

# San Jose

## Lan Diep

San Jose City Council, District 4

San Jose City Councilmember

### *Top 3 priorities citywide*

1. Job creation
2. More workforce housing
3. Alleviation of traffic congestion

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

David Gomez

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

100,000+

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

Mayor Sam Liccardo, Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, Councilmember Dev Davis, Councilmember Pam Foley, Councilmember Johnny Khams, The SVO, The San Jose Business Chamber PAC, California Apartment Association, former Mayor Chuck Reed, former Assemblymember Jim Cunneen

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

Support

Better public transportation is the key to the future growth of the Bay Area.

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

Support

High Speed Rail to San Jose Diridon Station is vital to our city's future. It is the draw of companies like Google. It will allow us to tap a new workforce that can afford to live hours away. It will help the world finally know where San Jose is.

### *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

What LA did was genius. The Bay Area needs a sustainable funding mechanism to build and sustain an integrated transit system.

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

Support

Much of downtown San Jose is in an opportunity zone, which means it is underdeveloped and in need of new investment. Google is that major investment, and will serve as a magnet attracting much more needed development to San Jose. We need to shore up our finances to provide the services our residents expect and deserve.

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

Oppose

I am open to funding new sources of revenue, especially when polls have shown that residents are willing to support some taxes. We must study every possibility. However, I agree that in recent years, voters have been overtaxed. Given what is happening Bay Area wide, I would prefer to support that tax for regional transportation over a local tax for affordable housing. Together, it would be too much and may harm the chances of either succeeding.

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?*

Support

There is no reason not to support this.

*Update:* Councilmember Diep asked that his original answer be changed due to an error in his submission. The following is his new answer: "There is no reason to support this."

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

There is no reason not to support such an idea.

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

I represent the community of Alviso, which is 13 feet under water. I know first hand the threat of sea level rise.

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

Oppose

I believe Prop 13 is a problem and needs to be fixed. But I fear a half-measure like split-roll will be viewed as a complete fix and CA will be stuck with this regime for decades to come. We need a comprehensive solution for Prop 13 that includes both commercial and residential properties. I will not support a half-measure. Further, split-roll would make it harder to attract businesses to San Jose and fixing the jobs-to-employed-resident ratio is important to me.

*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

Public schools struggle to innovate. I have visited many charter schools and feel that they are doing excellent work. The key is to ensure that the innovation of charter schools makes it to public schools as well.

*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?*

I have always voted my conscience and do not keep track of when I break with my supporters. However, I won my seat without any institutional support and pride myself on my independence.