

Jose Andrew Sandoval

Candidate for: Salinas City Council – District 5

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Occupation: Business Development Manager

Years in the Area: 35

Education: Some College

HOUSING POLICY

What is your position on affordable housing? Please be specific with regards to policies you support or oppose

I am in favor of more affordable housing and will work to find nonprofit partners to bring more. I believe strongly in the inclusionary housing ordinance.

Do you support modifying city policies or regulations to make it easier and cheaper to build housing? If so, what specific policy changes do you support?

Yes, I am in favor of making permitting more efficient and more user friendly.

Do you support requiring that “inclusionary housing” units be made permanently affordable, even upon resale? If not, please explain.

Yes, otherwise rents will increase to the market rate and a lot of people would be priced out.

Do you support requiring developers of hospitality, commercial and industrial projects that significantly increase demand for already scarce housing resources to pay housing impact fees to finance workforce housing or to build such housing themselves?

Yes, workforce housing should be a part of a toolkit to build much needed housing.

How should local governments finance affordable housing?

They should have reduced fees, seek grants, and actively look for affordable housing developers.

Throughout Monterey County, local governments have approved ~21,000 single family homes that haven't been built, and another ~13,000 are proposed. The median home price in Monterey County is ~\$850,000. Do you support adding more single family homes to the unbuilt pipeline or zoning for more affordable apartments, condominiums, and townhouses?

We need to prioritize more affordable apartments, condominiums, and townhouses. We need more housing not less.

What other housing policies do you support or oppose?

I support a streamlined process for ADUs across Monterey County. There are many places we can infill.

WATER POLICY

What specific proposals do you support to ensure your community can meet its water demands without increasing the overdraft of the County's groundwater aquifers or violating the SWRCB's Cease and Desist Order regarding taking water from the Carmel River?

No response from candidate.

For Peninsula Candidates:

Do you support expansion of Pure Water Monterey as an alternative to building the desalination plant approved by the CPUC in 2018 but now stalled before the Coastal Commission? Why or why not? On what estimate of water demand is your position based, the estimate made by MPWMD or by Cal-Am? If you support the Cal-Am desalination project, how large should it be? Who should pay for the excess capacity from the desalination project until demand materializes for its water, Cal-Am shareholders, business ratepayers, or residential ratepayers?

No response from candidate.

GROWTH POLICIES

Do you support the creation of "urban growth boundaries" or expansion of the existing boundary as a way to prevent urban sprawl, and to insure that future growth is compact, efficient, and protective of the environment? If not, what measures would you support to prevent urban sprawl? If yes, will you sponsor an urban growth boundary in the upcoming year, and make it one of your top three priorities?

We need to grow responsibly and be careful to protect our farmland.

Poorly planned, non-infill commercial developments and hotels create more trips and additional vehicle miles traveled on already overcrowded roads and highways. Both residents and visitors pay the price of delay and increased pollution. What specific traffic congestion relief solutions do you support?

I'm still learning about this issue.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

Do you support roundabouts on Highway 68 and other roads? What other transportation policies or practices have you seen that local governments should incorporate?

I'm still learning about this issue.

CANDIDATE PRIORITIES

If you are elected, what will be your top three priorities?

Affordable Housing, Streets and Sidewalks, Small Business Support

What land use policies would you champion for the community?

More infill, mixed-use, and compact growth.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

What accomplishments in your career or public service are you most proud of?

Bringing District Elections to Cities and School Districts, Supporting Families during Covid with Food Distributions, Bringing the Salinas Youth Poet Laureate back to Salinas, Supporting youth by helping raise money for College Scholarships, and being an advocate for those whose voice is often ignored.

Experience

Santa Rita Union School District Trustee- Measure G Committee Member- Civil Rights District Director- Father of Four and Husband