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Lili Bosse: I Created The BOSSE Plan To Help The City

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The Courier had the opportunity to sit down with newly elected Councilmember Lili Bosse to discuss her feelings on the Council Campaign and her plans for the future of Beverly

Hills.

The Courier: What were some highlights of the campaign?

Lili Bosse: What comes to mind first would be how so

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many people came together to work together. I loved walking the City and meeting so many incredible people. I think I did touch probably 90 percent or 95 percent of the community. It was truly the most incredibly experience of my life, this whole campaign process.

TC: What were some low points of the campaign?

LB: I didn't have any. The whole experience, I was just so focused and I lived and breathed it 24 hours a day. I re-

ally did. At night when I should be sleeping, I was lying in bed thinking about what had happened that day and whom I had met. The only thing was it was my entire life for nine months and I was also chairing the Planning Commission. So if anything, being able to see friends.

TC: What are your major concerns going into your tenure on the council?

LB: I had this Bosse plan, which is what I talked about throughout the entire campaign. The plan really reflected what I felt our City needed to

be addressing should I be elected. Each of the letters represented a part of what I feel. "B" was budget accountability, "O" was open government, "S" was safety and security, "S" was strategic planning and "E" was education. Within all of those elements, number one is the budget. That we have a budget that is clearly sustainable. I think we have to start dealing with pensions and having pensions that are sustainable. Obviously, they will be fair, but they need to be sustainable.

TC: How do you plan to create sustainable pensions?

LB: I think a lot of that takes place in the negotiating room. My number one plan is going forward we have to have whatever is agreed upon be something we feel is sustainable. So, to me, the plan really is that with whatever is agreed upon we are completely aware of the fact that this is something we can count on as sustainable for our community.

TC: What do you hope to accomplish during your council tenure?

LB: I would like to feel that I am a councilmember that people would be proud. That our City becomes one where people are going to want to open their businesses here again.

TC: Will you ask for any assignments that take advantage of Planning Commission expertise?

LB: I think when you spend

the years on the Planning Commission, you look at things with a completely different eye. It's all about looking at things with foresight, seeing what the impacts will be in the future. By being on the Planning Commission, you're able to see not just what is occurring at that moment but you're able to see what potential impacts could happen in the future.

TC: What are the City's strengths?

LB: I think we the best police, fire and schools. I think that's why people move here and people choose to stay here is because they feel safe and the level of service is the best here in Beverly Hills. I think we're a community that's values our public education and the values of giving a great education to our children.

TC: What are the City's weaknesses?

LB: I would say number one I think there have been too many instances where we're not a City of "yes it can be done" as much as I would like it to be. I've heard the stories from so many people, people who have wanted to open businesses here to people who have wanted to live here that things were very difficult. We need to do a better job of being user friendly.

TC: How can you improve the weaknesses?

LB: I think having my Planning background helps me see with a more trained eye when

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there are situations that don't need to take so many steps to get to the end.

TC: How will serving on the council affect your family?

LB: I specifically chose to run at this point in my life because both of our sons are essentially men now. They're both away in college. I think now is the absolute right time for me to run because when I commit to something, I really give it all of me.

TC: Once your sworn in, will you change from representing the taxpayers to promoting City staff?

LB: A staff report is just a piece of information. My job is to get as much information and facts as possible. I have never and I never will just count staff's recommendation as being the final word.

TC: Mayor Delshad was incredibly aggressive in promoting Beverly Hills. How will you continue what he began?

LB: I think it's something I've always done and always believed in. So, it's just going to be something I will continue to do because I always have. I have always been someone who I think because I've lived here my whole life, I grew up here, I feel that Beverly Hills is really an extension of who I am and I think I understand our community because I feel that I am so much a part of our community because I grew up here.