



City of Menifee

# STATEMENT OF INTEREST FORM

## MENIFEE CITY COUNCIL

Interested persons seeking consideration for appointment to serve of the City Council of the City of Menifee are invited to complete the following statement if interest. This appointment to District 2 will expire upon the election and qualification of a successor at the next General Municipal Election, November 4, 2026.

Additional information or resumes may be attached on separate sheets. Submissions must also include a copy of the interested person's driver's license.

**Submission Period:** December 23, 2024, through January 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: GEORGE MILLS

Phone: [REDACTED] <sup>WORK</sup> Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] City: MENIFEE Zip: 92584

Email: [REDACTED]

Years Lived in Menifee: 36 Occupation: SELF - BUSINESS OWNER

Do you plan to run for District 2 in the 2026 General Election? YES -

### APPLICATION SIGNATURE

I understand that any or all information on this form may be verified. I further understand that this document may be considered a public document.

**I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

[REDACTED] JANUARY 7 - 2025

Signature Date

**Return applications to:** Stephanie Roseen, City Clerk, [sroseen@cityofmenifee.us](mailto:sroseen@cityofmenifee.us)

**Mail/Drop-Off:** City of Menifee, 29844 Haun Road, Menifee, CA 92586

**Applications must be received by January 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to be considered**

George Mills

Menifee, CA 92584

#### Why I want to represent District #2 – Menifee City Council

First off, I want to say I have lived in Menifee for most of the last 38 years, 27 of those years in District #2. I have lived in the rural areas off of Scott Rd to the Lazy Creek Neighborhood to the Menifee Ranch neighborhood off of Bradley. I have watched the city grow from having one elementary school and one middle school and no high school to the city it is today. Over the last six to eight years we have had residential housing growth which leads to numerous other issues. While at times I would like to see housing growth slow down I am not anti-home building. Menifee is a wonderful city and a great place to live which is one reason we, Menifee, are building like we are. I got my piece of the pie, who am I to keep someone from getting theirs!

My community involvement is long and deep.

In 1993, myself and 4 other dads started the Menifee Valley Little League so our kids no longer had to play in Lake Elsinore. The last time I went by Wheat Field the rusted tool boxes that I donated were still chained to the dugouts for the umpire's gear.

I have sat on The Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce Board as a board member (2016), secretary, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Board and in 2018-2020 when I resigned after having bypass surgery. From 2017- 2020 we saw great growth with the chamber having our first Chamber breakfast with speakers like State Senator Melissa Melendez, DA Michael Hestrin and County Supervisor Jeff Hewitt. The Menifee Chamber had never done that before to my knowledge. We also restarted up the Patriot Cup Golf Tournament where we honored Veterans.

I currently sit as a Board of Governor for Southwest Healthcare-Rancho Springs and Inland Valley Hospitals

I currently sit on the Board of Directors the Boys and Girls Club of the Inland Valley overseeing the Menifee Valley and Perris clubhouses and building a new clubhouse in San Jacinto.

I have sat/ sit on the citizens oversight Committee for measure W school bond for the Perris High School District where we over saw the funding on the major upgrades to Heritage and Paloma High Schools as well as the building of the absolutely beautiful Liberty High School.

I sit on and volunteer for the Rock Your Red event which provides Stroke and Heart Attack education and raises funds for the American Heart Association.

I am the current President of the Rotary Club of Menifee where 3 years ago I started the School Supplies Drive which has since been handed off to Rotary.

And then in my spare time I run a successful home inspection company doing an average of 350 inspections a year; many of these homes are in Menifee, where I try to educate new residents about the great things the city has to offer. For many of these folks I am their first introduction to the city.

I have also attended and completed both the Meniffee Citizens Academy and the Meniffee Master's Real Estate Program. I will continue to give back to the citizens of Meniffee and serve my neighbors of District #2.

My top three goals for the city would be obviously:

#1 traffic. While the Holland bridge has helped, the fact that there is really only one viable east-west corridor for most of the cars driving through our city- Newport Rd is not enough. Scott Rd needs to be widened and I know it is on the table but it needs to be expedited. With Scott Rd going from two lanes just east of Briggs Rd to four lanes and once over the overpass back to two lanes it creates a major bottle neck. There are many streets in District #2 that are just like this- Haun Rd between Scott Rd and Holland. Murrieta Rd from Craig Rd to Newport Rd. The city cannot wait for developers to come in and up grade these roads. How about with the new Holland Bridge and then Holland goes to two lanes just Past Evans Rd. These areas do not even begin to deal with the number of dirt roads that fall in the city limits. With so many dirt roads how does public safety play into that; Response times for fire and police. I realize that some of these roads are private but safety should be first for all citizens. What is going to happen at Zeiders Rd and Keller Rd when Murrieta starts to build all homes at the south end of the city?

