

2018 Santa Clara City Council and Mayoral Candidate Survey

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 17th.

Email address *

Candidate name

Lisa Gillmor

A. What are your housing priorities?

Santa Clara has a large number of residential units in various stages of development. My priority is to add more affordable units and to explore creative ways of adding work force housing through partnerships with the City, lenders and homeowners for ADU's.

B. To date, Santa Clara has failed to meet any of its state mandated housing goals except for its market-rate housing goal. 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 believe that Santa Clara should look favorably on higher density housing around transit stations, especially micro units and affordable housing units. But I still believe in local control of land use. Every housing site and every community is unique and to lose the voice and support of our residents will be harmful to our city.

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 and we are working on current projects on our affordable housing sites now.

D. The Kylli Project on the former Yahoo site could bring up to 6,000 new homes in the area. How many homes do you think are appropriate as part of this redeveloped area? How many of these homes should be affordable to lower-income households? And how many of them should be affordable to moderate-income households?

The Kylli project is a very ambitious project for the North Santa Clara area. It is premature for me to weigh in on the specifics of this project. There are so many factors involved in a project of this magnitude that I can not comment on one piece of an enormous proposed development.

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

I support fast tracking projects that conform with our General Plan, and certain aspects of mixed use development. We are currently challenged with processing the sheer number of development requests to the City now and policies regarding enhanced streamlining of projects would be welcome.

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