

2018 Sunnyvale City Council Candidate Questionnaire

Silicon Valley at Home (SV@Home) is an affordable housing policy and advocacy organization working to ensure housing affordability for all who work and live in Silicon Valley. As a candidate running for office, we invite you to participate in a survey regarding affordable housing. Responses to this survey will be shared widely with community members, and SV@Home members and partner agencies.

Please complete the survey by September 7th, 2018

Email address *

Candidate name

Glenn Hendricks Incumbent - Running for Sunnyvale City Council, Seat #2

A. What are your housing priorities?

My priorities are to produce more housing in Sunnyvale. To continue the Policies and direction to staff to continue to zone for more housing. Denser housing near transit. And to continue to have a Planning Department that works well and quickly with developers to shorten the project approval time compared to other cities.

B. To date, Sunnyvale has failed to meet any of its state mandated housing goals. Earlier this year, the Legislature considered a proposal to allow higher default densities around transit stations in an effort to create more opportunities for housing and affordable housing across our neighborhoods. Do you support or oppose this type of state intervention around the housing crisis?

I am sorry, but I don't agree with the premise of the first sentence. The City of Sunnyvale met its overall RHNA number for the last cycle. And we are on track for meeting our overall number this cycle. You are correct, we did not meet all the sub-allocations at the lower income levels.

I do not think Sunnyvale needs this intervention from Sacramento.

Sunnyvale is producing housing.

Sunnyvale is continuing to zone for more housing. We have a well-known Planning Department that works well with developers, and we don't create extra difficulties for projects to be developed.

In our case, local control and review is creating better developments. Developments that are increasing our housing stock and aren't adversely impacting existing neighborhoods.

But, just meeting RHNA numbers is not good enough, we should and will continue to add housing. Add housing near transit. Add housing that is denser than Sunnyvale has traditionally had. And continue to require housing at all income levels.

Look at our Lawrence Station Area Plan, El Camino Precise Plan and our Moffett Park General Plan amendment that is in process.

Sunnyvale has had inclusionary housing regulations for decades. We have been a leader in housing.

If you have read the Santa Clara Grand Jury report on Housing, they document we have been producing housing. And we will continue to do more.

C. Do you support and will you advocate for Measure-A funded projects in your jurisdiction? If yes, how will you work with your community to ensure support and acceptance of supportive housing for the homeless and families earning less than \$30,000 a year?

YES

I do support Measure A developments in Sunnyvale.

I am a member of the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee. I am the Santa Clara County Cities Association representative. I am working to improve the reporting and transparency of the developments and how the money is being spent.

The purpose of this measure is to get new projects funded across the County. I believe that we will see a large percentage of the projects built in San Jose, but we need to see projects across the County.

Sunnyvale has a history of working with the County on Housing. It a slightly different thing, but Sunnyvale hosts the Santa Clara County Cold Weather Shelter. It used to only be four months a year, then six months and they are moving to a year-round model. I have publicly spoken about how this is an asset to our community. Measure A developments will also be an asset in our community.

D. How many homes do you think are appropriate as part of a redeveloped Moffett Park? How many of these homes should be affordable to lower-income households? How many of these homes should be affordable to moderate-income households?

I don't know what the appropriate number of homes for Moffett Parks is. That is why we are doing the study. I want to see the information that comes back.

The Cities current requirement for BMR type housing is 12.5%. The Grand Jury report suggests we should move to 15%. (I have an intuition that we will move to the 15% number). We will probably have some additional tools at our disposal in the negotiations because of the need to vote on the General Plan Amendment. (I would prefer if this last sentence is kept confidential).

E. Do you support or oppose fast tracked or streamlined permitting of residential or mixed-use development in Sunnyvale? Please explain your response.

No, for all of the reason that I stated in previous answers.

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