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| <b>D3: April 18, 2018, City Hall T-1854, Immediately after the D3CLC meeting</b><br><b>Selected: LaToya Fernandez, Richard Wong</b><br><b>Registration:</b> 8:00pm, Start 8:10pm, End 8:45pm<br><b>2 Candidates:</b> 5 Applications, 3 Withdrew<br><b>5 Delegates:</b> Olinder, Goodyear/Mastic, Delmas Park, Tamien, Madera Horning, Rosemary Gardens, Northside   |   |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ What code enforcement issues affecting the quality of life in SJ neighborhoods would you like to address as a commissioner?</li> <li>✓ <i>Are you involved with your Council District's Leadership Group? Have you attended meetings? What roles have you played?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>What are your expectations for the Neighborhoods Commission? What do you want to accomplish during your term?</i></li> <li>✓ What will you do to engage the neighborhoods that you will represent?</li> <li>✓ <i>How will you know you are being an effective commissioner?</i></li> <li>✓ We champion policy recommendations in Code Enforcement, Public Safety and Transportation. What area are you most passionate about and what is a project or are of interest you would wish to champion?</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If there are only two candidates, ties and subsequent rounds of voting don't make sense. Revise the rules or announce why the rules don't apply in this situation.</li> <li>• The Lead Coordinator should sit next to the Facilitator to communicate questions more easily.</li> <li>• Some candidates don't adhere to the "250 words" limits for publication in the candidate booklet. We need better enforcement.</li> </ul> |                 |
| <b>D5: April 25, 2018, Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library</b><br><b>Selected: Jewell Buchanan, Mimi Hernandez</b><br><b>Registration:</b> 6:00pm, Start 6:15pm, End 7:10pm<br><b>3 Candidates:</b> 6 Applications, 3 Absent<br><b>10 Delegates:</b> Mount Pleasant, Foss Ave, Capital Park/Goss/Dobern, Park Pleasant, Warner Heights, East Foothills, Plata Arroyo, Mayfair, Alum Rock, Lyndale   |   |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ What recommendations would you make to the city council to increase community involvement and/or engagement?</li> <li>✓ Which is the most important issue to the Plata Arroyo neighborhood, if you know?</li> <li>✓ What is your plan to change our neighborhoods if you win?</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announce that no electioneering is allowed at this official City event.</li> <li>• Fully explain the Meeting Time piece of the caucus to candidates and voters. Nobody understands what's happening.</li> <li>• Distribute question cards at the registration desk. Emphasize ongoing question submission throughout the process. Differentiate district-wide</li> </ul>   |                 |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>What are your expectations for the Neighborhoods Commission? What do you want to accomplish during your term?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>What are your top three priorities for a better San José?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Have you been to a Neighborhoods Commission mtg? If so, what was your reaction?</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Why do you want to join the Neighborhoods Commission and not another Commission?</i></li> <li>✕ <i>What's your view of planned high-density housing, such as the planned Quetzal Gardens project as regards to very limited parking allocation.</i></li> <li>✕ <i>We are experiencing issues at Capitol Park such as: gambling, unlicensed food vendors selling narcotics &amp; beer. How would you help our neighborhood solve these issues?</i></li> <li>✕ <i>Capitol park Goss Dobern has many concerns. Our main concern is safety in our neighborhood, we have speeding thru our streets, especially near Aptitud School at Goss, gang activity such as shooting &amp; graffiti tagging. How would you support us?</i></li> <li>✕ <i>Are you running for any other office? If yes, are you able to focus on this office issues?</i></li> <li>✕ <i>What is your position on VTA cutting transportation services, how do you expect to correct this issue?</i></li> <li>✕ <i>More housing?</i></li> <li>✕ <i>What position will you be taking on the issue of Google not assisting any neighborhoods outside the Diridon area?</i></li> <li>✕ <i>Mimi: This would be your 2<sup>nd</sup> term. What have you done in your 1<sup>st</sup> in D5?</i></li> </ul> | <p>questions (during Q&amp;A) and neighborhood-specific questions which are better stated during the Meeting Time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add the descriptions of “Meeting Time” and “Q&amp;A” to the “Notes” part of the booklet.</li> <li>• Have a staff list available (not just badges).</li> <li>• Review responsibilities with each staffer before the caucus starts.</li> <li>• The question management system (first candidate to answer) needs improvement.</li> <li>• Delegates aren’t “registering.” This requirement should be dropped as unnecessary.</li> <li>• Job description for the Council Staffer: Sit with the Secretary/Recorder during registration to vet the “neighborhood groups” and determine which voting delegate will represent them. Once the questioning starts, sit alongside the Lead Coordinator to determine which questions are of broad interest and should be asked publicly. Neighborhood-specific questions can be answered during the Caucus Meeting Time period.