

San Jose

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 10

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Top 3 priorities citywide

1. Homelessness- Shutting down current encampments and preventing new ones from propping up
2. Crime and safety- SJPd need the capability and capacity to handle the increase in crime
3. Traffic roadways/congestion- Population growth in the area and Google's new campus in downtown San Jose, will make these issues worse

1. Who is your Campaign Manager?

Self

2. What is your Campaign Budget?

\$5,000 for the primary

3. Please share your Top Ten Endorsements:

Not accepting endorsements. My voice will be the unfiltered voice of the constituents of District

10. Special interest groups will not influence my vote

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

Oppose

I do not agree with "permanent" funding for Caltrain. I understand that Caltrain would benefit from a stable source of funding to plan for projects and expansion. However, one of my concerns is Caltrain's plans to increase train runs and how it will increase the drive time of the larger majority still commuting in cars. A story found in the Palo Alto Weekly, states that San Jose may see increased wait times up to 35 minutes every hour during moderate/high growth scenarios by 2040 because of gate down times. While I acknowledge that this makes a case for Caltrain to receive funds to expand for efficiency, it does not address the fact that the larger majority of commuters still commute in cars despite the anticipated increase in ridership.

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

Oppose

- 1) California's current HSR project is consistently over budget
- 2) Does not have accountability or a near term completion date
- 3) There are too many hurdles in developing a HSR project and one of the biggest hurdles is securing land

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

SPUR's 2015 report for "Seamless Transit" made 5 specific recommendations.

- 1) Help the travelers understand the value of the region's transit system.
- 2) Standardize rates
- 3) Create transit hubs that make transferring easier
- 4) Use an integrated approach for transit network design
- 5) Use institutional practices to promote integration

The report also acknowledges:

- 1) Public transportation ridership in the Bay Area per capita fell 14% from 1991 to 2012. It does not seem that travelers see value in the public transit system
- 2) 22 Bay Areas transit authorities adopted the Clipper card payment system. However, some operators are more efficient than others. This can cause the more efficient operators to increase their prices to supplement the cost of the inefficient operators and may increase fares overall.
- 3,4,5) Concerns about integration may lead to job loss, higher operating costs and decreased ridership.

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

Support

Google's "50/50" concept is a good balance between business, homes and the community

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

Oppose

I do not support any current measures increasing taxes to raise additional funds for affordable homes. I acknowledge that there is a shortage of homes and I feel that more homes should be built by making the permitting processes efficient and easier to build.

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

I am not accepting any endorsements or campaign contributions from any special interest groups. Therefore, I do not see a reason to oppose this part of the measure.

In regards to combining the elections, I feel that this process would save tax payers money. For this reason, I do not oppose combining the elections.

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)?

Oppose

My concern is the cost involved to purchase zero emission buses. With ridership decreasing and fares increasing, how long it would take to recoup costs?

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 will work with the SVLG for a common vision for a healthy and resilient SF bay. However, securing additional funds for these projects will need to have a clear, specific and measurable result.

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

Oppose

I oppose this ballot measure because I fear that:

- 1) Cost of goods and services would increase
- 2) More small businesses would close down because of increased cost
- 3) Cost cutting measures from businesses may result in job loss
- 4) It would be difficult for new business (especially small businesses) to start and stay competitive

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

I believe additional schools:

- 1) Would improve student/teacher ratios
- 2) Allow parents to choose where to send their children to 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?

San Jose recently purchased property in the Coyote Valley for preservation. I would've liked to have that area be used for housing and/or business development.

The outcome has made me reevaluate my own processes to better understand the needs and concerns of the people in District 10.