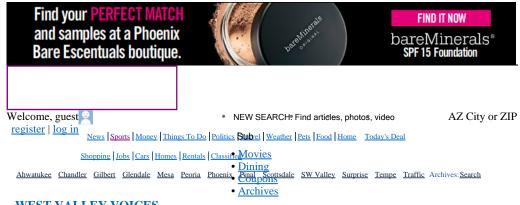
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Meck: Much work has been done, more awaits



Editor's note: Buckeye Mayor Jackie Meck faces a challenge for re-election from <u>Tom Campanella</u>.

By Jackie Meck

As mayor of Buckeye, it has been my privilege to work full time on behalf of all of our residents to see Buckeye move forward.

Much has been accomplished, but there is much to do, and I ask the Buckeye voters to vote for me to continue this work as your mayor.

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Buckeye has always been a place of neighbors working together, and my goal is to encourage that to continue, especially with the unprecedented growth of new members to our community.

I was invited and have personally met with a majority of our 21 homeowners associations to hear their issues. I am very concerned that our neighborhoods are well-represented and joined together into the fabric of our community.

My vision for our future begins with securing jobs "right now." I have worked non-stop to get employers to locate in Buckeye and have seen results, including Worley Parsons Engineering offices, Zachry Solar Construction, West Valley Emergency Center, Banner Health, and Estrella Mountain Community College's Buckeye campus... to name a few.

I personally have spoken at 61 ribbon cuttings in Buckeye. Through the Mayor's Jobs Initiative, I have provided weekly updates to approximately 6,000 people regarding job fairs and job openings.

Infrastructure needs are critical for our future, as well. We have engaged with Southwest Gas Corp. to install high-capacity gas lines that will serve our industrial zones and enable us to attract large industry.

Water and sewer connections are a vital part of this vision. This is happening today.

Our future also requires education. Building upon our success with Estrella Mountain Community College's campus, I am actively pursuing a four-year college campus within our town planning area.

I serve on many boards and use every opportunity to find ways to positively impact our entire community. This gives Buckeye a voice at the Maricopa Association of Governments, Luke Air Force Base, West Valley Hospital, Interstate 11 Coalition and many others.

The reality is we are faced with a tough economy that has challenged our resources, jobs, homes and very livelihood. The opportunity before us is to pull up our bootstraps and work together so tomorrow is a better day for us, our children and our grandchildren.

I understand that so many families are struggling financially. As a town, we have had to make tough decisions as we are required by law to balance our <u>budget</u>.

Accordingly, I requested that my mayor's salary be reduced to zero. I also turned in my town-provided vehicle so it could be used where it is needed most.

As citizens, we must continue to support and encourage one another. A great way to start is to know your neighbor and Γm thankful to have met so many new residents.

My home and personal cell numbers have always been available to residents. I can also be reached through my website, www.MayorMeck.com.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and hope Buckeye voters will enable me to keep Buckeye "Open for Business."

Jackie Meck is seeking re-election as mayor of Buckeye.

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