

MVHJ Candidate Questionnaire 2024 (Use form link above, or below questions to respond by email. Your choice.)

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Policy Questions

Please answer the five policy questions below.

Rent Control History and Vehicle Resident History tables are available [here](#) for your reference.

1) Rent Control

Please share your public and private positions on the rent control measures proposed or adopted in Mountain View since 2015 ([see here](#)).

Are you satisfied with current Mountain View rent control policies?

- **I'm happy that measure V passed in 2016 as it brought crucial rent control and tenant protections to our residents. Not only did it help stabilize rents to a degree, it provided essential safeguards for tenants, preventing unjust evictions and ensuring that housing remains affordable to residents.**

However we've seen attacks made to these protections like Measure D, which sought to weaken these protections. While Measure V has been a positive step, I believe there is room for improvement.

Some of the improvements can include expansion of buildings constructed after 1995 to protect more residents from steep rent increases - and this is the bare minimum.

We need to update the Zoning Ordinance to align with state laws, as laid out in our housing element, incorporating provisions for Low-Barrier Navigation Centers, Employee Housing, and mobile home parks. By amending the ordinance to

permit residential care homes regardless of the number of residents and simplifying Reasonable Accommodation permits, we can make our community more inclusive.

2) Vehicle Residents

Street parking of RVs is currently permitted on some streets following settlement of a lawsuit against the City. When the Measure C settlement ends, how would you support the residents who are currently living in the three miles which the city must allow? [RV parking ordinance history here.](#)

- **I believe that one thing we need to make sure the council doesn't do is to not worry so much about enforcement tools on how to remove RVs, but instead should focus on how we can help residents.**

Beyond expanding safe parking programs, we should explore creating transitional housing communities specifically designed for RV residents. These communities could provide a bridge between RV living and permanent housing, offering not just a place to park but also access to health services, employment resources, and a path to homeownership or long-term rentals.

Additionally, I would propose the city establish a mobile services unit that brings essential resources directly to RV residents. This unit could provide healthcare, legal aid, and housing assistance on-site, ensuring that those in need receive timely support.

3) Safe Parking

Do we need to continue to provide Safe Parking Lots for RVs?

Would you support providing electricity access to RVs at the Shoreline lot so that there would be less need for generator or natural gas use?

- **Definitely, we do need to continue providing Safe Parking Lots for RVs. These lots offer a critical lifeline for residents who have few other housing options, ensuring they have a**

safe place to stay with access to essential services. Safe Parking Lots are an important part of our strategy to support those facing housing insecurity while we work on long-term solutions like increasing affordable housing.

I would absolutely support providing electricity access to RVs at the Shoreline lot. We can significantly reduce the reliance on generators or natural gas, which not only lowers costs for residents but also minimizes environmental impact and improves air quality. This step would also make the living conditions in these lots safer and more comfortable for RV residents.

Providing electricity aligns with our broader goals of creating sustainable and humane living conditions for all Mountain View residents, including those who are most vulnerable.

4) Displacement

What policies do you favor to help mitigate or prevent displacement?

What balance are you looking for when it comes to redevelopment and its impact on existing residents?

- **Strengthening tenant protections is essential, including expanding rent control and just-cause eviction laws to cover more units and implementing right-to-return policies for those displaced by redevelopment. We must also require that new developments include a significant percentage of affordable units and increase inclusionary zoning requirements to ensure housing remains accessible for all.**

In addition, I advocate for displacement prevention programs that provide emergency rental assistance and relocation support, as well as expanding Community Land Trusts to maintain long-term housing affordability.

When it comes to redevelopment, it's crucial to strike a balance that encourages growth while protecting existing residents. This means ensuring inclusive planning with community input, phased redevelopment that minimizes disruption to secure affordable housing and other essential benefits.

5) Affordability of new and/or existing housing.

What are your suggestions to increase the affordability of new or existing housing?

- **We should streamline the approval process for affordable housing projects, reducing delays that increase costs. By expediting these processes, we can encourage the quicker development of much-needed affordable housing.**

Mountain View has made some progress with ADUs, but we can do more by further reducing regulatory barriers and offering financial incentives to homeowners. This would hopefully help increase the supply of affordable rental options in our existing neighborhoods.

Preserving existing affordable housing is another critical step. We need to protect these units from being converted to market-rate and offer incentives for property owners to maintain and improve them while keeping them affordable.