

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

Mason Fong

A. What are your housing priorities?

Adding Affordable Housing, Diversifying the stock of housing, adding public transit options, sustainability, mixed use design, and general smart growth policies

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 support local control. I am open to State controls when gentrification is addressed and the jobs to housing ratio is evaluated in a qualifying project.

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 support Measure A funded projects in Sunnyvale. Sunnyvale already has a homeless population of over 200 people. The community will welcome supportive housing for our homeless community, and I will advocate that projects that get approved by Measure A funds are full service projects that have on site mental health, transitional housing, career development and other services.

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?

We need more housing throughout Sunnyvale, and Moffett Park is an underutilized space that has the potential to be a vibrant mixed use cosmic center, an epicenter of Silicon Valley. Sunnyvale needs more planning staff in order to fast track the amendments to our specific land use plans so we can get more urban villages and mixed use development.

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

Yes, I want to materialize Sunnyvale's urban village concepts in its General Plan's Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE). The urban villages will layout criteria that will allow for streamlined permitting for high benefit projects that make traffic improvements, use mixed use elements, etc.

