

Statement of TERESA O'NEILL, Candidate for
Member, Santa Clara City Council, Seat 7

Occupation: Santa Clara City Councilmember/Retired Businesswoman

Education and Qualifications:

I'm honored to serve you on your City Council as Vice Mayor. I realized the night of April 21, 2015 how important it is to have an honest and open city government. The 49ers wanted to take over our Youth Soccer Park. Hundreds of residents filled the council chambers protesting this giveaway. A slim majority of the council appeared ready to allow it--and do it behind closed doors. But I stood up and announced that I wouldn't leave the dais to participate in a closed session. This action, echoed by Mayor Lisa Gillmor and Councilwoman Debi Davis, stopped the process. The proposal subsequently died. This meeting demonstrates both my actions and my values: open government, responsiveness to residents, financial accountability, and protection of our parks and open space.

We have many challenges in Santa Clara: housing costs, transportation, aging infrastructure, and increased need for services. But we can't address them unless city hall is accessible and transparent--and has the trust of our residents. I believe I have the strength, experience, and knowledge to serve on your council. I will work my heart out for you. For more information visit www.teresaoneill.org