

Coastside Democrats, Half Moon Bay City Council Candidate Survey

Candidate Name *

Joaquin Jimenez

Please state how long you have been a registered Democrat. *

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Since 2020

Please complete this submission by Friday, September 13th. All Club members will vote on candidate endorsements September 20th. *

Please read and click the box below to proceed.



Click this box to certify that the information you provide in this application and in any subsequent interview or written submission are true and accurate.

Why are you running for this office? *

To continue to represent everyone in Half Moon Bay. I have made a positive impact in the community. I want to continue offer my services for the community.

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

Affordable Housing, Health and Public Safety, Economic Mobility

What have been your most significant contributions to your community? *

The representation of everyone in the community. The push for low and affordable housing. I proposed the two sites owned by the city to build farmworkers housing, 555 Kelly Ave and 880 Stone Pine. During the Jan 2023 shooting of the farmworkers, I represented the farmworker community and the city's government. As part of the council we approved Rent control, Tenant protection plan. As part of the council we approved the Economic Recovery Initiative.

The City is in debt and there will be a ½ cent city sales tax increase proposal appearing on the November ballot. The sales tax is projected to provide \$2 million in increased revenue per year. What are your thoughts about the sales tax? What other ideas do you have to reduce the City's debt or increase its revenue? *

I support the 1/2 cent city tax. We have to invest in our community to secure a better future. Invest in opportunity programs trade training, workforce development, business development, and education.

The County recently proposed the repeal of California Constitution Article 34, which requires that cities get voter approval before they build "low-rent housing" funded with public dollars. What are your thoughts on repealing or maintaining Article 34? If you favor maintaining Article 34, what is your plan to increase housing for low-income and unhoused community members in the Coastside? *

I voted against Article 34. Article 34 will not benefit every community.

How should the City balance the pressure to build additional housing with the concerns of residents who are worried about congestion, limited infrastructure, aesthetics, and potential impacts to private property? *

The city is not building additional housing for more people to move to HMB, the people are already here, so the only thing that will be different is that residents will not be living in crowded homes. No more 4 or 5 people to a bathroom, with additional housing each family will have their own house/apartment.

What do you consider to be the greatest environmental concern in HMB and, if elected, what are your plans to deal with it? *

The greatest environmental concern is sea level rising and wild fires. I'm not sure what the city of HMB can do.

How will you work with, lead, motivate, and support your City's employees and leadership? *

I acknowledge every city employee, from city manager to street maintenance workers. I participate in cities
actives organized by and for city staff.

Is there anything in you background which, if you receive the Club's endorsement, could cause *
embarrassment to the club? If so, please provide the details.

No