



## CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

**Name:** Magdalena Carrasco

**Age:** 51

**Family:** 3 daughters and 1 boy

**Hometown:** San Jose

**Lived in San Jose since:** Born and raised

**Education:** BA Chicano Studies, UC Santa Barbara

**Occupation:** Vice Mayor, City of San Jose

**Employer:** The residents of District 5 City Council

**District Political experience:** Former East Side High Schools Trustee

**Notable affiliations:**

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

As a mother of 3 school aged children, I truly understand how important it is to keep our children safe. Especially violent crime – crime has always affected our community. I have spent my professional life working with children and families and understand first-hand the struggles they are encountering and how the city may appropriately respond. I was elected to represent my constituents back in 2014. I committed to protect our most vulnerable community members when I was elected. Since then I have voted for stricter rent control, project labor agreements, the minimum wage, affordable housing and other progressive policies. These issues are important to my constituents.

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

There are two opportunities, affordable housing advocates have chosen to invest in East San Jose. Affordable housing should be available for our residents. San Jose needs to grow and flourish. Our families deserve to stay in San Jose. I have worked hard to bring in a affordable housing project on the corner of Alum Rock Ave and King Rd, in the heart of the district. I will continue to push for rent control as well.

Also, we have an opportunity to revitalize our Alum Rock Businesses', this area still has many empty storefronts. Small business owners are overwhelmed with the business permit process. Our City Council has been working with our city's planning department to find smart solutions that improve the permitting process, and thereby help local small businesses create jobs.

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

Since taking office, I have strategically collaborated to better leverage resources, identify programs and services, and examine the effectiveness of policy and systems in meeting the needs of residents in our Valley, regardless of status. Every resident should feel safe and be at peace in their home. They should also be able to use local public libraries, have accessible public transportation, and vibrant open spaces. We want our East Side residents to work, play, and live our precious District 5.

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?**

We must work hard to obtain companies like Google and other interested high tech giants who want to move into San Jose. They need to invest in our local public schools. They should be hiring folks who were born, raised and educated here. Our society is changing, hi tech need to collaborate more with our City. We must work together to build transient orientated transportation for all, not just their employees. They cannot to hire folks from other parts of the country and the globe, their workforce be from here. They must be aware that creating and maintaining jobs here is very important for me, my colleagues and our entire city.