

## 2017 General Election Candidate Statement For Michael D, Tsikouris

I have served as your First Ward Councilman for almost 16 years. I would like to review some events that have occurred during my tenure. On August 15, 2002 the City of Campbell was suddenly notified by letter that Cold Metal Products was closing the Campbell Production Facility and permanently laying off 116 employees. This had a reverberating effect on Campbell's finances. Projections showed a funding deficiency of \$600,000 forcing layoffs of City employees. On June 10, 2004 the City was declared in Fiscal Emergency. After years of effort on everyone's part, using a combination of budget cuts and new sources of revenue to reduce the deficit, the City emerged from fiscal emergency on October 2, 2013. I am grateful to the citizens of Campbell for passing and renewing our operational levies which aided our financial recovery.

The City has had a declining population and as a result there are fewer citizens to bear the cost of maintaining and paving our streets and repairing/replacing our storm water lines. Campbell citizens responded to our city's needs by supporting a 3 mil street paving levy in addition to a \$3 monthly assessment (included on our water bill) to address storm water issues. The monies are being used as matching funds to obtain additional State and Federal dollars. We are now able to address Campbell's aging infrastructure. We began by addressing catch basin cleanout and repairs and subsequently paving our primary streets while using very little of our own dollars. We are now able to concentrate on our secondary streets where we hope to make significant progress in the future. Thank you for your patience.

We are also addressing our housing issues. The City has contracted with a Property Specialist to address our rental properties, and vacant and abandoned structures. She will facilitate registration, code enforcement, and demolition of these properties. Results of her efforts can already be seen throughout the city.

Much has been accomplished since 2002, yet many more challenges remain. With your support we can meet these challenges. It has been a pleasure to serve the citizens of the First Ward and the entire city for the past 16 years. I look forward to serving you in the future.