

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION
CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

DISTRICT 4

Candidate Statement for Lan Diep, City Councilmember

It's been a joy to represent the community I grew up in. I've studied your concerns and I know we can do better. I've proposed reforms to make government more efficient, accountable, and smarter. My fiscal reform plan will mandate audits of all city departments every four years, save money in a rainy day fund, require public accounting of how tax revenues are spent, and eliminate waste, inefficiency and duplication.

As the world faces covid-19, optimizing government has never been more important. My efficiency reforms mean more tiny homes for homeless residents, moving them out of streets and creeks; reforming police, not defunding them; and adding hundreds more officers to community patrols.

Let's feed families hurt by covid; build thousands of affordable homes, double funding for street repairs; launch after-school and job programs; increase library hours; make college affordable for low-income students; and beautify San Jose with more dumpster days.

Help me make San Jose better and more accountable through mandatory spending audits, greater efficiency, and less wasteful government.

I'm endorsed by the Mercury News, Mayor Sam Liccardo, former mayor Chuck Reed, Berryessa Union School Board President Richard Claspill, and hundreds of neighbors. I hope to earn your vote.

www.lanforsanjose.com

DISTRICT 4

Candidate statement for David Cohen, Berryessa School Board Member, Engineer

A Leader Who Listens. Progress That Works.

We need a leader who will listen to public health experts, teachers, families and frontline workers to protect our wellbeing during this crisis—and move us forward.

I'm running for City Council because our community deserves a stronger advocate who'll work collaboratively to protect the health of residents; find compassionate solutions to homelessness and affordable housing; and invest in safer, cleaner and greener neighborhoods. As YOUR representative, I will lead by listening, and deliver results that put the needs of our communities FIRST.

As a tech worker with a PhD in Chemical Engineering from UC Berkeley, I know the importance of listening in order to find solutions that work. As a father and Community advocate, I've spent decades working alongside the community to strengthen San Jose for all.

On the Berryessa School Board, I fought to safeguard small class sizes, expand learning programs, add social workers, and secure funding for stronger schools. During this pandemic, we provided meals and computers to families in need. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsed by Santa Clara County Democratic Party, Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Controller Betty Yee, Senator Jim Beall, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, San Jose City Councilmembers Sergio Jimenez, Raul Peralez, Maya Esparza and more! ElectDavidCohen.com

DISTRICT 6

Candidate Statement for Jake Tonkel, Senior Biomedical Engineer

Every voice matters, not just those with money. A majority of District 6 voted for new leadership in the primary because we deserve a safe city working people can afford, where our kids can thrive and our seniors can live comfortably.

Politics as usual isn't working. Homelessness increased 42% last year, now thousands who've lost jobs can't pay rent or mortgages. Our city faces cuts to essential services, while tax breaks go to corporations, exacerbating our inequality and increasing crime.

I've served in the Peace Corps and worked in healthcare and education. At home in San Jose, I've helped our unhoused neighbors and fought for renters' protections. Community has always been my priority, that's why I reject contributions from big corporations and developers.

I've chaired organizations building city and state solutions that finance affordable housing, education, and small businesses without raising taxes. Policies that will keep city services running and boost an equitable economic recovery.

During the pandemic, I've distributed PPE to doctors and delivered groceries to seniors. I'll take that initiative to City Hall as your Councilmember.

I am endorsed by our San Jose firefighters, teachers, nurses, and many District 6 neighbors. I sincerely ask for your vote and the opportunity to serve. www.Jake4D6.com

DISTRICT 6

Candidate Statement for Devora “Dev” Davis, City of San Jose District 6 Councilwoman/Mother

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your councilwoman for the last four years. It has been the honor of my lifetime. We have accomplished great things together for the City of San Jose and for District 6. We have begun paving every street in San Jose, strengthened our police force by adding more than 300 new officers, and improved burglary response, street patrol, and lifesaving equipment in fire trucks. We'll soon open and staff the new Fire Station 37 in Willow Glen, increasing safety and decreasing response times. We are tackling homelessness and housing affordability by providing hundreds of new affordable housing units, deregulating backyard granny units, and expanding nonprofit and faith-based sheltering and safe parking.

There is more work to do. As we deal with the COVID-19 economic downturn, we need experienced leadership. We must continue to address homelessness and its impacts on neighborhoods. We must ensure there is enough housing that the average person can afford. We must ensure every taxpayer dollar is spent wisely, make our neighborhoods safer from crime, and support our families. We must ensure our small businesses survive and the Google project moves forward smoothly.

Please Vote Devora “Dev” Davis for City Council District 6.
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