

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Name: Linda Nguyen
Occupation: Businesswoman/Attorney

Some people appreciate America more than others. My father and mother came here from Vietnam. I was born in San Jose. We experienced the reality of America's promise. We worked hard, opened small businesses. We failed. We struggled. We succeeded.

I graduated from UC Berkeley and Santa Clara University Law School and returned to San Jose to work in our family businesses and volunteered my legal skills to help the poor. I turned the Vietnamese community's Spring Parade into a regional cultural event to the benefit of the city. By tutoring high school students, volunteering with the East San Jose Community Law Center and the United Way I've tried to repay San Jose for my family's good fortune.

As your City Councilmember, I will push to increase investment in our neighborhoods, fight for better local public services, and be a strong advocate for environmental justice and home ownership opportunities.

My family's success allows me to campaign without relying on special interests for campaign contributions. I am committing my own funds because I owe San Jose so much.

I appreciate the opportunity to present myself to you. Thank you for considering me for City Council.