

2022 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

EXPERIENCE

What experience with Palo Alto community issues would you bring to the council? Describe your personal experience with Palo Alto City government and recent issues that have come before public hearings at the city council or other board and commissions. What was your role? (For example, did you send an email, speak to the Council, lead a group of citizens, etc.?) How extensively were you involved?

What are the top three goals you want to achieve in the next four years on the city council?

Which issue facing Palo Alto concerns you the most and why?

What type of campaign finance reform, if any, would you support?

HOUSING

Where do you stand on the “one-size-fits-all” state unfunded mandates, like SB 9 and 10, that dictate land use and zoning in our City and why?

What, if anything, would you do to protect existing rental housing and its tenants?

What are your thoughts on limiting upzoning only for 100% affordable housing?

Given the housing shortage, would you support Palo Alto taxing ‘ghost houses’ via a vacant home tax?

What ideas do you have for incentivizing housing construction over office construction?

COMMUNITY LIFE

Residential satisfaction with quality life in Palo Alto has steadily decreased in recent citizens surveys. How do you envision keeping true to the character of Palo Alto? How would you balance parks, local amenities, etc., as Palo Alto’s population grows?

What do you see as our most serious traffic issues and how would you fix them?

Should businesses be responsible for reducing traffic and parking impacts? Should the businesses pay for the remedies and how? What is the City’s role?

CITY OPERATIONS

Would you make any changes to the balance of power between the city manager and staff and the elected City Council entrusted to carry out the will of the people? If so, how?

Are you in favor of the Palo Alto Fiber project that proposes to build Fiber to the Home? Why or why not?

If you had to prioritize funding either to upgrading our city's electrical grid to support phasing out gas including adding a second electric power line of electricity geographically redundant or having the Palo Alto Utilities provide a competing fiber to home service, which would you choose?

With the planned fiber expansion, should we fund more districts to be undergrounded?