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

Robert Marini running for Milptias city councilcouncil

A. What are your housing priorities?

Open an transparent city government, term limits of 8 year maximum for council members. A new commission for utility rates. We are losing 1.29 million gallons a day and the council members are doing nothing about it, and the city's Capital improvement plan is failing to stop the alarming increase in water losses every year costing residents \$3 million, Create low income housing units, but limit the total amount of development. We are asked to conserve water but the city is approving more development defeating the conservation of the residents.

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?

No I do not support over crowding near the transit stations, but provide a set number of low cost 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 I support. The city should provide some money for the unit and if the property is sold later the city can get the money it put in back with a small profit.

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?

Milpitas needs to provide an ordinance for the rules for an ADUs

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

That depends on what you mean by fast track. Again rules need to be established, but I support standard rules that will not crowd one section of the city with too many housing units.

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