

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.

NAME: Madison Nguyen

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE NAME: Re-elect Madison Nguyen for City Council 2010

OFFICE SEEKING: San Jose City Council, District 7

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OCCUPATION: San Jose City Councilmember, District 7

EMPLOYER: City of San Jose

1. As a member of the San Jose City Council, name your three top priorities for the City.
 - a. Public Safety
 - b. Economic Development
 - c. Affordable Housing

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

It's important to recognize that these three issues do not operate in a vacuum. There is a direct nexus between affordable housing, public safety, and economic development. When we put people in homes rather than leave them for the streets, crime is less likely. With lower crime rates, companies and people feel safer to develop and spend their money in San Jose. The point is: My strategy revolves around implementing all three of these simultaneously because they are all connected towards the goal of a prosperous San Jose.

3. Will you support two tier pension reform (for new employees) YES No
4. Will you support requiring employees paying a higher share of their benefits/healthcare? Yes No
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)

While there are numerous business incentives I would be willing to support, one recent example would be my support of a proposal to waive business license fees for new small businesses that decide to locate in the area and a measure to waive parking fees.

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 (too vague. With permission, I'd would like to discuss this further at the endorsement interview)
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:

David Duong, President, California Waste Solutions
1005 Timothy Drive
San Jose, CA 95113
(510) 715-2203

David Neale, President, The CORE Companies
470 S. Market Street
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 821-5655

Personal references:

Bob Kieve, President, Empire Broadcasting
750 Story Road
San Jose, CA 95122
(408) 202-4200

Robert Emami, President, ROEM Development Corporation
1650 Lafayette Street
Santa Clara, CA 95050
(408) 309-9100

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:** 7,000 votes to win outright in June
2. **How much money will you raise for your campaign:** \$96,000
3. **Who has endorsed your campaign:** Mayor Chuck Reed, Vice Mayor Judy Chirco and Councilmembers Pete Constant, Ash Kalra, Sam Liccardo, Nora Campos, Rose Herrera and Nancy Pyle, Police Officers Association, International Association of Fire Fighters (Local 230), Association of Retired Police and Fire Fighters and among many other elected officials and organizations

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

Yes, I expect individuals and organizations that endorsed my campaign to help me win outright in June.

5. **What is your core message:**

Experience
Track Record
Represent all constituents

6. **Who are your core constituencies:**

Latinos (40%) and Vietnamese (28%) and Caucasian (13%).

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

Statement of Madison Nguyen
Candidate for Councilmember, District 7, City of San Jose

Occupation: Councilmember, District 7

Education and Qualifications:

Since my election in 2005, I have worked collaboratively with residents and community leaders to improve our quality of life. Together, we have created over 1,000 jobs, made major street improvements including Senter Road and Lucretia Avenue, built over 700 affordable housing units, constructed several new neighborhood parks and worked to improve public safety.

As your council member, I will continue to stand up for all our neighborhoods by advocating for quality jobs, beautifying our neighborhoods, creating affordable housing communities and ensuring public safety.

I approach every decision and policy with an open ear while respecting the importance of transparency and open government. It is important to include our residents in the decision process. In the past four years, I have worked with many neighborhood leaders to advocate for projects and programs that are important to residents in District 7.

I am supported by Mayor Chuck Reed, San Jose Police Officers Association, San Jose Firefighters Local 230 and many elected officials and community leaders.

I ask for your vote so I can continue the important work that you elected me to do. Please re-elect Madison Nguyen to the San Jose City Council.