Opportunities for Affordable Housing and Reliable Transit in Santa Clara County and the Bay Area
Housing Conditions
Rents Out of Reach for Most Santa Clara Workers

- Need (in workers)
- Supply (in units)
Common Occupations Priced Out of Rental Market

- Waiters and Waitresses
- Retail Salesperson
- Bank Teller
- EMTs and Paramedics
- Office & Administrative Support
- Public School Teacher

Needed to Afford 2-Bedroom Fair Market Rent
Low Paying Jobs Are Growing Faster Than High Paying Jobs
While Housing Shortage Worsens, Funding is Cut

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, funds local community development projects **16% cut**

HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which helps pay for affordable housing projects, was **cut by 35%**

HOPE VI and the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, which aim to revitalize distressed public housing by transforming it into mixed-income developments, were **slashed by 50%**

Redevelopment Funding, the largest source of funding for affordable housing in California, 1.7 billion dollars, **completely eliminated**.
Housing Recommendations

• Create New Funding Sources for Affordable Housing

• Rezone Sites for Multi-Family Housing
Transportation Conditions
San Jose has a far worse commute time than the average U.S. commute!

Source: Texas Transportation Institute
Low-income families in Santa Clara County pay a high percentage of their income on transportation:

- San Francisco County, California: 16.3%
- San Mateo County, California: 22.3%
- Santa Clara County, California: 33.5%
- Bay Area (Average): 26.7%

Source: Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Low-income Santa Clara County residents depend on the VTA bus much more so than light rail.
Transit funding in the Bay Area is not equitably distributed.

Source: Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Transportation Recommendations

• Create local and regional level incentive programs for transit-oriented development
• Establish regional and local anti-displacement policies that will protect existing neighborhoods in danger of gentrification
• Ensure fairness in local transit investments
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Asian American Community-based Organizations: Elected Officials to Influence

• Bay Area Air Quality Management District
  • Councilmember Ash Kalra, District 2, City of San Jose

• Association of Bay Area Governments, City Representatives
  • Vice Mayor Anu Natarajan, City of Fremont
  • Councilmember Suzanne Chan, City of Fremont
  • Councilmember Kris Wang, City of Cupertino
  • Councilmember Emily Lo, City of Saratoga
  • Councilmember Gilbert Wong, City of Cupertino
  • Councilmember Kansen Chu, District 4, City of San Jose
  • Supervisor George Shirakawa, County of Santa Clara

• Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Board Members
  • Councilmember Ash Kalra, District 2, City of San Jose
  • Councilmember Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View
  • Vice-Mayor Evan Low (Alternate), City of Campbell
  • Supervisor George Shirakawa (Alternate), County of Santa Clara