



**Candidates Forum for
City of Santa Clara Candidates for
Chief of Police and City Clerk
and
Council Seat Nos. 3, 4 6, & 7
Sponsored by:
League of Women Voters
City's Vote Ethics Program**

A G E N D A

Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Santa Clara City Hall – Council Chambers

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- I. Call to Order by Moderator and Review of Format and Candidates Forum Ground Rules Dr. Carol Ann Gittens,
Santa Clara University
- II. Chief of Police and City Clerk
- Opening Statements
 - Questions from the Moderator and Public
 - Closing Statements
- III. Council Seats 3, 4, 6, & 7
- Opening Statements
 - Questions from the Moderator and Public
 - Answers
 - Rebuttals
 - Closing Statements
- IV. Adjournment
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SUBMITTING QUESTIONS FOR TONIGHT'S FORUM

Welcome! The public has been invited to participate in this Forum by submitting written questions and topics for possible discussion either in advance of the Forum or during it. During the Forum, please write your questions on cards available from the representatives of the League of Women Voters who are moving through the audience. Hand your cards during the Forum to the League representatives. Because of limited time, the Question Review Committee may combine questions or may change the original wording for consistency with the City's *Code of Ethics & Values* as well as the City's *Behavioral Standards for Public Meetings*. Questions should be submitted not later than 8:45 p.m. If we do not have time to ask all questions submitted, the Review Committee will choose topics of interest to the largest number of voters. There will be no open microphone during this forum for audience questions; all questions must be submitted in writing.

FORUM GROUND-RULES

The purpose of the Forum is for candidates to provide information about their qualifications, policy positions, and other information voters need to elect a Council they trust. Consistent with the City's *Behavioral Standards for Public Meetings*, the moderator and question review panel are committed to robust candidate discussion, asking a wide range of questions of interest to Santa Clara voters, and ensuring that the questions and the Forum environment are consistent with the City's Code of Ethics & Values. To that end:

- Please turn your cell phone off or set to vibrate only. Please applaud for all candidates and only when invited to do so. Please do not otherwise applaud, cheer or boo, or campaign in other ways during the Forum. Please respect the diversity of public viewpoints and treat others with dignity and respect as you wish to be treated. Please do not shout or argue with the candidates, moderator, or other members of the audience during the Forum.

BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS APPLY TO THE FORUM

If anyone engages in conduct which disturbs, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Forum, the Moderator shall have the discretion to ask that the disruptive behavior stop. Behavior with the potential to disturb, disrupt or otherwise impede the meeting includes the following:

- Impertinent, slanderous, or profane remarks to any candidate, staff, the public, or others
- Disparaging an individual, group, or their associates on the basis of their ethnicity, race, gender, sexuality, age, disability, immigration status or religion
- Loud, threatening, or abusive language, especially directed at individuals, causing fear, havoc, or similar reactions
- Argumentative interruption of a speaker or Moderator
- Engaging in disorderly or boisterous conduct, including using loud, threatening or abusive language, whistling, clapping, stamping of feet, waving signs, or similar acts
- Continuing to speak after exceeding a time limit and being asked to step down

Everyone, even persons disrupting a meeting, will be treated with equitability and respect. The Moderator will issue a warning to stop the disruptive behavior. If the disruptive behavior continues, the Moderator will take action to regain order and to continue the Forum.

FORUM BROADCASTING AND AVAILABILITY

The Forum is broadcast live tonight in Santa Clara on Municipal Cable Channel 15 and streamed live from the City's website. The Forum will be rebroadcast on Cable Channel 15 on the following dates and times: September 21 and 22 at 7 p.m., September 23 at 11 a.m., October 17 at 7 p.m., and November 5 at 4 p.m. preceding the Final Word Forum. Anyone with a Santa Clara library card may also check out a DVD copy of the Forum at the City's Central Park and Mission Libraries. DVDs will be available at the library a few days following September 18.

ABOUT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters is a political, non-partisan organization encouraging informed and active participation in government by promoting good government, strengthening democratic institutions, keeping government processes open and studying politics, policies and issues. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.

For comprehensive, non-partisan and trustworthy election information about measures and candidates, visit the League's www.smartvoter.org. The site also provides voters with information on polling places, personalized ballots, and election results.

The League of Women Voters of San Jose/ Santa Clara encompasses the cities of San Jose, Santa Clara, Milpitas, Morgan Hill and Gilroy. Website address: www.lwvsjsc.org.