

Statement of AHMAD RAFAH, Candidate for  
Member, Santa Clara City Council, Seat 7

Occupation: Educator/Policy Advisor

Age: 27

Education and Qualifications:

Born in a refugee camp during his parents' escape from Afghanistan, Ahmad Rafah grew up in poverty but with the help of his community, achieved the American Dream. His experience led him to dedicate his life to public service, to give back to his country; he became a science teacher for students in struggling communities, a fighter for working families and affordable healthcare for all, and a Congressional advisor to make a difference in policies nationwide.

"Ahmad was my advisor on Santa Clara's most important issues: energy, the environment, housing, business, and technology. His exceptional background in policy and his ability to get results are what Santa Clarans deserve in their next leader." -Congressman Mike Honda

Ahmad helped Santa Clara seniors, veterans, and small businesses resolve their problems every day with the IRS, Social Security, and immigration; taught math and science to Santa Clara students; fought to raise the minimum wage for Santa Clara workers; and forged groundbreaking partnerships between local/ state/federal agencies, high-tech CEOs, Santa Clara University, Mission College, and the affordable "agrihood" housing movement. Ahmad is also a Santa Clara Rotary Club member and was a member of Santa Clara's Charter Review Committee.

Ahmad is running to put Santa Clarans first. Learn more at [www.AhmadRafah.com](http://www.AhmadRafah.com).