

San Jose

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Top 3 priorities citywide

1. Protect & enhance D10's quality of life in terms of its property values and open spaces
2. Protect & enhance D10's safety
3. Protect & enhance D10's publican services

1. Who is your Campaign Manager?

Jeff Wang Chinese American, Nancy KieuNga Avila Vietnamese American, Allie Lopez Filipino American

2. What is your Campaign Budget?

100K

3. Please share your Top Ten Endorsements:

Former US Cogressman/Seantor Tom Campbell, Former Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner, Former Assembly Catherine, Former Mayor Saratoga Aileen Kao, Milpitas Councilmember Bob Munez & Anthony Phan, Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, San Leandro Councilmember Benny Lee, Milpitas School Board Michael Tsai, New Haven Unify School Board Jeff Wang, Senator LingLing Chang

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

Support

In general I support increased transportation capacity in the Bay Area, which is long over due, very inadequate, and will only get worse. Basic infrastructure augmentation, especially mass transportation that is convenient and user friendly is essential for the growth we expect and desire in Silicon Valley .

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

Oppose

The High Speed Rail focus appears to be wasteful, poorly conceived, opposed by many in the Central Valley, and will detract from the more desirable Bay Area connectivity.

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?

Oppose

I could support this if economically feasible, environmentally defensible and affordable to the area tax payers.

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

Support

Economic growth and expansion of technological capabilities are inevitable in this county, this state.... and the center is Silicon Valley. If it does not happen here, it will happen elsewhere. San Francisco, New York City and London are centers of world finance. Silicon Valley must maintain its dominance as the world's center of technological excellence, and this is a great opportunity to help us do so.

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

Support

We must provide affordable housing for our residents and workers to reduce commute problems, preserve livable space, and promote comfortable and safe living conditions. This should be accomplished through a variety of ways that keep housing plentiful and affordable to our residents and economically affordable to those of us who could be unfairly burdened by irresponsible or fiscally unfeasible programs (that often turn out to be actually UNAFFORDABLE). ADU's, decreased development costs, greater ease of our permitting processes, and "High Density Urban Villages" should all be utilized maximally.

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

It makes little sense to change the mayoral election year to "decrease the influence of special interest groups." Everyone has "special interests," even labor unions. This measure could be expensive, is unnecessary, and would benefit only the proponents of this measure, if anyone. I would almost certainly be rejected by the voters.

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

The first to be required to adhere to these policy changes should be government vehicles (and building and other projects).

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

This must be a regional, Bay Area project conducted with rigorous scientific evidence, fiscal responsibility and with State and Federal assistance.

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

Oppose

The addition of commercial and industrial properties to the original Prop 13 was an afterthought. Any change must have a thorough examination of the economic consequences, and can not be used punitively against corporate, entrepreneurial and successful enterprise, especially small business, a backbone of our society. Is this the nose of the camel under the tent? (It should go without saying that the original Prop 13 concerning residential property remains sacrosanct.)

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

Within limits. I support educational choice, but there are standards that must be met.

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?

N/A