

## **Candidate Statement**

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Occupation: Downtown Millbrae Small Business Owner

Age: 27

### **Education and Qualifications:**

Mills High School & University of Oxford

Dear friends,

We are experiencing change—change that can either benefit or hurt our community. That’s why we need strong and tenacious leadership to represent our voices in government. If you elect me to represent you at City Hall, I will always be focused on delivering positive and meaningful change on your behalf.

Let me be crystal clear: I am 100% opposed to the County of San Mateo’s plan to convert La Quinta Inn into homeless housing. Almost a quarter of Millbrae’s revenue comes from hotel taxes. We will lose millions in tax dollars, inevitably resulting in painful cuts to public safety services and city programmes. Undemocratically forcing a bad deal onto the backs of hardworking local taxpayers is not the way to solve homelessness. If elected, I promise to vote against this terrible plan at every opportunity possible. You can count on me to not mince words when defending our residents’ best interests.

My commitment to public safety has been consistent throughout my campaigns. After my family’s home was burglarised last year by a drug addict, I knew that we had to invest more resources into keeping our neighbourhoods safe and orderly. I will ensure low response times by keeping our police and fire services well-funded, and will not support any initiatives that make excuses for drugs, crime, or violence.

I have owned and operated my restaurant in downtown Millbrae for nearly a decade now. I was humbled by the support that small business owners like me received during the pandemic (thank you!). Unfortunately, many of our cherished businesses were forced to close, and others continue to experience a sluggish recovery. My long-term goal is to stimulate growth, attract new and exciting merchants, and bring renewed vitality to our downtown streets.

I will apply my years of experience as a Millbrae business owner to tackle longstanding barriers between us and the formation of a Business Improvement District (BID). Burlingame and San Mateo formed BIDs years ago and brought local business owners together to make capital investments that resulted in the resurgence of their downtowns. I want to see the same success for Millbrae.

I will do my best to visit every home in District 3 to speak with and listen to my neighbours. I also invite you to call or text me at (650) 200-0983 should you have any questions about my campaign. I hope to earn your vote. Thank you.