</li> <li>• The idea of leading/staffing the caucus solely with commissioners from a “partner” district doesn’t work. We should revise that concept so that any commissioner can staff any position. It may still make sense for those “assigns” to coordinate the event with the council office so as to provide a single point of contact.</li> <li>• Many candidates haven’t been to a NC meeting or spoken with current commissioners. Consider changing the City Clerk’s application process to ensure that people know what they are getting into. This may prevent some turnover when newly-seated commissioners learn what they’ve gotten into.</li> <li>• Many candidates do not submit written statements for the booklet, and this seems to be a good indicator that they aren’t going to show up. The two-weeks ahead statement deadline isn’t very effective, either.</li> </ul> |



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| <p><b>D9: May 1, 2018, Camden Community Center</b><br/> <b>Selected: Michael Young, Terry Martin</b></p> <p><b>Registration:</b> 7:00pm, Start 7:15pm, End 8:15pm<br/> <b>3 Candidates:</b> 6 Applications, 3 Absent<br/> <b>10 Delegates:</b> Lincoln Glen, Friends of Cambrian Plaza, West Cambrian, Narvaez, Erikson, Branham Kirk, Lone Hill, Valley View/Reed, Oster, Ponderosa Homeowners</p> <div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ As a Neighborhoods Commissioner, how do you plan to get input from your District and feed back updates and status to your constituents?</li> <li>✓ Explain your experience bringing District 9 residents together and your knowledge of District 9 issues and neighborhoods?</li> <li>✓ How can you prioritize D9 neighborhood activity with the rest of your life?</li> <li>✓ What are your thoughts on rent control for 1-4 unit dwellings?</li> <li>✓ Thank you for running. What is the best thing about D9 in your opinion?</li> <li>✓ What steps can the Neighborhoods Commission take to improve morale of the Police Department?</li> <li>✓ What is the purpose of the D9 Leadership Group? How does it work with the commission?</li> <li>✓ How can we obtain better involvement from the D9 community?</li> <li>✗ I am concerned about speeding on my street!</li> <li>✗ What are your feelings about Organized Labor (Unions)?</li> </ul> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should we limit Q&amp;A to 30 minutes? Not as a hard rule but a guideline? It seemed to be about the limit of the audience interest.</li> <li>• Council Staff (Frank Ponciano) brought a District map with neighborhoods outlined. This was particularly valuable in D9 which is just starting a leadership group. Many people didn't know their neighborhood. Steal this idea moving forward.</li> <li>• No busker questions needed! Instructing the audience as they register, giving them cards and pencils and the blurb in the booklet are all working. (Not that busker questions shouldn't be asked. But quality questions from the District-savvy folks are preferred.)</li> <li>• Full sized pencils are too clunky. Get golf pencils.</li> </ul> </div> </div> |                 |
| <p><b>D7: May 3, 2018, Tully Community Branch Library</b><br/> <b>Selected: Jonathan Velasquez, Juan Quiñones</b></p> <p><b>Registration:</b> 7:30pm, Start 7:45pm, End 8:55pm<br/> <b>4 Candidates:</b> 4 Applications<br/> <b>10 Delegates:</b> Valley Palms, Alma, McLaughlin Corridor, Senter-Monterey, Seven Trees, Franklin, Tropicana, McLaughlin Area Tenants, Santee, Tuers</p> <div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>Why do you want to join the Neighborhoods Commission and not another commission?</i></li> </ul> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpreters and translators (Spanish) only worked because we had good people staffing. We need a better approach in (some?) Districts.</li> </ul> </div> </div>  |                 |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Off the top of your head, what are the biggest issues affecting your district?</li> <li>✓ <i>How will you know if you are being an effective commissioner?</i></li> <li>✓ What are your strategies or plans to help the City with the homeless problems?</li> <li>✓ What do you see as the best thing about D7 and how would you promote it?</li> <li>✓ What do you know are the main issues of concern for each neighborhood association in District 7?</li> <li>✓ What ideas do you have for getting more D7 residents involved in our neighborhood? How would you involve other organizations?</li> <li>✓ What steps are you going to take to reach out to and include Spanish and Vietnamese speakers in the Neighborhood Association meetings and other civic processes?</li> <li>✗ What are you going to do to do to Districts that are at the edge of one District and the begin of another to get resources and noticed more?</li> <li>✗ What is your position on rent control?</li> <li>✗ District seven has many problems with the parking in my community. People fight for a parking space. How can you help with this problem.</li> <li>✗ How will you encourage more community involvement. Be specific.</li> <li>✗ The well meaning groups that feed the homeless at the Tully Ballfields actually attract the homeless and cause major litter problems. How would you approach the organization to help alleviate the problem they are inadvertently causing?