



## **2018 City Council Candidate Questions**

### **OFFICE DEVELOPMENT / USAGE**

**Neighborhood services, such as doctors and therapists, are being displaced by larger tech or R&D businesses (e.g., 550 Hamilton, 2600 El Camino Real, 385 Sherman). Would you make changes to zoning rules or enforcement to protect neighborhood services?**

#### **PAT BOONE**

We have no choice but to keep these services in place. We can't let a larger business push them out. It's not just about the local service, but the resident getting to that location.

#### **ALISON CORMACK**

I would be open to ensuring that medical professionals continue to be able to serve the people who live here. However, the city has struggled to mandate successful businesses in specified locations (e.g., supermarkets and ground floor retail), so any such proposal would need to be carefully crafted.

#### **TOM DUBOIS**

Yes, we need to strengthen our CN zones which our neighborhood serving services. We must also re-evaluate how our zoning is impacting small medical offices in particular.

#### **ERIC FILSETH**

Currently the biggest concern seems to be Parking. We should put some focus there.

The city needs to be able to distinguish between local-serving retail and service businesses and global-serving ones; and where resources such as parking are scarce, prioritize access accordingly.

#### **CORY WOLBACH**

Yes. These services are important for our community, and a lot of these small-office professionals are also Palo Alto residents.