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Palo Alto's current model of government with present staffing is large and ineffective at dealing with the scope and magnitude of the problems of the built-out environment. Quality of life issues require voters to be more alert, informed, and involved. Palo Alto has not yet adequately addressed its need for housing.

I recommend electing new Council Members and hiring a new City Manager and Director of Planning and Community Environment skilled at prioritizing and meeting budget limits, eliminating the Architectural Review Board and adding two members to the Planning Commission, and hiring enough personnel to reduce overtime costs and evaluate the performance of all City workers. I support expansion of and seismic upgrade to the current police station over relocation and replacement.

I oppose High Speed Rail on Caltrain right of way and will push for a single, integrated Bay area rail system prior to any hook-up to HSR and will fight lane reduction on El Camino Real. We need better water use profiles for all new building, including water removal evaluation for basements and operational planning for rising sea levels.

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