

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MAYOR  
City of El Paso de Robles**

**GARY ALLEN NEMETH**  
Occupation: Retired Police Officer

Age: 57

**Education and Qualifications:** Common sense solutions today--for a better tomorrow

As your Councilman for the past eight years I have gained much wisdom by listening to the "voice of the people". I consider it my most valuable asset. For most of my life I have served my country and community: first by gathering then interpreting photographic intelligence in the U.S. Navy, also as a member of Admiral's staff aboard the USS Enterprise in Vietnam. Then as a San Luis Obispo police officer for 30 years.

While performing duties as a police officer I also served as a member of the Planning Commission in Paso Robles for nine years. It was there that I built my reputation on the principles of responsible judgment, fair decisions and strong leadership.

After serving eight years as your City Councilman, including four years Mayor Pro Tem, I feel it is my personal responsibility to continue serving the community and our citizens. As Mayor, I will strive to keep Paso Robles a safe place to live and raise our children, strengthen the economy and stand accountable for every decision I make.

It will be an honor and a great privilege to serve you and the City of Paso Robles as your Mayor. [www.electgarynemethmayor.com](http://www.electgarynemethmayor.com).

s/ Gary Allen Nemeth

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**JOHN BORST**  
Occupation: College Instructor

Age: 56

**Education and Qualifications:** As Mayor I will work to:

Place a moratorium on new high water use construction/development of all types.

Grow better, not bigger. City Council must implement sustainable solutions for economic renewal and community betterment that have broad resident support. This requires actionable knowledge, i.e., learning yearly from all citizens -- via questionnaires and focus groups -- about the quality of life in our community and how best to improve it.

Grow democracy. Make City Council meetings more friendly and productive. For example, make podium use optional and instead provide a microphone for citizens to speak into at their chair; post audio recordings of City Council meetings on a web site; make citizen rebuttal time to Council comments standard procedure; and take a straw poll on key agenda items via the Internet.

Safely return the old merry-go-round to the City Park.

Hire a new City Manager.

Achieve greater cost effectiveness in services to lower water and sewer bills. Indeed, make sure citizens can cast a ballot vote on any City proposal to increase utility rates.

As a resident of Paso Robles for over 12 years I thank you kindly for your vote! [www.votejohnborst.org](http://www.votejohnborst.org)

s/ John Borst

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**DUANE PICANCO**  
Occupation: Councilman

**Education and Qualifications:** High School and College. I operated my business in Paso Robles, twenty-six years. I have served as follows: Planning Commission, Mayor four years, City Council member eighteen years.

The city faces challenges: Maintenance of Facilities, Streets, and infrastructure, Downtown Parking, and declining revenues. I will reach out to the business community. I will seek to help provide retention, expansion and new business. My record shows I speak my opinion, and I'm fiscally conservative.

My other experience includes: Downtown Business Association Treasurer, St. Rose School Board, Camp Fire Girls Board, Paso Robles Lions Zone Chairman, President, Secretary. Downtown Parking District Formation Co-Chairman, Youth Base Ball coach, Youth Football, treasurer. LAFCO City's Representative.

I have a diverse background that enables me to make decisions and represent you. I would appreciate your vote.

s/ Duane Picanco

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FRED STRONG  
Occupation: City Council Member

**Education and Qualifications:** I respectfully ask you to re-elect me to the Paso Robles City Council.

The Paso Robles Council practices respect for each other and our citizens. That's our strength. I'm your fulltime, qualified, available and responsive Council Member. I'll continue to fight for your rights, better services, improved transit, parking, jobs, housing, and planning at the lowest possible taxpayer cost. I voted for your property tax reductions.

I presently serve as Chairman of our Redevelopment Agency and I represent Paso Robles on regional government and public transit (SLOCOG, SLORTA). I serve on the Revenue and Taxation and the Housing, Community and Economic Development policy committees at the state level where I work to retain cooperative local control over decisions and to get more funds for police, fire, water, roads, public transit and State mandates.

I've been a university administrator/educator, print and electronic media professional, business owner, Boy Scout District official, CEO and land use consultant. I've served on community advisory, water, airport and criminal justice committees, headed the SHARE food program with our Food Bank, helped start our city's youth soccer program and headed homeowners and concerned citizens' organizations.

Help keep Paso Robles the best small city anywhere. Vote Strong.

s/ Fred Strong

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ED STEINBECK  
Occupation: Realtor® Age: 60

**Education and Qualifications:** My degree in City Planning, my 18 years experience as a planner for Sonoma County and the City of Sonoma, my nineteen years as a Realtor® in Paso Robles and nine years on the Paso Robles Planning Commission uniquely qualify me for the Council.

I will provide additional perspective on the major issues facing the City over the next few years: 1. Water and how to pay for it, 2. City financial condition in a challenging economy, 3. Completion of the Specific Plans now underway, 4. Completion of Cal Trans traffic studies relating to Highway 46 east and west.

I study issues carefully and consider all perspectives before formulating my position. I believe that informed debate leads to decisions that represent the best interests of the community.

I respectfully ask for your support and thank those who decide to vote for me.

s/ Ed Steinbeck

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DONALD S. FRANSEN JR. Age: 49  
Occupation: Small Business Owner

**Education and Qualifications:** My name is Donald S. Fransen Jr. I am the Sole Proprietor of Reliable Office Machine Repair in Paso Robles.

I am a graduate from Los Angeles Pierce College in Woodland Hills, California with an Associates Degree in Computer Technology. I am a Veteran of the United States Navy Submarine Service.

I have resided in Paso Robles for the past twenty years, and I am a proud member of the community. It is the tremendous support of the constituents of Paso Robles that has encouraged me to pledge my commitment as a member of the City Council. These are my qualification; this is our City, and I believe we should all take pride in ownership.

s/ Donald S. Fransen Jr.

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DANIEL J. FRANKLIN  
Occupation: Locksmith

Age: 28

**Education and Qualifications:** I have lived in Paso Robles my entire life and have watched the city grow and change. If elected, I would like to encourage Intelligent Growth for commercial and residential in respects to our infrastructure.

I will work for better downtown awareness with adequate signage directing tourists in the right direction, address and act on a parking solution(s) as well as keeping downtown original.

I vow that every time I vote on issues that come before me, it will be in the best interests of the people present and future. I will be steadfast in defending the city's history, culture, and identity.

s/ Daniel Franklin

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NICK GILMAN  
Occupation: Architect

Age: 68

**Education and Qualifications:** As a practicing architect, I have aided growth and development in Paso Robles since 1972. I also have actively participated in civic affairs in an effort to guide the city's development. I served on the Planning Commission for nine years, twice as a chairman. I followed this by chairing the Project Area Committee of the Redevelopment Plan, serving for fourteen years.

I have observed that the past rapid growth of Paso Robles has been a mixed blessing. Relative prosperity has also included increasing traffic congestion, expensive housing and very expensive water and sewage issues. The down turn in our economy will force very difficult compromises on the community. Prudent, fiscally conservative leadership is needed for Paso Robles.

I have addressed many of these concerns as a member of the Planning Commission and on the Project Area Committee. My long experience and active professional involvement would be an asset to the Community.

I appreciate your consideration of my candidacy for Paso Robles City Council.

s/ Nick Gilman