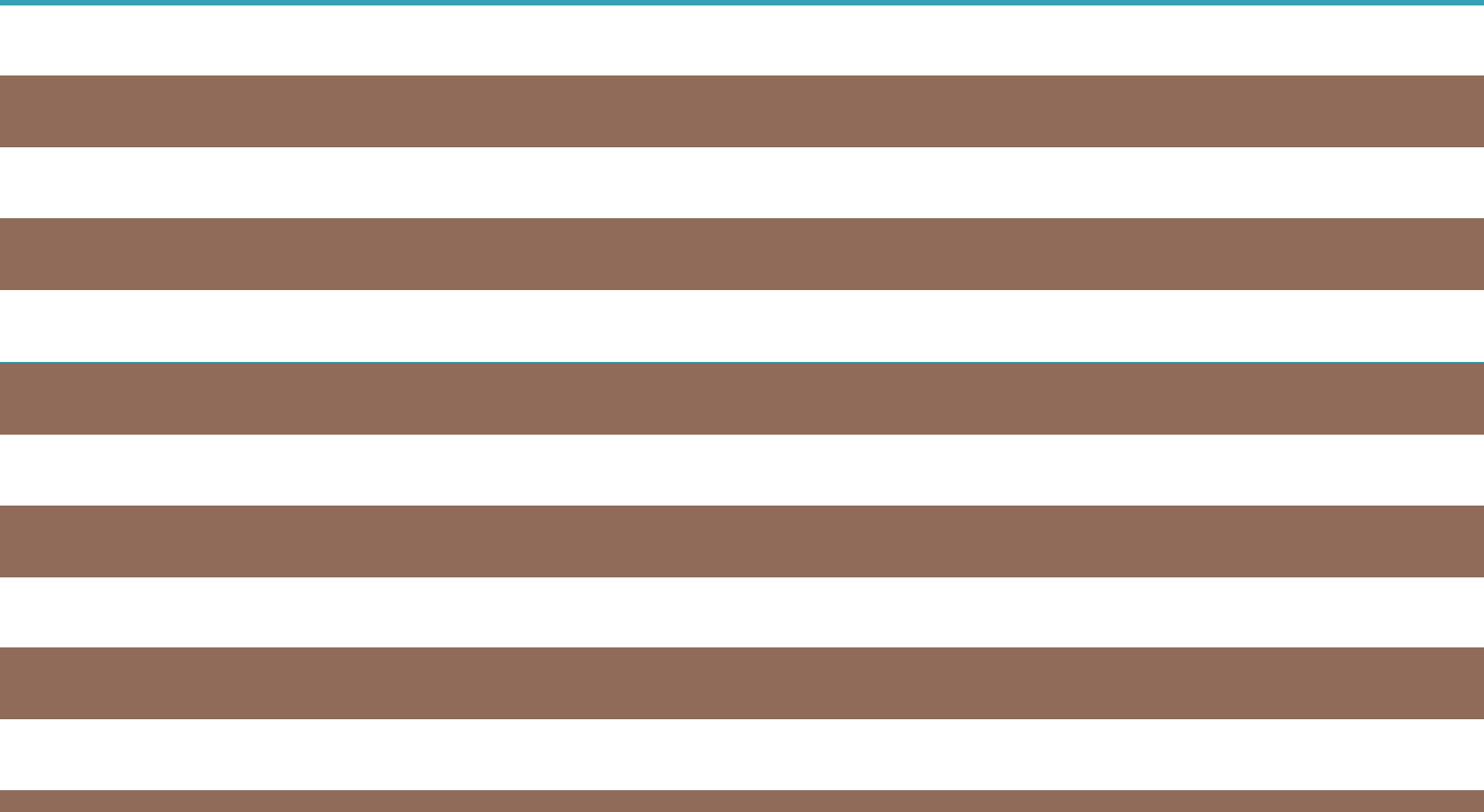


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LEON GARCIA

CANDIDATE FOR CITY MAYOR

INTRODUCTION

I have lived in American Canyon since 2000. We are a blended family with six adult children and two grandchildren.

I am a registered nurse. During my career, I worked at Napa State Hospital and the Yountville Veterans Home. Many of my colleagues live in American Canyon.

I am dedicated to community service. I volunteer with organizations providing shelter, food access and health care. I am a member of American Canyon CERT and Kiwanis Club assisting in disaster events. As a member of the League of California Cities North Bay Division, I advocate for legislative issues important to local government.



MARK JOSEPH

CANDIDATE FOR CITY MAYOR

INTRODUCTION

- I have a background that includes a degree in Public Administration and over 30 years of leadership responsibility in all aspects of local government, particularly municipal finance.
- Served as the City's Finance Director, City Manager and, for the last 10 years, as Councilmember.
- Active in the community, serving in leadership roles in local service clubs and nonprofits, such as the Arts Foundation and Kiwanis. I was the 2007 Gateway Award Winner.
- Cheryl and I have called American Canyon home for over 25 years.



