

Families and Community Wellbeing

I want Mountain View to be happy and healthy. We work extremely hard to excel at work and provide for our families. I will support you with City Council policies that promote health and wellbeing.

I call for childcare to be allowed throughout the city, except in hazardous zones. We're facing a significant shortage of childcare options, and it's impacting families every day. Childcare and Pre-K are vital to intellectual and social development. Expanding childcare will also strengthen Mountain View's economic vitality, as more parents pursue employment and families choose to spend their dollars in the city.

We need to prioritize banning vapes and e-cigarettes in Mountain View. The National Academy of Science has found that vaping exacerbates heart conditions, respiratory problems, and mental health challenges. Vapes are particularly dangerous for children and adolescents since their brains are still developing. The 2022 California Youth Tobacco Survey found that 17.6 percent of high schoolers had tried vaping. Banning vapes is a second-tier priority on the City Council's work plan right now. It's a top priority for me.

The cost of living is increasing significantly, which leaves many neighbors struggling to make ends meet. I believe the City Council needs to look for ways to help residents when existing services don't meet the need. For example, my neighborhood has a shortage of laundry services. Going to a laundromat can cost \$3.50 for a small load and \$7.00 for a large load. I advocate for the city to work with the Community Services Agency to implement a low-income laundry assistance program in partnership with our local laundromats. I also support continuing to fund vital services at Hope's Corner and other impactful nonprofits.

I want to hear from the community about how our facilities can be improved to attract a broader audience. The View Teen Center, the Senior Center, Library, Community Center and city celebrations are a critical part of city services. What renovations or improvements would bring more visitors to the Teen Center and the Senior Center? How can we invite more people to celebrate Earth Day, the 4th of July, or Lunar New Year? I was ecstatic about this year's Lunar New Year celebration, and I want to build on it in future years.

Initiatives such as Sister Cities, the Library's History Corner, and the Library's job training resources help us learn about our community and how we can make a worldwide impact. I will invest in these programs to help them grow and reach new audiences.

Everyone should feel welcome to celebrate Mountain View and take advantage of our programs. I call for Mountain View to partner with disability rights organizations to ensure that city infrastructure, events, and programs are accessible to neighbors of all abilities.