

Where the challengers stand on the issues

	Wolbach	Weiss	Reddy	Johnston	Fredrich	Douglass
DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes housing should be the city's priority for development, particularly near transit hubs and near services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly opposes large commercial developments and zoning exceptions for downtown projects. Believes the ongoing overhaul of the Comprehensive Plan is a "waste of money." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Says he wants to pursue "slow growth/ no growth" policies, with no large new developments and no private negotiations with developers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports updating the Comprehensive Plan before considering any zoning changes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes in slow-growth policies, no zoning exemptions for new developments. Supports retention of the city's 50-foot height limit for new buildings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports building more housing, particularly to accommodate the homeless population.
TRANSPORTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes a residential parking-permit program should come with a "sunset clause." Strongly supports expanding the city's shuttle program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No strong position stated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports a residential parking-permit program. Argues that the city should pursue transformational, "innovative" solutions for moving people around the city. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the establishment of a residential parking-permit program on a trial basis, with possible revisions to respond to unforeseen problems. Believes the city should look at pricing parking in downtown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the residential parking-permit program in downtown but believes the city should do a better job managing the supply of parking spaces in existing downtown garages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledges that parking and traffic issues don't excite him and that he would rather defer to the traffic engineers on proposed solutions to local problems.
HOUSING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports revising zoning rules to encourage development of more "granny units" on single-family lots in residential neighborhoods. Says he was "appalled" by the council's ban on car camping last year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposes housing mandates imposed by the Association of Bay Area Governments and believes the group is biased in favor of developers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Says Palo Alto should not build a homeless shelter but should appropriate money for a nonprofit to provide services for the homeless. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes one of the city's top priorities should be to encourage more housing for residents of different income levels, possibly through creation of "specific area plans" of the sort that was used in the South of Forest Avenue neighborhood. Supported the Maybell Avenue housing development that voters overturned in 2013. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports laws that would encourage secondary units on large residential lots, particularly corner lots and properties with alleys. Opposes a ban on car camping. Supported the Maybell Avenue housing development that voters overturned in 2013. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly opposes a ban on car camping and the council's decision last year to close Cubberley Community Center to car campers at night.
FINANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes some of the money that the city had budgeted for a new bike bridge over U.S. Highway 101 and for remodeling the City Hall lobby would have been better spent on providing a solution for keeping residents of Buena Vista Mobile Home Park in Palo Alto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports spending more on public art and less on initiatives like Our Palo Alto and the update of the Comprehensive Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposes any new taxes. Believes the city should be lowering rather than raising taxes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports raising the hotel tax rate from 12 percent to 14 percent to pay for infrastructure repairs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wants to reduce city staff through attrition and to channel savings into capital improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes the city should devote more resources to find housing for the homeless.
GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposes reducing the size of the City Council. Supports collaboration with residents on "specific area plans" to determine what development should be encouraged in different neighborhoods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes the size of the City Council should not be reduced but would be open to considering adding members to the council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposes reducing the size of the City Council. Deeply critical of the council's handling in 2012 of negotiations with John Arrillaga. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The only candidate who isn't taking a position on a proposal to reduce the number of members on the City Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes the City Council should continue to have nine members. Is seeking neither endorsements nor contributions for his campaign. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very critical of the council's negotiations with developer John Arrillaga in 2012. Believes the size of the City Council should remain at nine members.