



2022 City Council Candidate Questions

FINAL THOUGHTS

Anything else you'd like the residents to know?

PAT BURT

We are facing major challenges resulting from a myriad of state laws that make (often unfunded) mandates on cities. These laws will result in a range of challenges and impacts, many of which we are not yet able to predict.

Nearly all of the candidates have platforms and high level visions that sound similar on the surface. However, there are very significant differences in critical policy positions with some candidates who have supported; the Builders Remedy including a 17-story tower at Mollie Stones, prohibiting the city from requiring any parking on new development within a half mile of Caltrain stations, eliminating our Retail Protection Ordinance, reducing our Impact Fees, and just painting bike lanes on El Camino without true safety improvements for riders and students and without mitigations to impacts on businesses.

Knowledge and experience, valuing our community character, and effective governing skills matter in City Council candidates.

KATIE CAUSEY

I'm endorsed by over 200 elected officials, community leaders, and neighbors like you, you can learn more at katiecauseyforcouncil.com.

ANNE CRIBBS

I love Palo Alto - the community, the weather, the beauty of the Foothills. the Baylands, the neighborhoods. I feel so fortunate to live here.

My superpower is bringing the community together to get things done. I believe in a collaborative approach with decisive action. If we work together we can build a better tomorrow, starting now. A vote for Anne Cribbs is a vote to stop talking and start taking action

HENRY ETZKOWITZ

Did not respond.

GEORGE LU

I'm honored to have the endorsement of 18 current and former Councilmembers and School Board members.

I live in the Mayfield neighborhood. We have a beautiful and lively neighborhood, with a variety of small and large multi-family developments. I hear residents' concerns about potential erosion of

community and character. I invite everyone to take a walk with me through the neighborhood, and see the diversity and tree canopy (and parking) that are available here.

I believe that we *can* build more housing to meet an acute need in our community, while improving the quality of life for all.

Please reach out at georgeforpaloalto@gmail.com, and find more about my campaign at www.georgeforpaloalto.com.

KEITH RECKDAHL

I served on the Community Advisory Panel for grade separations so I'm well aware of the options and how difficult the choices will be. Provided its property acquisitions can be reduced, I favor the underpass for Meadow/Charleston for two main reasons: 1) it allows bikes and pedestrians to be fully separated from Alma, which would make things much safer, particularly for kids on bikes, and 2) because the Underpass is the only alternative that would actually improve the traffic at the intersections because it would remove the signal interruption by bikes and pedestrians. Before making any decision, the existing very preliminary conceptual designs need significant refinement including reduced property acquisitions and better bike/ped implementation.

For Churchill, I think we need to wait. There are a variety of improvements that can be made in the interim such as quad-gates that can help with incursions, improved fencing, and improved track security measures. But the need for a grade separation at Churchill is a very low priority for the City at this time.

GREER STONE

I'm running for re-election to continue the progress we've made over the past four years. As Mayor, I've prioritized youth mental health, leading efforts like the Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Taskforce and expanding access to mental health services and teen programming. I hope to continue this focus and effort by earning another term. I have consistently prioritized issues that matter most to our community—affordable housing, environmental sustainability, economic vibrancy, and, more importantly, I have a record of getting the job done and ensuring our community remains vibrant and resilient for Palo Altans today and tomorrow. Despite the challenges ahead, I believe Palo Alto's best days are yet to come, and I hope to earn your support in being part of that future.

DORIA SUMMA

Throughout my many years of public service, I have been a consistent and tireless advocate for the interests of the residents and local businesses of Palo Alto. We enjoy a great quality of life in Palo Alto – this is the legacy of the foresight of many elected officials and citizen volunteers. I want to respect and maintain that legacy and make sure that we are making the right decisions to maintain this quality of life for future generations of Palo Altos residents and businesses.

CARI TEMPLETON

I've called Palo Alto home for nearly 20 years—first Ventura, then Barron Park—and raised my family here—at Preschool Family, Ohlone Elementary, and Fletcher Middle school. I earned my master's degree at Stanford University and spent a decade as a program manager in high-tech. Since then, I dedicated myself to community service: joining nonprofit boards, local and regional groups and City-appointed commissions.

I spent 6+ years on the Planning and Transportation Commission, promoting more favorable zoning for our small business communities to fight vacancies during the pandemic, safer streets, wildlife protection, and more. On the PTC, I worked to improve the Housing Element, fought for safe and

practical train crossings, and delivered a plan to develop the North Ventura site. I also served on Valley Water's Measure S Oversight Committee keeping our creeks safe, clean, and natural. I successfully campaigned for increasing Palo Alto's available funds via the business tax. Most recently I served in the office of State Senator Josh Becker liaising with the Chambers of Commerce and civic leaders in Mountain View and Los Altos.

In my private life, I have also worked on nonprofit boards and political boards, including organizations to support students and teachers, to educate voters, to elect more women, to advocate for personal rights, freedom, and bodily autonomy, and to bring our electeds and candidates closer to the voters.

These experiences have given me broader insights into the experience of living and working in Palo Alto. I have a meaningful understanding of the challenges faced by residents, business owners, employees, parents, students, seniors, and more.

I ask for your vote, and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions. Thank you.

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