



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Pam Foley

Age: 59

Family: Married to Michael Foley for 35 years, Daughter, Katelin, 21, graduating from university this year

Hometown: Portland, Oregon

Lived in San Jose since: 1981

Education: Some college – attended University of San Francisco, obtained Broker's license in 1989

Occupation: Owner – Foley Mortgage

Employer: Foley Mortgage

Political experience: elected to 4 terms to San Jose Unified School District board of education, elected as board president three times. Currently in my 14th year as trustee

Notable affiliations: Rotary Club of San Jose, Lifetime member of the Girl Scouts

1. **What do you see as the greatest challenges when it comes to providing residents with a livable, affordable and safe community?**

The greatest challenge we face is the political will to make tough decisions to move this city forward. Housing is at a critical point. The mayor has a plan that has been accepted by the city council, but there are too many impediments to housing.

The budget is out of balance with the unfunded liability of pensions. I am committed to fully funding these pensions, the drain on the general fund takes funds away from things like adding more police officers.

2. **What is the biggest opportunity for your district or city during the next four years?**

Biggest opportunity is the Google campus, the expansion of Adobe and the acquisition of land by Apple. In addition to bringing in more local jobs, this will

help us to expand and improve Diridon Station creating greater access for mass transit.

3. Describe your commitment to your district or city leading up to your bid for office.

For 30 years I have dedicated myself to bettering my community. I have lived in the same home since 1990. I have dedicated time and energy to improving our local public schools and have been active in the Rotary Club of San Jose on mostly local issues.

4. Silicon Valley and the Bay Area are at the center of global, technological advancement. How do you see technology's role in changing the lives of both longtime residents and transplants?

While this may be the hub of global and technological advancement, if we do not solve the housing crisis by building more housing, then we will lose that designation to Austin, Texas.

Artificial Intelligence and the Internet of Things is already leading the way. Self-driving vehicles are an example of technology that will change our lives in ways I cannot imagine.