

2026 Candidate Evaluation: *Gilbert Town Council*

Evaluated by: _____

Please note, the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce requires that any member business—or individual representing a member business—that has made a financial contribution to a candidate’s campaign, or is currently serving in any capacity on a candidate’s campaign, must recuse themselves from participation in all aspects of the evaluation, scoring, and endorsement recommendation process for that specific race.

Scoring Rubric:

- 0 – Insufficient:** No response or incomplete answer
- 1 – Poor:** The candidate’s response was entirely out of alignment with the Chamber’s priorities and values.
- 2 – Fair:** The candidate made several points that were out of alignment with the Chamber’s priorities, values.
- 3 – Good:** The candidate made some points that were in alignment with the Chamber’s priorities and values.
- 4 – Very good:** Most of the candidate’s points are in alignment with the Chamber’s priorities and values.
- 5 – Excellent:** The candidate is in complete alignment with the Chamber’s priorities and values.

Interview Response	Council Candidates						
	Bongiovanni	Buchli	Coen	Goulden	Obayomi	Spence	Torgeson
Enter a score for each response:	0 thru 5						
Question: When it comes to economic development and the business environment, what new or existing initiatives would you support to encourage businesses to start, grow, and stay in Gilbert?							
Question: How would you address regulatory hurdles or permitting challenges?							
Question: The Town Council has recently approved significant increases to utility rates. How do you balance infrastructure needs with the financial impact on residents and businesses?							
Question: As Gilbert approaches build-out, what types of businesses or industries should the Town actively prioritize—or not prioritize—and why?							
Question: What role do you think redevelopment should play in Gilbert’s future, and what outcomes would you hope to see from that effort?							
Question: With the transition in Town leadership, including the departure of the Town Manager, how will you help ensure stability and effective governance during this period?							
Question: Gilbert has a large and growing municipal budget. How will you approach budgeting and prioritization to ensure responsible spending while supporting essential services and economic growth?							
Question: What responsibility do elected officials have in setting the tone for respectful discourse, and how do you model that in your interactions?							
Question: What does a strong, effective partnership with the Chamber look like in practice, and how would you engage with the business community, if elected?							
Overall: The candidate demonstrates a clear understanding of and support for the Chamber’s priorities?							
Overall: Will this candidate professionally represent our community when working with local businesses and helping to attract new businesses to Gilbert?							
Voting Record Consideration: Incumbents may receive up to five additional points based on their current voting record thru May 20, 2026.	TBD	TBD					TBD
Total:							

Total Possible Points: 60