



**San Jose Silicon Valley ChamberPAC
San Jose City Council District __ Candidate Questionnaire 2016**

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Campaign Manager Name _____

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With what party are you registered to vote? _____

1. Leadership

1. Why are you running for this position?
2. What personal qualities and experience distinguish you from the other candidates?

2. Public Policy

City Finances

1. Earlier this year, Mayor Liccardo and the San Jose City Council came to a compromise on the city's 2010 pension reform measures, which were being litigated since their passage. What is your position on the pension reform compromise, and what would you, as a member of Council, do to ensure the long-term fiscal sustainability of San Jose?
2. This year, the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan is being reviewed. Which portions of the General Plan do you believe are most important and that you, as a Councilmember, would work to protect? Which portions of the General Plan do you disagree with, and why? Would you work to eliminate any of these portions? Would you work to amend them and, if so, how? Please be specific in your answers.
3. Do you support, on a case-by-case basis, the outsourcing of City services to private-sector companies? If so, please list two services currently provided by City government you feel would be better administered by the private-sector. Aside from police, fire and disaster preparedness/response services, are there any services that should *never* be considered for outsourcing? If so, which ones and why?

Regulatory Environment

4. The cost of housing has become a major impediment to economic growth throughout our region. What is your position on rent control measures in San Jose? What efforts would you undertake to address the rising cost of housing in the city, while also recognizing the private property rights of those developing housing in our city? What measures would you support to increase the supply of housing in our market?
5. Recently, Mayor Liccardo led a coalition of local mayors to discuss a regional approach to setting a minimum wage. The Chamber supported the regionalism of this effort, but expressed significant concerns over any potential increase and its impact on business. What is your position on the minimum wage? Do you support any exemptions to an increased wage? If you support increasing the wage, what would be your proposal to alleviate the negative impact on the business community – particularly small and medium sized business?
6. The Chamber consistently hears from its members that San Jose is a more difficult place to do business than other cities in Silicon Valley. Complaints include higher costs and longer wait times for a variety of permits and plan approvals, especially in the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement (PBCE) Department. What steps can be taken to make the City of San Jose more customer-friendly, and what specific changes would you push for in PBCE?

Community Development

7. There are a number of studies showing that Silicon Valley's economy is further widening into one of haves and have-nots. This is most pronounced in the homelessness problem in San Jose, most notably in the Downtown. What can be done to address this and what would you, as a Councilmember, specifically propose to remedy these concerns?
8. In September of 2015, the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce took a Study Mission to Denver, Colorado. While there, we saw an innovative program centered on downtown signage and urban activation, particularly in Denver's Theatre and Arts District. After the trip, Council approved a memo, sponsored by Mayor Liccardo, to look at similar efforts in San Jose. What is your position on downtown signage and its use? How would you, as a member of Council, work to better activate our built environment?
9. Throughout San Jose, crime has become an increasing concern. There have been numerous solutions to the problem discussed, including increased public safety services, mental health awareness, and community policing efforts. How would you, as a Councilmember, work to improve the safety concerns of your district specifically, and San Jose more generally?

Transportation

10. Currently, six members of the San Jose City Council sit on the Valley Transportation Authority Board. That board is considering a 2016 ballot measure aimed at addressing transportation infrastructure needs in Santa Clara County by raising the sales tax. The funds raised from this measure would go towards numerous transportation infrastructure projects, including the BART expansion to San Jose, additional CalTrain overpasses, and carpool lane construction. Would you, in general, be in favor of these efforts? If not, what specific proposals would you bring forward to address the pressing transportation infrastructure needs of our area?

Representation

11. San Jose contains ten very unique Council districts. How would you, as a Councilmember, reconcile the needs of your district with the wider needs of the City, particularly as it relates to specific policy areas where you would need to build broader coalitions in order to achieve public policy success for your constituents?

3. Community Support and Endorsements

1. What groups/organizations have endorsed you?
2. What groups/organizations are opposing you?
3. What prominent individuals (elected officials, financial supporters, community leaders, etc.) have endorsed you?
4. What prominent individuals are opposing you?
5. Which candidates did you endorse, and for what offices, during the 2014 election cycle?
6. Whom did you endorse for Mayor of San Jose in the 2014 election cycle?

4. Campaign Finance and Mechanics

1. How much money do you need to raise to win this election?
2. How much of your personal money are you planning to loan or contribute to your campaign?
3. How much personal time do you have to dedicate to your campaign, and how do you plan on allotting that time to maximize your campaign efforts?
4. What portions of the electorate are most critical in determining whether you win?

5. Personal Background

1. Have you experienced any of the following either personally or professionally:
 - Bankruptcy
 - Foreclosure
 - Criminal charges
 - Non-payment of taxes/liens
 - Other legal, court-determined or other damaging or embarrassing information that could be utilized by the opposition or an independent mail campaign to discredit your candidacy during the election cycle
 - How long have you been a registered voter of the city council district that you hope to represent?
 - How regularly have you voted in the past?

2. Please provide two personal and two professional references.

The undersigned stipulates that the information provided above is their own true and accurate statement and represents the position of their candidacy.

SIGNATURE

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ChamberPAC Endorsement Disclaimer:

ChamberPAC may endorse candidates only after it has completed a candidate vetting process which may include some or all of the following: personal and professional reference checks, a review of previous ethical conduct by candidates on civic boards, commissions or elective office, a public records search, a background search and professional credit check. Completion and return of this questionnaire by the deadline stated is required for a candidate to be invited to ChamberPAC's joint candidate interview and to be considered for endorsement.