



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Sabuhi Siddique

Age: 58

Family: Married with 4 children

Hometown:

Lived in San Jose since: 1983

Education: Bachelor's in Arts

Occupation: Community Volunteer

Employer: n/a

Political experience: No political office held

Notable affiliations:

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

1) Housing -Severe shortage of residential dwellings. 2) Crimes – Home/vehicle break-ins, vehicle thefts, burglary etc. 3) Educating communities to be socially responsible and mobilizing more City resources to prevent crimes. 4) Traffic congestions and monies needed to perform deferred maintenance.

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

I would cautiously say that the proposed Google Village in downtown San Jose is a great opportunity for San Jose as we look into the near future. Cautiously because while additional 20,000 jobs is music to the ears, the City needs to make sure this doesn't further strain the housing market and streets in downtown don't become parking lots. Google needs to step-up and design a mixed-use complex with enough residential units and encourage public transportation or biking to work.

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

Community service has been my passion for the last 15 years. As Chair of Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission, President of Pinehurst Residents Association and local Program Director for Humanity First USA food pantry, I am able to see firsthand issues faced by our community on a daily basis. Their stories and struggles are what motivate me to run for the City Council. Decisions made by the city affect every citizen of the city and therefore should be made keeping in mind the best interest of all citizens and should not be biased by loud voices and special interest groups.

Some of my prior community service work includes; Volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank, Volunteer at Sacred Heart Community Services, Board Member at Senior Cambrian Center and Board Member at the Interfaith Council on Economics and Justice of Working Partnership USA.

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?

Technology has and keeps on evolving at an incredibly fast pace touching each and everyone's life. Driverless cars and delivery by drones is no longer a dream. Hyperloop and commercial flights to Mars seem to be around the corner. While all this is exciting to many and it is to me as well. My biggest worry is the large number of low-skilled jobs that will be lost to robots and technological innovations. As the city transitions into and adopts new technologies, we need to be mindful of this sector of our population and put programs into place to create a clear path for them to transition to more skilled jobs.