MARIAM ABOUDAMOUS **CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL**

INTRODUCTION

My name is Mariam Aboudamous and I am currently a member of the American Canyon City Council, as well as, a practicing attorney in the realm of construction defect litigation. I am the oldest of four siblings, and we have all lived in American Canyon our entire lives.

I began my career at the age of 13 when I co-founded the largest youth community service organization in American Canyon with Roddrick Sweeney. I realized my civic duty at an early age and have been tirelessly working to promote justice and represent my community ever since.

I love to travel and explore new cultures. I also love to be outdoors as often as possible.



ERIC ALTMAN **CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL**

INTRODUCTION

I'm a native New Yorker who's been an American Canyon resident since 2004. I've served on the Planning Commission for a decade, am proud to have 2 wonderful sons attending NVUSD public schools and am happily married to my wife, Dana, for 17 years. I have volunteered with many local youth sports programs and my boys' schools.

Professionally, I'm a surety bond underwriter for a global insurance organization with expertise in financial, data & risk analysis, as well as contract reviews. I provide surety credit to public works focused construction contractors, real estate developers, attorneys, and numerous other businesses.



JASON KISHINEFF

CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION

I am an environmental and social justice activist who has lived here for twelve years. My activism has helped to get our skatepark repaired, to get Roundup banned on public land, the city parks repaired, and left turn lanes added to American Canyon Road.



JOEY PALMA

CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION

Happily married for 30 years to my lovely wife Rowena Palma, we are blessed with 4 children, all are gainfully employed. I have two grandchildren. I am a businessman, a pastor, a teacher and a community worker.



PIERRE WASHINGTON

CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION

I am a man of Faith, a Husband, a Father of seven children, Retired Police Detective, Retired Navy Veteran, Executive Security Director for a pharmaceutical company and a 14-year resident of American Canyon running for City Council to be your neighborhood advocate at City Hall.

As a Police Detective, I enthusiastically participated in developing a nationally acclaimed model community-policing program for the City of Richmond CA.

As an Executive Security Director, I oversee the day-to-day Security, Safety, Health & Environmental challenges to ensure the welfare of the campus. I am also the liaison for the local Police Department, Fire Department and City Utilities groups safeguarding the partnership with local community and the pharmaceutical company.



LISA CHU

CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

INTRODUCTION

My name is Lisa Chu, and I am a scientist. I was born in Taiwan and raised in California. I attended public schools from elementary through graduate school, earning a PhD in Genetics and a Master's degree in Public Health.

My husband and I moved to American Canyon in 2008 to raise our family. Our older son attends American Canyon Middle School and our younger son attends Canyon Oaks Elementary. Although I stopped working as a research scientist to care for my family, I continue to volunteer extensively at my sons' schools. My family and I love to travel within the US and internationally.



SINDY BIEDERMAN

CANDIDATE FOR NAPA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION BOARD

INTRODUCTION

My name is Cindy Biederman. American Canyon has been home to our family since 1992. Our four children are now grown and have successfully navigated Napa Valley Unified School District school system. The next generation, my grandchildren, are currently attending American Canyon schools. I'm a retired Napa County Probation Officer with over 20 years of serving our community. Being retired allows me the opportunity to assist my grandchildren with their education.

I was appointed to Napa County Office of Education in June 2018, as a Board Member in Area 3 (American Canyon). I ran unopposed in November 2018, and now running again this year for a four year term.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO REPRESENT AMERICAN CANYON?

CANDIDATES FOR CITY MAYOR



LEON GARCIA

American Canyon has a remarkable spirit of community. Often one hears “people are friendly and people take care of each other.” Families move here because they know it is a safe community, there are good schools, and it is very diverse. This legacy of longtime residents is the energy of community-building that contributes to the betterment for everyone. It is embraced by new residents. It is the core value that moves us forward to achieve goals that benefit all of us - schools, churches, commercial development and outdoor recreation. Together, we have a vision of what we can be.



MARK JOSEPH

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our City has, and will continue to, experience serious financial challenges—the next Mayor should be someone with a strong background in municipal finance and business development. Further, I want to focus on the major issues that impact our community, such as traffic; ensuring we have the funds to properly maintain our local parks and roads; building our economy; and addressing Climate Change. We need a new Mayor that will anticipate problems and avoid them; identify opportunities and seize them; and offer solutions to our problems.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL



MARIAM ABOUDAMOUS

I began volunteering in the City of American Canyon since the age of 13. When I turned 16, I obtained my first job working for the City of American Canyon in Parks and Recreation. I genuinely care about this town and am familiar with the issues that are most important to it. I am the only candidate in this race who grew up in American Canyon and went through the entire school system here. Furthermore, American Canyon is at a time of major change and development. I am currently a practicing attorney in the realm of construction defect litigation and have the ability to understand complex legal matters that come before the City Council. Now, I want to represent American Canyon because I want to give back to the community that made me who I am.



