

City Government must be transparent and responsive to the voices and needs of residents, youth, adults, and elders. We need to listen and find common ground to move the City forward. For example, last year I proposed removing abandoned and dismantled cars from the streets and offer free parking permits consulting with neighborhoods. Only after much public input did the entire Council finally approve it this year.

As developers make proposals, I will advocate for strong community benefits, jobs, and affordable housing opportunities for tenants, and first time homebuyers. Support for small and micro businesses is also crucial to sustain the economy

Community based policing is the best approach to enhance public safety and build trust. When Mayor, I initiated Community Safety gatherings with the chief of police, fire district and local schools and organizations, meeting regularly to improve communication and preparation in case of emergencies.

Improving quality of life means upgrading infrastructure like water pipes, parks, streets, and flood projects; a new library and senior center. And recreation and human services are also essential. I will reactivate previous efforts to establish a Recreation Foundation to expand services. Let's keep East Palo Alto safe and healthy, with opportunities for all.