</li> <li>✗ Santee has problems with gangs. What do you think you can do to resolve it?</li> <li>✗ How will you work to bring the various neighborhood associations together to work toward similar goals and what would your District 7 neighborhood associations' goals be?</li> </ul> | <p>Interpreters for the oral part of the program, "live" translation of the submitted questions and prior translation of the booklet and other materials as needed. This could be part of the Council District's contribution as they best know what's needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ballot count should only be done by the Secretary/Recorder and the Facilitator. Two people commented that it looked like a rigged system because so many people were clustered around the ballots.</li> <li>• The same two people wanted the vote totals announced.</li> <li>• There were a lot of questions submitted, but the 30 minute cut-off time was accepted without complaint.</li> <li>• Notifying a dispersed, loud and engaged crowd that the five minute Meeting Time is ending is difficult. Staffers should approach each candidate "huddle" to let them know time is expiring and ask if they need an additional five minutes. The facilitator makes the call.</li> </ul> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ How will you reach out and work collaboratively with other community activists? And which other community organizations would you work with first and work toward what goals?</li> <li>✗ Do you feel the caucus process is unfair if the City Council chooses to not seat the commissioner this caucus has chosen? Why?</li> <li>✗ How do you feel about 2450/2500 Senter Rd project? Give specifics and why? (Regarding District 7)</li> <li>✗ What are your thoughts about the proposed Coyote Meadows Project at Alma and 10<sup>th</sup> St?</li> <li>✗ When will you visit the Santee neighborhood.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>D1: May 12, 2018, West Valley Branch Library, Immediately after the D1LG Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Selected: Franklin Nguyen, Gary Cunningham</b></p> <p><b>Registration:</b> 10:00am, Start 10:15pa, End 10:50 am</p> <p><b>3 Candidates:</b> 5 Applications, 2 Absent</p> <p><b>18 Delegates:</b> Stawberry Park, Lynhaven, Murdock, Boynton, San Tomas Park, Westside, Strawberry Square HA, English Estates, Easterbrook, Moreland West, Eden, Stevens Creek, Hamman Park, Hathaway, Winchester Ranch, Winchester Orchard, Winchester NAC, Blackford</p>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ What are your expectations for neighborhood commission? What do you want to accomplish?</li> <li>✓ What groups or committees have you been a part of? Have you attended the D1 meetings?</li> <li>✓ Do you represent or own any property or business that would possibly benefit from your input and decisions? Any possible conflict of interest? Yes or No.</li> <li>✓ What neighborhood groups have you worked with?</li> <li>✓ Give an example of an issue you have been involved in. Why did you choose that issue? How did you break it down into tasks? How did you rally support? What was the outcome?</li> <li>✓ Will you be able to attend D1 meetings? Yes or No.</li> <li>✓ Name three top priorities for helping address homelessness near Freeways.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion from a delegate: Explain why candidates are listed in the booklet but not present. (And by extension, why no statement in the booklet?) Note that in 2016 D4 caucus, a candidate wasn't present but the UNSCC facilitator allowed someone else to represent them.</li> <li>• Have a bell, bull horn, claxon, air raid siren, Mack truck air horn, town crier or something to get peoples' attention when we want to call order or break up the 5 minute caucus sessions. We had a little trouble getting people to quiet down even when I used my outside voice.</li> <li>• Discuss what subjects maybe off limits for question and answer such as the Homeless issue or anything to do with campaigning. Maybe have the guidelines fall into the four areas we are responsible for. When we had Frank and Sabrina nearby for the D9 Caucus it seemed to work best as he screened the questions pertaining to the district. Having a couple of people look at the incoming questions works well.</li> <li>• If we can and budget allows have some water for the candidates.</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ What has been your interaction with the Council Office?<br/>Give some details.</li> <li>✓ Tell us about your career and how that experience is applicable to the Neighborhoods Commissioner role.</li> <li>✓ What are your top three priorities for a “Better San José?”</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have mentioned setting the time limit for questions and answers as a guide I agree as more than 30 minutes is long for our neighbors to sit and listen. We ended the Q and A yesterday when the questions began to not be submitted.</li> <li>• We also spoke about getting the word out even earlier than we did to the neighborhood associations and locking down the dates times and locations. Begin at the first meeting yea I know about the 6 month ad-hoc thing and that can still stand but get the word out before establishing the ad-hoc.</li> </ul> |