronaldkolb01@gmail.com or 602-332-3450 if you have questions or comments.

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