



## 2018 City Council Candidate Questions

### REASON FOR RUNNING

**What do you hope to achieve in the next four years on the city council?**

#### **PAT BOONE**

I hope to immediately bring more professionalism and compassion back to Council, I want a working together environment, not a yelling match between members.

As Palo Alto changes I want to maintain the quality of life in our amazing neighborhoods.

But I also want to finally solve our traffic headaches, approve rental protections so mass evictions can stop, and push for more housing overall.

#### **ALISON CORMACK**

- Focus on getting our big projects accomplished (train crossings plan, police station, Cubberley, bike bridge, traffic mitigation, etc.)
- Help the community agree on affordable housing goals and objectives, then encourage those to be translated into projects
- Maintain fiscal responsibility with the operating and capital budgets

#### **TOM DUBOIS**

I accomplished nearly all of my campaign goals when I ran in 2014. My priority is residents and overall I will continue to work hard to represent their interests.

As an experienced council member, I have a full slate of actions I want to complete in the next four years. I believe candidates have an ethical obligation to be specific about what their intentions – here are mine:

#### Housing

- Strengthen protections for renters
- Limit office growth and density to create space for housing and avoid adding even more pressure to demand
- Re-define mixed use zones as Retail and Residential (no office) to spur housing development
- Include a large % of BMR housing in the housing element of the Ventura plan
- Encourage and build BMR housing projects
- Encourage Stanford to house more of its staff

### Transportation and Traffic

- Have businesses fund local transportation initiatives including train crossing improvements
- Better community involvement and communication for changes (like Ross Road)
- Focus on vehicle flow on our arterials to minimize local neighborhood cut through traffic
- Continue to reduce commuter parking intrusion into neighborhoods
- Expand our transportation management association city wide

### Strengthen our City School working relationship

- Continue to work together on safe routes to school, traffic guards, Middle School sports, and train safety
- Develop Cubberley as a shared resource with school resources, a community center, and shared facilities.
- Get teacher housing built
- Have Stanford fund any impacts on our schools from their expansion

### Invest in the Community

- Execute our capital infrastructure plan to build 2 new fire stations, a police station, a bike bridge over 101, 2 parking garages, the Baylands interpretive center and Cubberley
- Get the Palo Alto History Museum funded
- Revitalize the animal shelter
- Buy the ATT land to expand Boulware Park and look for other park expansion opportunities.

### **ERIC FILSETH**

- Deal with our Growth issues: Housing, Traffic and Parking
- Invest in our Community, including Infrastructure and services
- Address our long-term financial challenges, even while managing the above

Doing any of these by itself would not be trivial; doing all three at once will take very deft work by a consistently responsible government.

### **CORY WOLBACH**

I look forward to continuing working with my colleagues, with neighborhood leaders, and with other residents to identify and pursue policies which reduce traffic, increase affordable housing, protect our environment, and ensure that both seniors and future generations have the best opportunities Palo Alto can offer. We also must continue our efforts to improve government transparency, responsiveness, and financial responsibility.