ERIC ALTMAN

I love our City! AmCan has an amazingly diverse community which we sought before moving here. I want to help our City grow with a focus on maintaining those characteristics. I'm looking to represent all residents with transparency, integrity, knowledge and honesty. Unfortunately, we are facing hard times due to the pandemic and its impact on revenues. The skillsets that I bring to the table are urgently needed. Specifically, we need leadership that understands finance and budgeting, which I will provide. I feel that being a Planning Commissioner has given me the necessary experience to excel as a Council Member.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL (CONTINUED)



JASON KISHINEFF

I feel like the city government has been on autopilot, continuing to allow endless development of apartment buildings and warehouses with no focus on people or community. There are an awful lot of people who are not being represented, and I want to represent them.



JOEY PALMA

My priorities are to rebuild the city's economy and essential service, to promote business and job creation opportunities, to address the needs of our seniors and disabled (who are close to my heart), to enhance public safety, to provide education programs for our children, and to promote community involvement.



PIERRE WASHINGTON

I am running for City Council to build a more diverse American Canyon with safer, cleaner neighborhoods that offer everyone economic and social diversity opportunities. To do that residents must have access and actively participate in shaping neighborhood-based solutions to the problems we face every day. That is why my door will always be open to you.

I am dedicated to using my experiences and my servant leadership approach to improving our neighborhood! I hope to earn your vote.

CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE



LISA CHU

I want to represent American Canyon to ensure that NVUSD takes into consideration our diverse community's needs and priorities when making decisions that impact our children's future. As a first-generation immigrant who grew up in California, I find that I share many things in common with my neighbors and friends in American Canyon, including prioritizing our children's education. This is why I volunteer extensively at both of my children's schools, including coaching robotic students, coordinating Canyon Oaks PTO's after-school science program, and serving as treasurer of Canyon Oaks PTO. Through these experiences, I have gained unique insight into the needs of our diverse student body in American Canyon.

CANDIDATE FOR NAPA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (NCOE) BOARD



SINDY BIEDERMAN

I truly love American Canyon. Our children in American Canyon deserve to have educational services within their reach. Napa County has five school districts, it is my desire to make sure our youth have access to or knowledge of various programs such as Special Needs, CTE (Career, Technical and Education), after school programs, preschool, etc, and not get lost within the needs of other districts.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IN YOUR POSITION?

CANDIDATES FOR CITY MAYOR



LEON GARCIA

My leadership goals are clear:

- Support local businesses, update the General Plan and complete an economic development plan.
- Reduce traffic congestion by building alternate routes – Devlin Road, Newell Drive extension – and require staggered shifts for industrial workers.
- Support public safety to deliver high level service that assures all residents are safe and know how to respond in an emergency
- Assure a balanced sustainable city budget.
- Secure a reliable water supply and pursue alternate sources of water.
- Build housing based on sustainable standards and low environmental impact.
- Be good stewards of our natural resources and provide great opportunity to be outside.



MARK JOSEPH

In the short run, take the steps necessary to restore our financial health, in both the immediate and long-term. I want to work with the community to develop strategies to complete the Newell Road Extension; kickstart the transformation of our Highway 29/Broadway Corridor; and adopt a local action plan to address climate change. We also need to operate the City in a more business-like manner, with greater accountability, oversight, and transparency. There is not enough space to go into detail, so please go to my website: www.electmarkjoseph.com

CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL



MARIAM ABOUDAMOUS

Traffic, housing, and economic development go hand-in-hand and are my top three issues as a Council Member. A huge portion of our residents are commuting out of county to work at jobs that help them afford to live here. We have another large portion of commuters who are coming into Napa County to work at jobs that do not pay them enough to allow them to live here. What this does is clog our only thoroughfare in and out of town and pollutes our air. In essence, we need to identify housing solutions for people commuting into town and jobs for the people commuting out of town.



ERIC ALTMAN

See our City become the recreation center of Napa Valley. Help us through the approaching financial crisis by developing new revenue streams. Address infrastructure issues, including traffic, fire safety and water sources, while improving transparency and communication from City Hall to the community. Develop amenities to keep us a family friendly community and create more youth focused entertainment options. Create alliances with nearby communities, the hospital-ity industry & others to work together to address County-wide issues such as Hwy 29, climate change and affordable housing. Educate the public as to how government operates so any citizen can influence decisions.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL (CONTINUED)



JASON KISHINEFF

Well, my platform includes the return of our farmers' market, the creation of a participatory budgeting system, making it easier for local businesses to open and operate, to construct a park for disabled children and ending the ban on cannabis dispensaries. But what I really hope to do is to cultivate a sense of community.



