

Parks, Sustainability, and Climate Resilience

Mountain View is an environmental leader thanks to our parks and ambitious climate policies. I believe we need to build more parks to promote being outdoors and unite the community around climate resilience. Most weekends you can find me enjoying Rengstorff Park. I especially love the huge trees near the basketball courts. They're beautiful, and they're a good reminder of the climate challenges Mountain View faces.

The city is currently updating its Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan to lay the foundation for new and improved park facilities. As a city councilmember, I support more dog parks, so pet owners can enjoy our city's parks. Parks that could accommodate new dog parks include Sylvan, Charleston, and Chetwood Parks. We also need more bathrooms, benches and water fountains so folks can stay outside longer. Other recreational programs such as swim lessons, Deer Hollow Farm tours, and pickleball court access need to be prioritized and expanded to meet demand.

We need to invest in our trees through the Biodiversity and Urban Forest Plan. Trees are vital to public health and climate resilience. I stand committed to protect heritage trees and promote native, pollinator-friendly landscaping. I support the city's partnership with nonprofit Canopy to educate the community and engage in plantings with our school districts and neighborhood associations.

Shoreline Regional Park is one of Mountain View's crown jewels, and it's vital to our climate resilience. To protect against sea level rise, we should restore more tidal wetlands in partnership with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. I support a dark skies ordinance at Shoreline and citywide to protect ecological stability and public health. Furthermore, the Biodiversity Plan should consult with local experts to protect Shoreline's at-risk species and bird populations.

I envision a Mountain View where sustainability is a way of life. I will push the City Council to facilitate sustainable consumption, electrification, and multimodal transportation. I'll focus on strengthening the food ware ordinance and incentivizing reusable containers through programs such as Silicon Valley Reduces. Permitting for heat pump technology, solar panels, and insulation improvements needs to be streamlined in accordance with Housing Element Goal 4.2. I also support the expansion of EV chargers in downtown parking lots and further electrification of city infrastructure, including our vehicle fleet.

To minimize the use of single-occupancy vehicles and promote healthy living, I will work to improve our bike lanes, expand Stevens Creek Trail, and improve our sidewalks. The city's Active Transportation Plan and Transportation Demand Management Plan give us the opportunity to make Mountain View a 15-minute city.