

Candidate Statement

Joe Ganem
City Council District 1
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A lifetime of career and service has prepared me to represent the First District in Long Beach, our home for the last 14 years. Marsha and I have been married 42 years and have 4 sons and five grandchildren. My work career includes service as a police officer, city administrator, trade and environmental association executive, and governmental affairs representative at the state and federal level. In Long Beach, I helped form neighborhoods, and served as President of the Downtown Residential Council, and remain on their board. I was appointed to the Homeless Services Advisory Committee and Continuum of Care Board, serving nearly 4 years. Also Volunteered with the Police and Fire Departments to interview recruits for several years.

The District has significant issues in Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Parking and Traffic Management. I've worked with multiple-agencies and jurisdictions and have served on a council of governments. I'm well prepared to work on these and other important matters before the City Council. The City has a \$3B annual operating budget with over 5000 employees. It's an important role that requires experienced, mature citizens to serve.

This is the first time I've run for elective office. I will appreciate your vote and pledge to listen to the voters in making decisions. Thank you!