



## **2024 City Council Candidate Questions**

### **VISION / GOALS / EXPERIENCE**

**What experience with Palo Alto community issues would you bring to the council?**

**What do you see as the biggest problems facing Palo Alto and how would you address them?**

**Do you have any interests, such as ties to Stanford or other entities that would cause you to recuse yourself on issues that are before the council? If so, what are they?**

### **HOUSING**

**What does the term “affordable housing” mean to you?**

**Four proposed developments along El Camino will create about 1100 new housing units, with only 15-20% of these being below-market-rate housing.**

- **How are we to meet HCD’s requirement for low-income housing by requiring only such a low percentage?**
- **How do we ensure units will include a range of bedrooms, so they are feasible for families?**

**The city’s housing element has almost 2000 houses in the San Antonio corridor. What is the most significant (new) policy that will increase housing in Palo Alto? Other than in the San Antonio corridor, where else should we look for housing?**

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

## **RETAIL**

**What is your position on ground floor retail? Should it be eliminated? Should permitted uses be revised? And should any changes apply to just downtown and Cal Ave or neighborhood centers as well?**

**What are your ideas to help local small businesses, especially those that serve neighborhoods, to survive and thrive?**

**Given that there are many empty retail business locations, would you support a retail business vacancy tax for properties that have been vacant for more than 1 year?**

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

**What two things would you prioritize to make Palo Alto and its neighborhoods more livable?**

**What is your vision for the Cubberley site?**

**Do you support any housing on the Cubberley site? If so, housing for whom?**

## **TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC**

**The City wants people to use their cars less, yet not everyone can or wants to travel by bicycle and we have few public transportation options. How would you reorient traffic in our city?**

**In addition to Palo's Alto's plan for the San Antonio/Charleston area, Charleston Plaza in Mt View is planning a development that will bring hundreds of vehicle trips to the same area, which is already severely stressed. What mitigation measures can and should be done?**

**Regarding Grade Separation, what is your personal design preference (underpass, hybrid, trench, etc) for each of the three locations?**

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

**Anything else you'd like the residents to know?**