

My name is Sam Jimenez, and I am running for East Palo Alto City Council because this city raised me and shaped who I am. I grew up here, attended school here, and now live here as a husband, father, and homeowner. I am the proud son of an immigrant from Michoacán, and I understand the hard work and sacrifice that define so many East Palo Alto families.

I am a small plumbing business owner and a decorated Green Beret veteran. My blue-collar background taught me the dignity of honest work, while military service taught me discipline, accountability, and how to lead through difficult challenges.

I want East Palo Alto to welcome responsible investment and development that benefits the people who already call this city home. Growth should create local jobs, support small businesses, improve infrastructure, and expand opportunity without displacing our families.

I will work to create more opportunities for our youth through apprenticeships, career training, mentorship, and pathways to stable, well-paying careers. I am running to bring practical, transparent, and accountable leadership to City Hall and help build an East Palo Alto where families can live, work, invest, and thrive.

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