

2018 Milpitas City Council and Mayoral 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

Rich Tran

A. What are your housing priorities?

To continue approving all affordable housing projects!

B. To date, Milpitas has failed to meet any of its state mandated housing goals aside from 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?

Absolutely, it's a disgrace how many market rate housing was approved with no affordable housing!

C. Do you support and will you advocate for Measure-A funded projects in Milpitas? 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. Under my leadership, Milpitas should be receiving the most Measure A money in the county. We are ready for affordable housing for those earning less than \$30k year, it's a part of our history.

D. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) have become an option to increase housing stock on existing lots where a homeowner is willing to build. How would you support homeowners who are willing to commit to build ADUs on their property, but continue to encounter issues such as excessive regulations regarding unit size and allowable bedrooms per unit?

I was the sole person on my city council that pushed for softer regulations on ADUs. It was supported by the council and will return for vote. I will continue this fight!

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

I support this type of development in Milpitas, especially transit oriented development. At the same time, I'm working with the school district to ensure we have the capacity for higher student enrollment.

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