

## Coastside Democrats Survey, Congressional District 16 Candidates

### Joe Simitian

Please state how long you have been registered to vote as a Democrat. \*

- Always been a registered Democrat
- Have been a registered Democrat for the last ten years
- Have been a registered Democrat for the last five years
- Just registered as a Democrat this election cycle

Why are you running to represent Congressional District 16? \*

To improve the lives of the people I represent.

What do you see as the major issues on the Coastside? \*

The effects of climate change along the coast, including but not limited to coastal erosion and the risk of wildfire; access to quality healthcare; farm worker housing (and affordable housing more generally); maintaining the viability of agriculture; transportation constraints (and limited infrastructure more broadly).

What will your top priorities be if you are elected? \*

Reproductive freedom. Climate change. Healthcare. Economic opportunity and security for all (which includes everything from job training to protecting Social Security and Medicare). For more: go to [JoeSimitian.com](http://JoeSimitian.com)

Please explain how your background and experience have prepared you for the office you are seeking. \*

I've represented 14 of the 15 cities & towns in the 16th Congressional District; I understand the views, values & needs of the District's residents. I've served at five different levels of government; in those roles I've tackled big & challenging issues, & been successful in the legislative arena—repeatedly. My career in public service is proof positive that I've always looked to the future. That's the way I have worked, I am working now, & will represent our district in Congress.

That's why I'm endorsed by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Sup. Ray Mueller, a majority of the Pacifica City Council, the entire Half Moon Bay City Council & more than 150 locally elected officials across the district; and the UFW, Sierra Club, Consumer Federation of California, San Mateo County AAPI Alliance, & The San Mateo Daily Journal.

Ask me about my role in protecting the coastal bluffs in HMB along the railroad right-of-way, & in the earliest efforts to create affordable farm worker housing at Moonridge.

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Have you ever run for political office, served on a political committee, or been identified publicly with a political organization, candidate, ballot measure or issue? If so, please provide the details of your involvement. \*

California State Senator, 11th District  
California State Assemblymember, 21st District  
County Supervisor, Santa Clara County  
Mayor, City of Palo Alto  
President, Palo Alto School Board

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