**Sean Schmidt for Gonzales City Council**

***New Leadership for a Better Gonzales***

A Monterey County native, my family’s roots run deep in the Salinas Valley. I come from a long line of ranchers and business owners that have brought new and innovative ideas to our communities – including the first water company in the Alisal. I began in Leadership when I was only 9 years old by joining Natividad 4H. I’m a graduate of North Salinas High School where I was actively involved in FFA. I graduated from Heald College in 2012 with a degree in Criminal Justice. I have worked in a variety of blue-collar professions throughout my career, most recently as a Supervisor for the Facilities Department for the City of Salinas, where I coordinate a team of 8 and oversee over 50 buildings and properties under the care of the City.

Married in 2005, my wife, Lesleigh, our adult son, Tyler and our daughter Austyn were able to purchase our first home and become residents of Gonzales in 2014. Since moving to Gonzales, I have had the opportunity to serve my community as a Firefighter for the City of Gonzales for 7 years, where I was chosen as Firefighter of the Year in 2018 and obtained the rank of Lieutenant. For the last year I have served on the Measure K Advisory Committee – where we help promote transparency and provide advisory recommendations on the use and budget of the funds received through the Temporary Use Tax.

As part of the City Council for the City of Gonzales, I hope to serve my community and the people within my municipality to the best of my ability. I want to help make sure that the civic services available to our citizens are what the people of our community need. I want to look at our current infrastructure and see how we can fix and improve what we have, to work better for our people. I want to make sure that the funds the City receives are being put to the best use for those in our City. I hope to bring new ideas to the table so I can help improve our municipality while still keeping the small-town community we all love.