



## **2018 City Council Candidate Questions**

### **ENVIRONMENT**

**Do you support dedicating as parkland those properties currently and long used as park space but not formally dedicated as such in order to protect from future development those spaces currently enjoyed by the public?**

#### **PAT BOONE**

I believe park space and open space needs to always be protected. Our growth should never outweigh our commitment to the environment. I'll never support growth in area's currently enjoyed by neighbors.

#### **ALISON CORMACK**

I'd like more information on which properties these are before I answer this question. I have visited all 36 of our parks, so am unsure what spaces this question is referring to.

#### **TOM DUBOIS**

Yes, I absolutely do. Places such as Winter Lodge and Gamble Garden should be recognized and protected as City Park space.

#### **ERIC FILSETH**

In general, yes.

But we be cautious about using "reclassification" as a broad tool to meet the Comp Plan in-town park space guidelines.

#### **CORY WOLBACH**

Yes. I also support including park space in future planning, such as at the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (the Fry's site). Our parks are a big part of what defines Palo Alto, and are essential to our quality of life. Palo Alto should be an example to other communities of what great urban/suburban parks and open space look like. As Palo Altans, we may debate everything, but we almost all agree on the value of parks and open space for what they provide: a place to gather, recreation, health, wildlife, and the environment.