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## **Letter: Desert Hot Springs needs to change**

It's no surprise that Joe McKee ran away with the Desert Hot Springs candidates debate on Sept. 12. He came with current information, facts and statistical data. Other candidates didn't even know how many police officers we have or the true crime rate in this city.

Desert Hot Springs is in a world of hurt because of appalling spending habits and irresponsible decisions. Remember the Jewish Temple purchase, condemned and razed after spending \$1.4 million? The \$250,000 frittered away on a music festival that didn't happen? And the \$250,000 squandered on the now demolished Flamingo Hotel?

The list of bad decisions and poor use of taxpayer money goes on and on. Even the new Health and Wellness Center can't open completely due to inadequate planning and a lack of funds. We need change. Vote on Nov. 5.

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