

LYDIA KOU:

Occupation: Residential Realtor

Education and Qualifications:

I have worked to make Palo Alto better for its residents. As a leader in my neighborhood association (Barron Park), I found presentations about City projects one-sided. I have worked to provide residents with more complete, balanced information and have opposed developments inappropriate for the city. I am serving on the Comprehensive Plan Update. My civic involvement began as a leader in Palo Alto's Emergency Preparedness program where I focused on implementation and on actively involving the larger community. I worked closely with City Staff and received multiple awards for my accomplishments.

In my job I hear frank assessments from homebuyers about Palo Alto and why they want to live here. It reinforces my own feelings and what I hear from many of you. My husband John and I raised our daughters here. We love Palo Alto but see that quality of life has declined and is further threatened by excessive development that overwhelms our infrastructure: our streets, parking, schools and other public facilities. Too often the City's "facts" conflict with what we residents know and see. Too often City Hall forgets many of us are stretching ourselves thin to live here.

On Council I will forcefully stand up for all residents' interests.

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