

**San Jose City Council
Candidate Questionnaire – Council Candidates District 7
June 2010 Election**

Please answer all questions. The completed questionnaire must be returned electronically by 5:30 pm, Monday, March 22 via an attached Word document to Pat Sausedo at pats@sjchamber.com Questions, please call Pat Sausedo at (408) 291-5200 or the Candidate Cultivation Co-chairs Dennis Martin at (408) 294-5682 or John Tang at (408) 279-7900.

Your scheduled interview with the Candidate Cultivation Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, March 25th between 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm** at the Chamber of Commerce Office, 101 W. Santa Clara St., in downtown San Jose. A specific time for your interview will be confirmed by the Candidate Cultivation co-chairs prior to March 25th.

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CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE NAME: Minh Duong for Council-2010

OFFICE SEEKING: San Jose City Council District 7

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OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EMPLOYER: MHD Home Furniture

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- 1. As a member of the San Jose City Council, name your three top priorities for the City.**
 - a. Economic Revitalization**
 - b. Budget Deficit**
 - c. Population Growth**

- 2. Describe how you plan to implement your top three priorities (50 words or less)**

First, we must make sure that businesses in San Jose are given the incentives to expand. This can be done with existing programs but we must do a better job of marketing these efforts.

Second, during these troubling economic times, we must keep City expenditures frozen and look for ways to increase revenue that make sense. We must review our retirement plans so that they make sense, eliminate double dipping, and promotion given out in the last few months of service just so as to increase pension benefits.

Third, we must loosen development and zoning requirements and provide ample support to developers to provide more affordable housing for our growing population.

3. Will you support two tier pension reform (for new employees) Yes

No

We must look at the overall pension system to reform it. We simply can not afford the path that we are on.

4. Will you support requiring employees paying a higher share of their benefits/healthcare?

Yes No

We must look at implementing or increasing co-pays for doctor visits, with possibly a cap on this expenditure. We must look at increasing the employee contribution, with higher paid city employees paying a higher percentage.

5. Will you support tax incentives for businesses to locate in San Jose? Yes

No

6. Name one example of a business tax incentive you would be willing to implement (25 words or less)

I would like to explore the idea of creating districts in the city where sales tax rates could be reduced in order to attract new customers.

Specifically, if we could allow car dealers to charge a lower percentage of sales tax, this might serve as an incentive to attract customers who in the market for a new/used car.

7. Do you support simplifying the process of government contracting with private or not-for-profit companies for non-essential services currently provided by the city?

Yes No

8. Do you support spending tax increment/redevelopment money to bring professional baseball to San Jose? Yes No

9. Do you support spending tax/redevelopment money to bring high speed BART into downtown San Jose? Yes No

10. Do you support the expansion of the downtown SJ Convention Center as a priority for funding by the City of San Jose? Yes NO

11. Do you support amending the city charter to eliminate government mandated wages (prevailing wage) for private companies who bid on public contracts.

Yes No

12. Do you support the selling of the Hayes Mansion? Yes No

13. Do you support selling Los Lagos Golf Course? Yes No

14. Do you favor high-density housing along transit corridors? Yes no

15. Until the economy fully rebounds, would you be in favor of a moratorium on all new regulations imposed on businesses? Yes No

16. Would you be in favor of streamlining the development review process for projects that fit within guidelines in the General Plan (fast track)? Yes No

REFERENCES

Please provide two personal and two professional references.

Professional references:

Mike Rodriguez (510) 377 – 8960

Hien Huynh (408) 239 -9797

Personal references:

Michael Luu (408) 425 – 2522

Paul (Loc) Le (408) 799 - 7672

STRATEGY

Please provide a brief overview of your campaign strategy i.e., key endorsements, fundraising goals, amount raised to date, consultants you have retained. (50 words or less)

- 1. How many votes do you need to win:** Our goal is 6500 vote
- 2. How much money will you raise for your campaign:** Our goal is \$40,000 for Primary (within strategic timeline)
- 3. Who has endorsed your campaign:**
 - Jose Esteves, Former Milpitas Mayor
 - Frank Bielh, School Board Member, ESUHD

- Helen Wang, Small Business Development Commissioner
- Mark Tiernan, Milpitas Planning Commissioner
- Michael Luu, Santa Clara County Planning Commissioner
- Sam Ho, Board Member of CET
- Shawn Steel, National Committeeman California Republican Party
- Jack Davis, President of Santa Clara Valley Republican Assembly
- Allen Barker, Candidate for 28th District Assembly
- "Coach" Luis Garcia, Candidate for U.S. Congress District 13
- Hernando G. Caampued, Former U.S. Presidential Commissioner on Minority Small Business Development
- Ryan Tracuco, San Diego County Commissioner, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board
- Jaime Ronderos, M.D.
- Truong Quang Si, National Chairman of Vietnamese American Republican Party
- Jon Aiken, Manager of Tekon US
- Bill Applegate, President of The Aces Solution
- Ken Nguyen, CAD Manager
- Don Barich, Candidate for U.S. Congress District 15
- Sammy Castillo, Friends of the Vietnamese Community
- Shahin Shabahan, Coalitions Chairperson
- Viet-American Voters of Northern California

4. Are you getting professional help on your campaign? (List names and roles):

- Mark Tiernan, Campaign Consultant
- Michael Luu, Campaign Manager/Strategist

5. What is your core message:

6. Who are your core constituencies:

7. If prepared, please attach a copy of your ballot statement.

I am committed to making District 7 the best place to live, work and do business in San Jose.

My family has lived in District 7 for over 12 years. As a business owner and community leader, I know the challenges families face in our community.

As a community leader, I have served San Jose as a Commissioner on the Small Business Development Commission, a member of the San Jose Rotary Club, member of the Board of Directors of Breathe California, as Vice President of the Vietnamese American Committee Action Team, and as a member of the Evergreen Business and Professional Association. My strong sense of commitment to District 7 has won much support from other community leaders.

With my Economics degree from U.C Berkeley, business experience coupled with vast leadership experience, now is the time for me to give back to our community, to be your advocate at City Hall. It is time for all of us to demand that we be able to raise our families free from gang violence, free from neglect, and to elect leaders that truly reflect the will and the best interests of the people of District 7. Therefore, I respectfully ask for your vote.

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