



Lauren Ferris (like Bueller or the wheel)

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Arrest Record:	No arrest records.
Political Experience:	Yes, municipal judge.
Current on Taxes:	Yes.

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Why should voters vote for you?

I am the only candidate with relevant government experience working as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of El Paso.

I Am Motivated To Run For Office Because:

There are many motivating reasons I want to run for office. I worked for the City for almost 7 years as an attorney. I have the experience and knowledge of the City operations. I am not happy with our City's current state of affairs in addition to the lacking of a regular individual speaking out on behalf and truly representing of the majority of El Pasoans. (edited, see full answer online)

I Admire:

The list is great. However, to narrow it down I would say my mom. She was recently honored as a top El Paso Woman during Women History Month. There are not enough words I can say about this remarkable woman. She has changed so many lives for the better. (edited, see full answer online)

I Will Vote As A Trustee* Or As A Delegate*

**A trustee votes their conscious on public policy. A delegate votes what their constituency wants.*
I don't believe this would be a one size fits all question. As a trained mediator, I have gained the knowledge and experience on conflict resolution. When making a policy decision, if there are different groups of constituents that have different opinions on a matter, I would bring all the stakeholders together to try and reach a compromise. (edited, see full answer online)

I Will Stay In Touch With My Constituency By:

My plan is to continue at least once a month meeting with constituents in a casual setting (like the existing Coffee with your City Rep.) to discuss concerns. (edited, see full answer online)

Top Three Issues

1. Fiscal Responsibility, no tax increases.
2. Street Repairs and Maintenance.
3. Communication with constituents.

The 2012 Multipurpose Cultural Arts & Entertainment Center

Arena is costing us more than I believe it will make and ultimately, taxpayers will be burdened yet again. We currently have multiple, multipurpose venues that are hardly filled or sold out. We need to maintain the integrity of our rich, El Paso history. If legally allowed, we should repurpose the bond funds in to revitalizing the Abraham Chavez Theatre or Convention Center, both of which are downtown. Additionally, we should look at revitalizing the proposed location of Durangito into a vibrant tourist location while preserving the history. I have visited many areas similar to this such as, Old Town in Wichita, Kansas, Bricktown in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Old Mesilla in Las Cruces, New Mexico, etc. These were all once blighted areas, but full of history and transformed into unique areas that tourists love to visit in addition to boosting the local economy. (edited, see full answer online.)