

Oct. 17, 2016, letter to the editor

We planned to support our council candidates, Arthur Keller and Lydia Kou with the usual mix of candidates' coffees, lawn signs and small checks. Then we saw baseless attacks from the Chamber of Commerce, big developer money rolling in and misleading suggestions that Mayor Burt is trying to ban tech workers in Palo Alto.

We saw pro-developer candidates campaigning on a slate. We saw shifts in positions on affordable housing, parking and traffic. We saw candidates who are skilled at social media sending targeted messages that may mislead voters.

We support affordable housing. We support ground floor retail. We support candidates who are the best choice to achieve positive growth for the City. When we saw the developer money and the Chamber weigh in just before the ballots were mailed, we realized that helping our candidates get their message out quickly was important. So we stepped in to help. Disagree? Then vote your conscience. We will.

/Signed,

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