

Candidate Statement

DR. DON EMMONS, DVM, WANTS TO MAKE ORO VALLEY GOVERNMENT MORE CITIZEN FRIENDLY, TRANSPARENT, AND RESPONSIVE TO ALL

“It is time for a change in the way our town government operates and I will work to make it more friendly, transparent and respected by all.”

For too many years, I've watched many of the elected officials of Oro Valley act as if they were a completely dysfunctional family: Fighting, name calling, distrust of each other. I firmly believe that it is time for a government that can work together to accomplish goals that will be beneficial for all of the citizens of our wonderful town. It's time to stop the imprudent and irresponsible decisions and behavior displayed by some of the elected officials of Oro Valley.

When elected, I vow to work with the other Council Members to the best of my ability. I vow to strive for the excellence for which we want Oro Valley to be known.

The vast majority of our fellow citizens share my vision of Oro Valley. We must protect our environment. We have to be judicious in all future development. We have two precious commodities: Our citizens and our water. We have to protect both!

A property tax is not needed. What we do need is more fiscal responsibility. We must curtail our expenditures because, through no fault of our own, our revenue stream has diminished. Less state shared revenue; less sales tax revenue and less building mean less impact fees.

Taxing the citizens more is not the answer. David Andrews knew that and he was terminated. The manner in which Mr. Andrews, our town manager, was terminated made the decision for me to run for Town Council all that much easier.

Having meaningful dialogue means listening to all sides of an issue. I will not be beholden to any special interest group, within or outside of our government. All of my decisions will be based on what is best for the community and what we are mandated to do, based on our General Plan.

Carolyn, my wife of twenty-two years, and I have made Oro Valley our home since 1998. We share our home with our daughter Heather, a U of A student, our ten-year old Cocker Spaniel Charlie and our four cats.

I have graduated from the Citizens Planning Institute and have read the General Plan from cover to cover. I have the ability to learn fast as is evidenced by the fact I completed an eight-year program to become a veterinarian in only six years.

I served ten years in the Air Force and am a disabled veteran. I wore the uniform with pride and I hold our town and country very dear to my heart. I will serve faithfully and diligently on the Town Council

It is time for our Town to heal. It is time to change the way our town government operates. I will work towards making our town more citizen- friendly, transparent and respected by all.

To paraphrase from Lincoln's second inaugural address: "With malice towards none; with charity for all; with fairness in the right, let us strive forth to finish the work we are in; to bind up the Town's wounds."

I hope you will believe that I am worthy of your support. If I am honored to serve you, I promise to do so with integrity, intelligence and dignity.

Dr. Don Emmons DVM