

Councilmember Pam Foley's vision for community healing and economic recovery in San José

- 1. A city united in a common destiny and shared understanding amongst diverse stakeholders, elected officials, non-profit leaders, business owners, religious teachers, and the broader resident community that San Jose must become a more equitable, less economically unequal, more kind and respectful, and overall more livable city.
- 2. A stronger public health system where health insurance is ubiquitous, testing for COVID-19 is accessible everywhere for anyone, and where vaccinations are readily available.
- 3. A city filled with equally accessible opportunities and information for all our residents, no matter their language, age, or ability.
- 4. A greener city that protects our waterways, works to clean our air, reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, electrify our transportation systems, and ensure a cleaner and more hospitable climate future for our children.
- 5. A more affordable San José where rents rise more slowly and incomes rise more sharply, so that our renters can save money for the inevitable rainy days and gain the ability to afford the purchase of their first home right here in San José.
- 6. A community built by equal opportunity whereby zip codes, race, age, gender, or ability do not predict a person or family's economic outcomes, their income, education, access to information and opportunity, or their life expectancy.
- 7. A more effective transportation system with complete streets and vision zero in mind for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and automobile drivers that allows our residents to get exactly where they want to go, how and when they want to go there in a safe, effective, and affordable manner. A system that breaks down the physical barriers from east to west so that we can have a more physically unified city.
- 8. A city with an inter-department, elevated beautification program that is able to not only remove trash and litter from our streets but also paint murals on our sound walls, plant flowers and trees in our medians, and commission public art for the public realm.
- 9. A San José without homelessness, with a set of policies that allow for compassionate support so that we can help people move off the streets, into housing, and provide these San Joséans help.
- 10. A vibrant business community complete with industrial giants and great employers that treat their employees right and small businesses that thrive and add to a creative and entrepreneurial San José spirit.