What about the issue with Trash pick up off of Scott Rd- Bundy Canyon. All of a sudden Waster Management says they can no longer provide trash pick up when they have been doing so since I moved here in 1988?

#2- Health care? The Meniffee Hospital also known as KPH healthcare is an embarrassment to the boomtown we are living in. Thank God we have great healthcare with our neighbors to the south. Meniffee needs to be PUSHING HARD to bring in quality doctors, healthcare groups and a world class hospital. We need medical offices and clinics so we do not need to drive to Murrieta, Temecula, Moreno Valley or Riverside.

#3 Quality of Life: Along with healthcare we need to have more open spaces and parks. District #2 is very underprivileged in this area. Unless you live in a newer neighborhood you do not have a park or tot lot. Builders need to be required to set aside more play areas. In my opinion, Quartz Ranch, is a terrible design. The parking lot is too small- there is no parking on the street and yes there is some grass area but there are no back stops or designated ball fields. Yes, Audie Murphy Ranch, La Ladera Park, and Marsden have better designed parks but the planning commission has failed the city on this one. In my day you could go to the local school and paly but schools are locked down today.

The best thing the City has done was to install our own Municipal Police Department. I am Very Proud to say that I was asked to sit on the committee to interview and hire the second and third MPD employees by former Police Chief Pat Walsh, that is where I met the current Chief Chris Karrer and Captain David Gutierrez. I was also there when they were sworn in. The MPD has my full and unwavering support and will always be top of mind if I am appointed. Cal Fire does a great job in our city with station #7 always being one of the busiest fire houses in the county.

#4 Meniffee's Identity: I am not 100% sure on what our Identity should be- we are at a major crossroads.

Yes, with Scott Rd we are the back door to the Temecula Valley Wineries; but we do not grow grapes. We have the most decorated WW2 war veteran (Audie Murphy) who has some ties to the city but they cannot be substantiated. I would love to see a major park investment on the east side of the freeway

between Scott Rd and Garbani that would be similar but better than the Silver Lakes Facility in Norco. This could be the premier destination for baseball and soccer teams and tournaments, plus concerts like Boots in the Park. It would be closer than the wine country of Temecula but add hotels and restaurants. We in the middle between San Diego, LA, Orange County and this could bring in major funding to the city if planned right.

Growth- Menifee is going to continue to grow whether we like it or not. We have open land and a great environment. As far as the city bringing in business? Why is Menifee the donut hole in an area where all of the cities around us are growing. Look just one street south at all of the new businesses, Home Depot, Costco, Ross and more. Look at Winchester and the new center at Winchester Rd and Newport Rd. or a little further south to Thompson or Benton Rd. Hemet is building, Lake Elsinore is building. What are we doing wrong, In 38 years the only thing built between Scott Rd and Holland Rd off of Haun Rd is another storage facility and cell phone tower. That is prime freeway frontage. We are doing something wrong and we need to figure it out soon or it will be all apartments mandated by the State of California.

District #2 is really the most diverse district in the city. We have extreme wealth in homes like Audie Murphy and Calder Ranch (million dollar homes) where one home has an underground bunker that sleeps twelve comfortably to the neighborhoods of Quail Valley where there are very narrow one way streets and the hope that one day EMWD will put in sewer lines so they can be rid of their septic tanks- let's not forget Cottonwood Canyon, The groves off of Sterns and Sherman or the neighborhood off of Geary. We have very dense populated areas with apartments and condos and a Central Park that is too small to hold any kind of function of size.

Apartments and mass housing is coming- get ready! Traffic- Schools- healthcare – all of it is undersized and if you are not happy now wait til then.

In conclusion, I want to be appointed for the next District #2 councilman because I know this city in and out- from Ethanac to Keller, Briggs to Cottonwood Canyon. I have a heart for this city and only want to share my love for her with others. Thank you for your consideration.