



2020 Candidate Questionnaire

**CCC&Y is a non-partisan organization and will not endorse candidates. We do support educated, engaged and participatory communities. Thank you to all the candidates for your willingness to serve the community, and especially, by answering this questionnaire, helping voters to become informed.*

The responses from the candidates will be uploaded to our website <https://coconinokids.org/candidates-2020/> as received without edits.

Directions: Please provide **your** response for the questions and information below without referring to another candidate. **Questionnaires that mention another candidate will not be posted.**

Candidate Name: Jim McCarthy

Office: Flagstaff City Council

The mission of CCC&Y is: Igniting collective action to cultivate, honor & empower resilient, thriving communities.

The vision of CCC&Y is: We envision a holistic community where all children of Coconino County are increasingly free from trauma experience and all have equitable opportunities that build resiliency.

Please describe how your leadership and sphere of influence will impact this mission and vision; paying special attention to issues involving education, child welfare, environmental equity, and criminal justice reform?

Arizona is a wonderful state, but its funding for education is dismal. I support Proposition 208 to supplement existing school funding. During the Flagstaff budget process, I will continue to support funding after-school programs, recreational programs, and our libraries. Especially if we get a more friendly legislature after the election, I will lobby for early childhood development programs to help children excel when they get to kindergarten and grade school.

If you find yourself faced with issues that are new to you or not fully understood by yourself, how do you plan to be influenced and make informed decisions?

Input from individuals and organizations is essential to making informed decisions. My goal is to look beyond simple ideology to find solutions that really work. Since being on Council, I have found that there are many people in the community that care about issues. I often meet with these people to get their input.

Lastly, is there anything further you would like to share with us?

If you look at my record for the last four years on Council, my six years on the Planning & Zoning Commission, and my four years on the Water Commission, I believe you will find that I have supported programs for youth, environmental equity, and justice.