

Question 3

Questionnaire for City Council Candidates 2009

Palo Alto Neighborhoods (PAN)

Terminology: "the City" refers to the government of the City of Palo Alto.

Potential conflicts of interest: The City Council can be hampered in its deliberations when members have to [recuse](#) themselves because of conflicts of interest. Please identify potential conflicts that you may have (excluding your personal residence) in ongoing or forthcoming issues.

[M] Brian Steen

My wife and I own one rental house in Palo Alto in addition to our residence. My wife is a Research Psychologist employed by the Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute.

[N] Mark Weiss

I was a consultant to City over the years with various Special Events and Arts and Culture events but don't think its an issue. I could waive any fees if I work for future City events – I often have done these on pro bono basis anyhow.

I am a renter and own no real estate in Palo Alto.

[A] [Dan Dykwel](http://www.dandykwel.com) : <http://www.dandykwel.com>

I have no conflicts of interest in ongoing issues and anticipate no conflicts going forward.

[B] Victor Frost: No response from candidate.

[C] Chris Gaither

I have been a volunteer board member for La Comida, the senior lunch service since the year 2000. As a city council member, I will retire from the board as the organization meets on Monday evenings, and La Comida receives annual funding from the city of Palo Alto, as approved by the city council. To learn more about La Comida, you can view our website at www.lacomida.org

[D] Tim Gray : www.vote4Gray.com/

My wife has worked in the administration of the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital for nearly 20 years. This would recuse me from any decisions impacting the Children's Hospital, but it would not reduce my enthusiasm for the great work and life-saving services provided by the Hospital. My opinion is that we are extremely lucky to have such a world-class pediatric facility in our own back yard, and there are many communities that would pay dearly to have such an incredible neighbor.

[E] John Hackmann

In addition to my house, I own the small building where my office is, near Downtown North.

[F] [Karen Holman](http://karenholman.org) : karenholman.org

The only conflicts I might have are with the Ming's project should it come to the Council and Palo Alto History Museum agreements with the City.

[G] Larry Klein www.ReelectLarryKlein.com

My wife is a Professor at Stanford and I thus cannot participate in Stanford related matters unless they involve a relatively minor financial impact.

[H] Leon Leong : www.leonleong.com

I have no association with Stanford, so I will be able to deliberate on these issues.

I do have clients located in different neighborhoods of Palo Alto, and any conflict of interest would depend on the specific issue.

[I] Corey Levens : www.electcoreylevens.com

My wife, Anjini Kochar, has been an employee of Stanford University since we moved to the Palo Alto/Stanford area 20 years ago. Initially, she was a member of the faculty in the Economics Department, and for about the last 10 years has been a Research Fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. She is currently the head of SIEPR's India Program.

As a result of this connection, I will unfortunately need to recuse myself from the affairs of the Council that deal with issues concerning Stanford. I do not, to my knowledge, have any other conflicts of interest.

[J] Gail Price

I am the Executive Director of The American Institute of Architects Santa Clara Valley. AIA SCV is one of 22 chapters in California and part of a state and national organization. I would recuse myself from deliberations and votes on projects with a team leader/project manager who is a member of the Santa Clara chapter. If there were questions, I would always seek advice and guidance from the City of Palo Alto's legal staff to ensure there are no real or perceived conflicts of interest.

[K] [Greg Scharff](http://ElectGregScharff.com) : ElectGregScharff.com

I am not aware of any conflicts of interest that would cause me to recuse myself from any ongoing or forthcoming issues. I have no conflict of interest with Stanford and will be able to vote on all Stanford issues.

[L] Nancy Shepherd: www.electNancyShepherd.com

I have no conflict of interests and no Stanford relations. I own public securities that might conflict with utility investments.
