

CANDIDATE STATEMENT for Office of City Council

I, Deborah Lewis-Virges, am running for the East Palo Alto City Council because I care deeply about our community and its future. For the past 17 years, I have served as an informed, engaged leader, dedicated public servant, and strong advocate for fairness, opportunity, and progress. I currently serve as chair of the East Palo Alto Sanitary District, previously chaired the Public Works and Transportation Commission, and am a member of both the Community Safety Team and the Community Climate Change Team. I also serve the faith-based community as lead pastor of Saint Mark Church in East Palo Alto.

I bring more than two decades of executive-level marketing and management experience with Fortune 100 companies, along with 10 years as a successful entrepreneur. My education and professional background have given me valuable insight into the challenges and opportunities facing our city. We must address critical issues, including the need for affordable and inclusionary housing, responsible right-fit development, traffic and parking concerns, climate resilience, environmental disparities, and community-driven solutions that reflect East Palo Alto's diversity.

Please choose me to be your champion for our future.

(184 Words)