HELLO, I’M TOM WIKNICH

TODAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2014.

AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW KZGN NEWS SEGMENT CALLED

KZGN NEWS TALKING POINTS EDITORIAL

THIS WILL BE A TWICE A WEEK SEGMENT AIRING TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS DURING THE REGULAR NEWS CAST IN ACCORDANCE WITH FCC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

THIS NEW TALKING POINTS SEGMENT WILL EXPRESS THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS OF THE OWNERS OF KZGN TV. NOT THE OPINIONS OF ANYONE ELSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATION.

I SUPPOSE YOUR FIRST QUESTION IS WHY WILL I BE DOING THIS? THE REASON IS SIMPLE.

ALL THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA HERE FOR YEARS HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, ELECTIONS, AND OTHER ELECTED BODIES BY THEIR EDITORIALS AND OPINION PAGES.

SOME EVEN GIVE SUBSTANTIAL FREE SPACE IN THEIR PUBLICATION FOR OPINIONS FROM PEOPLE THAT DON’T EVEN LIVE IN CALIFORNIA. YOU HEARD ME RIGHT. THEY LIVE CLEAR ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

I CONTEND THAT KZGN SHARES THE SAME FREEDOM OF SPEECH RIGHT TO EXPRESS OUR THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ON ISSUES CONCERNING RIDGECREST AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

AND, BY THE WAY, WE ARE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA.

AS IN THE FORMAT OF CERTAIN TV PROGRAMS, I’LL PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND ON AN ISSUE OR SERIES OF ISSUES, AND THEN PROVIDE COMMENT ON THOSE ISSUES.

IN THE FUTURE WE MAY ALSO HAVE STUDIO GUESTS TO SHARE IN THIS DISCUSSION.

I AM ENCOURAGING E MAIL COMMENTS ON ISSUES I WILL BRING UP. PLEASE SEND YOUR E MAIL COMMENTS TO [INFO@KZGN.NET](mailto:INFO@KZGN.NET). BETWEEN THIS PROGRAM AND THE NEXT PROGRAM, I WILL REVIEW E MAIL COMMENTS. I WILL SHARE SOME VIEWERS COMMENTS AS TIME PERMITS USING 1ST NAMES ONLY.

HOWEVER, JUST AS THE NEWSPAPERS REQUIRE IN THEIR LETTERS TO THE EDITORS, SUBMITTED COMMENTS MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SO WE CAN ASCERTAIN THE SOURCE OF THE E MAIL.

ANONYMOUS E MAILS WILL NOT BE READ ON AIR.

ALSO, THESE EDITORIALS WILL BE AVIALABLE ON THE KZGN TV WEB SITE AT [WWW.KZGN.NET](http://WWW.KZGN.NET).

NOW ON TO TODAYS SEGMENT;

FIRST, I WANT TO WISH ALL THE NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS CONGRATULATIONS UPON THEIR ELECTION.

I OFFER MY SUPPORT AND HELP TO ANY OF THEM IF THEY WOULD LIKE MY HELP.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUTGOING INCUMBENTS FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY.

I BELIEVE THEY ALL CARE ABOUT RIDGECREST AND WANT THE CITY TO GO ON AND PROSPER.

WITH THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL HAVING 3 TOTALLY NEW MEMBERS AND 2 WITH JUST 2 YEARS UNDER THEIR BELTS NOW, THEIR CHALLENGES WILL BE GREAT.

THE LEAVING INCUMBENTS, COULD HELP THIS NEW COUNCIL GET A HEAD START.

IN THEIR MANY YEARS ON THE COUNCIL MAYOR CLARK, COUNCILMAN HOLLOWAWAY AND COUNCILMAN MORGAN HAVE ESTABLISHED MANY SOURCES AND PARTNERS BENEFICIAL TO THE PEOPLE OF RIDGECREST.

I BELIEVE THEY NEED TO NOW TAKE THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS AND INTRODUCE THEM TO THESE IMPORTANT CONTACTS THEY HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS.

SO RELATIONSHIPS CAN CONTINUE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF RIDGECREST.

THIS SHOULD BE A PASSING OF THE TORCH TO THE NEW MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS.

THESE RELATIONSHIPS WERE DEVELOPED WHILE THEY WERE IN SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF RIDGECREST.

THE PEOPLE DESERVE THE OUTGOING INCUMBENTS TO PASS ON THESE CONTACTS AND PARTNERSHIPS TO THE NEW MEMBERS.

THIS PASSING ON OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE TAKING PLACE NOW, BEFORE THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY IN DECEMBER.

TIME IS IMPORTANT.

THE NEWLY ELECTED SHOULD BE CONTACTING THE OUTGOING INCUMBENTS TO START THEIR PHASE IN NOW.

AND THE OUTGOING MEMBERS SHOULD REACH OUT TO THE NEW ONES NOW AS WELL.

I’M NOT SAYING THIS SHARING OF INFO IS NOT HAPPENING. I DON’T KNOW IF IT IS OR ISN’T.

I’M ONLY SAYING THAT THIS SHOULD BE GOING ON NOW, AND NOT LATER.

ALL THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS ARE EITHER BUSINESS PEOPLE OR CONTRACTORS HERE.

THIS IS A GOOD MIX.

IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHICH OF THEM STEPS UP AND PUTS FORWARD THE MANY HOURS IT TAKES TO DO THE JOB THOROUGHLY.

NOT JUST SHOW UP TO MEETINGS.

NEXT PROGRAM, I’LL HAVE OTHER THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ON THE NEW COUNCIL.

I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE PEOPLE THAT PUT ON A FANTASTIC PETROGLYPH FESTIVAL LAST WEEKEND. IF YOU DIDN’T COME DOWN FOR IT, YOU MISSED A GREAT EVENT.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO SEE KZGN’S COMPLETE NEWS COVERAGE OF THE FESTIVAL, GO TO EITHER OUR YOUTUBE FACEBOOK TWITTER FOR NEWS AND VIDEO COVERAGE DATED 11-17-2014.

IN CLOSING, TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK!

I ENCOURAGE YOUR E MAIL COMMENTS ON THIS SEGMENT.

WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH ME OR DON’T, I’D LIKE TO READ YOUR COMMENTS.

I WILL READ SOME E MAIL COMMENTS ON THE AIR OF THE NEXT PROGRAM.

OR, IF YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION OF AN ISSUE YOU’D LIKE ME TO DISCUSS, E MAIL THAT TO ME AS WELL.

PLEASE E MAIL THEM TO [INFO@KZGN.NET](mailto:INFO@KZGN.NET).

THIS HAS BEEN KZGN TALKING POINTS EDITORIAL.

OUR NEW SEGMENT TO AIR TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, I’M TOM WIKNICH, AND THAT’S WHAT I THINK!