



2018 City Council Candidate Questions

HOUSING

Do you support a law limiting loss of existing housing units? Explain.

PAT BOONE

I support all rental protections, and yes I do support limiting the loss of any housing units.

I'm very aware the job growth has developed a new set of imbalance issues in Palo Alto.

ALISON CORMACK

This is a complicated legal issue. What the city can do is create incentives to maintain the same number of units on a lot, but this is quite difficult to mandate.

TOM DUBOIS

Yes. Given our current situation, we should be looking at time-limited ordinances that penalize shrinking the number of housing units available by replacing existing units with fewer units.

ERIC FILSETH

That's too general; I would have to see what law was being proposed.

CORY WOLBACH

Yes. When housing sites are redeveloped or redesigned, we should prohibit a reduction in number of units. Also, we should explore a vacancy tax and updates to our short-term-rental rules to make sure rental homes are used for regular rentals, rather than for empty investments or for unauthorized hotels.