

# San Jose

## **Devora Davis**

San Jose City Council District 6

District 6 Councilmember

### *Top 3 priorities citywide*

1. Expand core services - police, fire, roads, parks, libraries
2. Bring more jobs to the city
3. Build more housing

### *1. Who is your Campaign Manager?*

Pending

### *2. What is your Campaign Budget?*

Enough to ensure a strong victory

### *3. Please share your Top Ten Endorsements:*

Mayor Sam Liccardo, Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, former Mayor Chuck Reed, CM Lan Diep, CM Pam Foley, CM Johnny Khamis, Carl Guardino, SVO PAC, San Jose Business Chamber PAC, California Apartment Association

### *4. Would you support or oppose a 3 county ballot initiative for a permanent 1/8 cent sales tax to fund Caltrain?*

Support

Caltrain currently relies on three other transit agencies to subsidize its service beyond its best-in-the-nation farebox recovery rate of over 70 percent. To make the investments in capital and staff required for the expansion that will help our region grow economically without worsening our traffic, Caltrain needs a reliable source of funding.

### *5. Do you support funding to complete a valley to valley connection through high speed rail?*

Oppose

I support further investments in regional rail, which will provide more service where it is already needed. When there is sufficient demand for a valley-to-valley connection, I would support it.

### *6. Would you support a measure dedicated to build and operate a world class, seamless integrated transit system to better serve Bay Area residents, funded through a one cent sales tax, to better serve the transit dependent and those of us still in our cars?*

Support

I support this measure in theory, since the details are not yet worked out. We desperately need a seamless transit system in the Bay Area, so that people can travel more quickly and with less stress across our region.

### *7. Do you support Google's plans for the Diridon Station Area?*

Support

Google will bring much-needed economic vitality to the Diridon Station Area and to the downtown as a whole. Even the prospect of Google coming to San Jose has sparked renewed interest in downtown high-rise commercial development. Further, Google has worked hard to listen to the community and incorporate that feedback into their project.

8. *Do you support any revenue generating vehicles (please be specific) to build more affordable homes?*

Oppose

I supported Measure V in 2018, which would have provided this funding. However, not enough voters supported Measure V. Although we need more affordable housing, we do currently have unused Measure A funds to use. I think we need to do more outreach to our community about this issue rather than to go back to them with another tax increase for housing in 2020.

9. *Are you in favor of a ballot measure that will prohibit campaign contributions from advocates for development and tie the San Jose Mayoral term to the Presidential Election Cycle?*

Oppose

Half of the City Council district elections are in gubernatorial election years. It's important to have a citywide election in that same cycle, both to increase turnout for those district elections and also to give city issues the attention they deserve. As someone whose district election is on the presidential cycle, I can attest that the local and national issues get conflated in conversations with voters even though I only make decisions on a local level.

10. *Do you support requiring all new buses purchased with federal funds be zero-emission beginning on October 1, 2029 (which is California's deadline for transitioning all transit bus purchases to zero-emission buses)?*

Support

To meet San Jose's Climate Smart goals, which I support, we have to tackle transportation emissions. Zero-emissions buses will help meet our goal of reducing our carbon footprint in line with the Paris Accord.

11. *Will you work with the Silicon Valley Leadership Group to secure additional funding to protect our region and help advance a common vision for a healthy and resilient SF Bay?*

Support

As we experience more extreme weather events due to climate change, floods and droughts are becoming more common. We need to take measures to protect our region, and it needs to be a coordinated effort because we all share the same bay.

12. *Do you support or oppose a proposed amendment to Proposition 13?*

Oppose

The proposed measure completely eliminates the property tax increase cap for businesses, which I do not support. We do not need to give businesses any more reasons to leave California.

*13. If a public charter school's petition is approved to operate within your local school district, meaning their proposal meets key pupil outcomes as indicated by state law, would you approve the school's bid to rent or build facilities beyond those already owned by the district?*

Support

Charter schools provide options for families whose children are not succeeding in the traditional district school environment and who cannot afford private school.

*14. Tell us about a time when you were opposed to a position of one of your major supporters. What was the issue? How did you handle this situation?*

Multiple supporters have contacted me about building in North Coyote Valley. However, I support conserving that land for flood control, wildlife migration, and other environmental reasons, which does not please these supporters.