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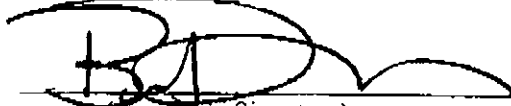
Registrar of Voters Fax Number: (209) 525-5802

COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 5

My name is: Branden P. Mello
(Please Print)

I reside at: 417 Wentworth Lane
(Physical Address)

Modesto
(City)


(Candidate Signature)

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General Information**First Name:** Branden**Last Name:** Mello**Middle Name:** P.**Are you a Resident of Council District 5 in the City of Modesto?** Yes**How long have you been a resident of District 5?** More than 30 Days**Are you a registered voter within the City of Modesto?** Yes**Candidate Registration Verification** *Pending Verification***How long have you been registered to Vote?** Approx. 20 years**Address:** c/o Damrell, Nelson, et al. 1601 I Street, Fifth Floor, Modesto, CA 95354**Email:** bmello@damrell.com**Business Phone:** 209.526.3500**Home Phone:** 408.858.3128 (M)**Occupation:** Attorney**Place of Employment:** Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, Pallios, Pacher & Silva**Education:** Bachelor of Science (1994); Bachelor of Arts (1994); Juris Doctor (1998); Master Of Business Administration (1998) - Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California.**Field of Specialty:** Trusts & Estates; Business Planning/Transactions; Intellectual Property.**Areas of Special Interest:** Business development, marketing and public relations; Teaching business law courses.**Organizations:** Central Valley Professional Exchange; Courts & Their Community Committee (Stanislaus County Superior Court); State Bar Of California; Stanislaus County Bar Association; Estate Planning Council of Stanislaus County**Elected offices held:** N/A**Community Work:** Philanthropic work through many of the above-listed organizations; Pro bono legal work; School volunteer.

Upload Resume: No Resume Uploaded

I, the applicant, am sincerely interested in serving as an (Interim) District 5 Councilmember

I Agree

Recvd: 9/23/10



Supplemental Questionnaire

This questionnaire will assist the City Council in assessing your qualifications and experience for the City Council vacancy.

1. **Please explain your two most important reasons for wanting to serve on the City Council.**
 - a. I want to take an active role in Modesto's leadership to help address and to be responsive to the issues, challenges and concerns of the residents of District 5 and all Modestans, especially during these difficult economic times.
 - b. I want to help maintain and further the City Council's efforts to make Modesto the best place it can be -- a community in which its citizens enjoy a wonderful quality of life and in which businesses can grow and thrive.

2. **In your opinion, what is the most important asset/perspective you would bring to the City Council?**

The City Council has been required to make particularly difficult decisions during these very trying economic times, and undoubtedly this will continue. I believe that in addition to my legal and business skills -- coupled with conscientious decision-making experience -- I would bring a fresh perspective and healthy optimism to the City Council as it grapples with these tough decisions.

3. **What role do you feel the City Council plays in making Modesto a desirable community in which to live and/or work?**

The City Council plays a critical role, especially now when so many in our community are struggling. The challenges facing our community are many and I believe Modestans expect the City's leadership to make informed and thoughtful decisions. It is incumbent upon the City Council to remain committed to promoting Modesto and to establish policies which foster sustainable development and attract new business investment.

4. **What are the five most critical issues facing the City during the next five years?**

. Supporting and sustaining local business; . Attracting new business investment to our community; . Maintaining and enhancing public safety; . Continuing fiscal responsibility; and . Fostering and supporting neighborhood associations and similar programs.

5. **Please provide three (3) Character References:**

Hon. Hugh Rose III Jeff Cowan Dale & Kirstie Boyett