

Candidate Statement for Carlos Romero

I have been active in East Palo Alto's public life for 42 years. Currently, I am completing my third City Council term after being elected in 2008 and serving as mayor in 2011 and 2021.

While on the Council, we have made significant progress—strengthened tenant protections, funded 451 affordable housing units, lowered crime, completed a flood prevention project, funded two pedestrian bridges, invested over \$20,000,000 in sidewalks and streets and \$10,000,000 in drinking water improvements, built a bayside park, acquired library land, funded job training programs, and established a healthy budget reserve.

Yet, our community still faces challenges. We must continue to improve our quality of life while remaining vigilant of displacement pressures, championing the concerns of our city's most vulnerable while balancing economic growth with improved services that help residents remain in East Palo Alto and achieve economic security. I will continue to prioritize affordable housing, improved streets and parking, sustainable redevelopment of the Ravenswood Business District, small business support, and flood protection.

As a Stanford and Harvard educated urban planner and affordable housing developer with deep roots in community economic development, I'm committed to community-driven processes seeking solutions to our urban challenges. Together, working in partnership, East Palo Alto will persevere and prosper. carlosromero4epa.weebly.com