JOEY PALMA

1. Promote Economic Growth and Job Creation
2. Support programs for the Seniors and the disabled
3. Enhance Public Safety and Security
4. Collaboration with Community Partners
5. Insure quality virtual education



PIERRE WASHINGTON

I would like to safeguard and strengthen the qualities of American Canyon that lead our residents to make the decisions to live here. We live in a safe, family-oriented community with a small town feel. I would also like to increase trust between the residents and the city through honesty and transparency. The city has been heading in a positive direction recently and I want to ensure that trend. I want to make sure that our residents are heard. We have a small vocal group, but there are many that do not feel they have time for local politics, or just do not have an interest, because they do not know how the issues affect them. We need to involve their voice.

I would also like to create a more diverse and unified culture amongst our city staffing and community volunteers, one that would represents our culturally diverse community.

CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE



LISA CHU

As a NVUSD School Board Trustee, I will ensure that the needs and priorities of our diverse community in American Canyon are considered when making district decisions. Of utmost importance to our students is to maintain and subsequently strengthen our high-quality educational programs (such as robotics and music) despite limitations in state funding. I also would like to focus on public health within our schools in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a trained public health scientist, I can provide additional expertise on the school board to enhance NVUSD's ability to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our students and teachers.

CANDIDATE FOR NAPA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (NCOE) BOARD



SINDY BIEDERMAN

I continue to be an advocate for our American Canyon youth, families, and their educational needs. It is my goal to continue to support ongoing educational programs based on the needs of our students. I believe education is valuable, but I also believe trade schools are equally as important. I'm committed to being accessible and open to discussions and engagement with our community regarding your educational concerns. Please feel free to contact me. It's been a privilege to serve you on the Napa County Office of Education Board for the past two years.

WHAT SETS YOUR APART FROM THE OTHER CANDIDATE(S)?

CANDIDATES FOR CITY MAYOR



LEON GARCIA

I volunteer to help people in need. I am a twenty-five year CANV board member providing programs for the food bank, homeless shelter and child care. I am a member of American Canyon CERT team responding to emergencies. I serve my faith community and join others in their faith. I am a member of American Canyon Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, and support veteran and school events.

I represent the City on the Napa Valley Transportation Authority, Napa County Flood Board, North Bay Watershed Association, State Route 37 Policy Committee, and all Napa County cities on Association of Bay Area Governments.



MARK JOSEPH

I believe my local government experience in finance and management sets me apart from my opponent. In addition, I have a track record of getting things accomplished. As City Manager, I was able to assist in securing Newell Preserve and the Wetlands; developed much of our retail and industrial areas; and oversaw the construction of parks and public facilities. I believe there are “best practices” the Council should insist upon to address the critical needs facing our community. These include setting deadlines and monitoring progress; partnering with private businesses and nonprofits; and leveraging our resources whenever possible.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL



MARIAM ABOUDAMOUS

I am the only candidate in this race who grew up, went to school here, and came back to work here after college graduation. I genuinely care about this community and have a genuine stake in its future. Furthermore, I am currently the only woman serving on the American Canyon City Council and the only woman in this race. Lastly, I am the only candidate in this race who has been serving as a Council Member for the last four years and have a track record, which evidences my stances and the risks that I am willing to take for my community.



ERIC ALTMAN

I've got kids in our local schools, a decade of experience as Planning Commissioner and a 35+ year career doing financial, data & risk analysis. I'm a creative and critical thinker, who has built books of business from scratch on multiple occasions, is independent and respected as a leader. I understand government, public works, planning, construction and a variety of other issues. I have a track record of success in putting local hiring and renewable energy commitments in place for our community. I am driven to succeed and want to build our City with the public's input.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL (CONTINUED)



JASON KISHINEFF

A few things actually, 1) A history of activism, advocating for clean water, climate change measures, justice against police violence, a senior community in Vallejo, for animal rights, against war with Iran, and against an undesired cement factory. 2) I am not accepting business donations, which gives me a very people-first perspective. 3) I haven't heard from two of my opponents, but I'm the only candidate that's bringing specific changes to the table.



JOEY PALMA

I have the VICE - Vision, Integrity, Competence and Experience.



PIERRE WASHINGTON

The things that sets me apart from the other candidates are my background in serving our country, serving our community, (in a law enforcement capacity), my experiences in managing people and my experience in disaster preparedness.

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