



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Van Le

Age: 59

Family: Married

Hometown: Saigon

Lived in San Jose since: 1975

Education: San Jose State University B.A.

Occupation: Owner, State Farm Insurance Agency

Employer: self

Political experience: 8 years East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

Notable affiliations: Democratic Party, work2future Board of Directors

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

The wage gap between the executive/managerial group and the individual contributor group has begun to create more divisions in our community. Lack of Affordable Housing, the high cost to develop housing projects- market rate and below market rate, the fact the Bay Area is a very desirable place to live, are all factors in this challenge.

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

I think we can make our district safer by leading the effort to work with our outstanding San Jose Police Chief Eddie Garcia to get more police patrols in our neighborhoods and lower the response times.

3. **Describe your commitment to your district or city leading up to your candidacy.**

I worked for the City of San Jose and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency for over 15 years. My husband and I have had a successful insurance agency for over 20 years. have been a community volunteer for over 30 years, I founded the Mid-Autumn festival in 1992, served on the Board of Directors of the Silicon Valley Boy Scouts of America, served as vice-President of the Little Saigon Foundation, and for the last 8 years I have served on the East Side Union High School District Board of trustees

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?**

As a world class City, we must strive to provide world class solutions for or the challenges our residents face. We must always be searching for best practices and to use modern technology for the simplest reasons (synchronizing traffic lights) to the more complex (flood control, and new communication strategies to connect with our residents).