

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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For more than sixty years, my family has called East Palo Alto home. I grew up here, raised my children here, and have watched our city overcome challenges, celebrate victories, and grow. I want East Palo Alto to remain a place where families can build a life, young people can dream and succeed, and longtime residents can call this community home.

As East Palo Alto Planning Commissioner, I promoted responsible growth and advocated for policies that protect residents' interests. I believe we can address housing needs while supporting homeownership, neighborhood stability, and opportunities for future generations to remain in East Palo Alto. We can create and support local businesses, improve public safety, and prepare our youth for tomorrow's opportunities without choosing between progress and preserving the community we love.

I am running for City Council because East Palo Alto deserves leadership that listens to all, plans responsibly, and makes decisions with accountability and transparency. As your Councilmember, I will continue to listen purposefully, lead with integrity, and honor the trust placed in me through years of community service. Together, we will build an East Palo Alto defined by diversity that binds us, community over politics, and opportunity for every resident.

(200 Words)