

Born and raised in East Palo Alto, a full-blooded Tongan and first-generation American—my roots run deep. My parents chose EPA for our family. I grew up on Hazelwood Way, hopped the wall to Green Oaks, walked the 101 ramp from 49ers Academy, and ate at Mama Dee's MA-UTURN before the Four Seasons existed. I didn't just witness EPA's history—I lived it.

As a wartime veteran with degrees in Political Science and Business Management, I offer leadership and deep community understanding. My priority is getting the basics right first. Before expanding housing or development, we must fix our aging water infrastructure and secure flood defenses. We cannot build our future on broken pipes.

Once our foundation is secure, I will fight to: Prevent displacement and protect housing stability; support local small businesses to keep wealth in EPA, calm traffic on neighborhood streets; invest in our youth and parks.

Having attended local schools, and grown up in our diverse community, I am ready to serve the city that raised me. I respectfully ask for your vote for East Palo Alto City Council.

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