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South Mtn. Freeway debate

Candidates present their views

The *Ahwatukee Republic* invited the four candidates for Phoenix City Council in District 6 — incumbent Sal DiCiccio and challengers Dana Marie Kennedy, Nathan R. Oshop and Barry Pacey — to briefly give their views on the proposed South Mountain Freeway. Their responses appear on these pages. The primary is Sept. 1 and early voting is under way.

Challenging problem requires cooperation throughout village

I oppose the proposed 10-lane freeway through Ahwatukee.

I've lived in our community for 23 years. I talk with you in our stores, our restaurants and our parks. I know how divided this is for you and for our families. Some in our community strongly oppose the freeway; others strongly support it. Some are looking for a compromise, such as a parkway that prohibits truck traffic through our community.



SAL DICICCIO

Ahwatukee was given the short shrift in planning this corridor. While others' needs have been considered, Ahwatukee has been pretty much handed a 10-lane plan without adequate conversation about alternatives.

My approach on this — and complicated issues with multiple perspectives and passions — is to gather interested parties and discover what's really important to all of them, then find what best answers those key needs.

Together, we will come up with an Ahwatukee solution to this. When the environmental report is complete, we'll know more precisely what we're facing. I will then assemble individuals from all sides in one room, and reasonable people will come up with a reasonable solution. Although the state has final say, I believe we will have a forceful voice in the final outcome.

The very way we've resolved other problems in our community is how we will solve this one — by working together.