

See the Difference Our Council Makes!

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What the pro-developer council did (before 2019)	What our pro-resident council did (since 2019)
<p>Removed zoning restrictions (height, density, setbacks, allowing office) from our General Plan for Vallco. Favored developer profit over resident concerns.</p>	<p>Rescinded the Vallco Tier 2 Plan in 2019, respect resident referendum efforts. Restored zoning restrictions to Vallco GPA (General Plan Amendment).</p>
<p>Refused to fix these zoning loopholes in 2017 to prevent the Vallco SB 35 plan, which exacerbates the housing crisis.</p>	<p>Authorized the City Manager to negotiate with the developer if it doesn't want to execute its SB 35 plan.</p>
<p>Put the city at legal risk by not requiring developers to comply with our laws. Sidelined, then fired city attorney who insisted on enforcing city law.</p>	<p>Enforced city laws during project review phase to prevent legal disputes later. Has clarified city laws to avoid loopholes to stop abuse and avoid legal risks.</p>
<p>Allowed modifications at Main Street to benefit the developer. Ignored residents' opposition to increased building heights and the elimination of senior housing and other benefits from the project.</p>	<p>Kept a close watch on new development projects. Is making sure that the De Anza Hotel and Westport Cupertino (Oaks Shopping Center) developers deliver on their promises. These examples show how developments can take shape when our council works for us. Real community benefits result from good policy.</p>
<p>Reduced library program support. Attempted to eliminate the Library Commission.</p> <p>Put a \$70 MILLION new city hall ahead of a library expansion that would benefit more residents. Councilmembers who knew this was not a timely project saved us from this budget breaker.</p>	<p>Pushed for more support for library programs and more engagement with our Library Commission.</p> <p>Pushed for the library expansion project to add more rooms for library programs and meetings. Has pushed for cost reductions while adding more features to serve residents.</p>
<p>Let McClellan community garden die without any consideration for resident needs.</p>	<p>Restored McClellan community garden and is pushing for more community gardens around the city.</p>
<p>Was complacent on Lehigh expansion plans.</p>	<p>Retained counsel to oppose Lehigh expansion on environmental grounds, and blocked illegal use of back road to hide truck trips.</p>
<p>Threatened enrollment decline and school closings if we didn't approve a mega project at Vallco.</p>	<p>Anticipates imbalance issues at CUSD and plans to work with the school district on the issues, including possible tax reform.</p>
<p>Attempted to eliminate the Public Safety Commission.</p>	<p>Responded quickly to COVID-19 crisis to keep us safe with early mask and PPE policies, among others. We have the lowest rates of COVID-19 in Silicon Valley.</p>
<p>Now all the former council members and mayors who aided developers support Hung Wei's and JR Fruen's campaign for council. Can we trust them?</p>	<p>It took Sunnyvale ten years to fix the mess Sand Hill created in their downtown. Support our pro-resident council. Vote for Steven Scharf and Kitty Moore!</p>

