

**San Jose City Council  
Candidate Questionnaire – Council Candidates District 9  
June 2010 Election**

Please answer all questions. The completed questionnaire must be returned electronically by 5:30 pm, Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> via an attached Word document to Pat Sausedo at [pats@sjchamber.com](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

**NAME: Larry Pegram**  
**CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE NAME: “Friends of Larry Pegram”**  
**OFFICE SEEKING: San Jose City Council District 9**  
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**OCCUPATION: President**  
**EMPLOYER: Values Advocacy Council**

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1. As a member of the San Jose City Council, name your three top priorities for the City.
  - a. Solving the fiscal crisis at City Hall
  - b. Aggressively pursuing the creation of jobs in the Valley
  - c. Ensuring the maximum level of City Services possible, considering the fiscal plight of the City, for each resident of the City
  - d. Continuing the City’s “Smart Growth” policies
  
2. Describe how you plan to implement your top three priorities (50 words or less)

The 500 pound gorilla is the fiscal crisis facing the City. Some very difficult decisions need to be implemented to bring fiscal well being to the budget. There will be a need for layoffs, a hiring freeze, reductions in salary and salary increases, pension reform, and program reductions and/or elimination. The City bargaining units will have to step up to the table and offer solutions to this problem that are amenable to their members.

An increase in the sales tax is a bad idea and one that I will not support.

One way to increase revenue is to aggressively pursue the creation of jobs in the valley. The City may help in the process by reducing permit fees and processing times...not by talk but by measurable action.

Additionally, as most jobs are created by small business (entrepreneurs), facilitate the formation of new enterprises and the hiring of additional employees. Not every job can be a "green job". We must look to the spectrum of entrepreneurial opportunities for job creation. I surmise that there is not a procedure for calculating and counting the number of new jobs the City facilitates. A management axiom is "Count what you wish to accomplish".

Will you support two tier pension reform (for new employees)  Yes  No

3. Will you support requiring employees paying a higher share of their benefits/healthcare?  
 Yes  No
4. Will you support tax incentives for businesses to locate in San Jose?  Yes  No
5. Name one example of a business tax incentive you would be willing to implement (25 words or less) Fee reduction, postponement or elimination. The budget problem remains the expense side of the equation.
6. 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
7. Do you support spending tax increment/redevelopment money to bring professional baseball to San Jose?  Yes  No
8. Do you support spending tax/redevelopment money to bring high speed BART into downtown San Jose?  Yes  No
9. Do you support the expansion of the downtown SJ Convention Center as a priority for funding by the City of San Jose?  Yes  NO
10. Do you support amending the city charter to eliminate government mandated wages (prevailing wage) for private companies who bid on public contracts.  Yes  No
11. Do you support the selling of the Hayes Mansion?  Yes  No
12. Do you support selling Los Lagos Golf Course?  Yes  No
13. Do you favor high-density housing along transit corridors?  Yes  no

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

15. 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:

**Pastor Dave Sawkins 408-221-6726**

**Dan Miller 408-779-5958**

### Personal references:

**Bob Kieve**

**Charles Davidson**

## 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: 9500+/-
2. How much money will you raise for your campaign: \$60,000
3. Who has endorsed your campaign: Have not yet sought endorsements
4. Are you getting professional help on your campaign? (List names and roles):  
Will employ professional help
5. What is your core message:  
Experience and leadership. The candidate with the will to make tough decisions
6. Who are your core constituencies: Republicans, values voters, public safety supporters, citizens who are concerned with public safety and the fiscal plight of the City.
7. Please attach a copy of your ballot statement. Not yet drafted.

## ENDORSEMENT DISCLAIMER

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