



City Clerk's Office

Municipal Election November 3, 2020 Candidate Information

Office Sought: City Council District 3

Candidate's Name: Reza Majlesi

Ballot Designation: Professor / Educator / Businessman

Candidate Statement of Qualifications
For the General Election to be held November 3, 2020
(Elections Code 13307, 13309, and 13311)

Instructions to Candidate: Your statement will be printed exactly as submitted. Carefully check for content, spelling, punctuation and grammar before submission. No changes are allowed once the statement is filed.

This form must be filed along with the candidate statement.

In addition to filing a hardcopy, you will need to submit your final candidate statement in an editable text format to the following email address: cfranco@sanramon.ca.gov

Hard copy must bear signature.

Office Name: Councilmember Contest ID: _____ Candidate ID: _____

Word Limit: 400 • Cost: \$ _____ • Paid By: Candidate District

Candidate Name: RETA MAILESI

I have reviewed the attached statement and I understand that no corrections or changes are allowed after it has been filed (pursuant to EC 13307). I understand that Contra Costa County is mandated under the Voting Rights Act to provide voting materials and information in English, Spanish, and Chinese.

I do not wish to file a Candidate Statement.

Dated 08/06/2020 Signature of Candidate _____



My name is Reza Majlesi, a college professor with a doctorate degree. I am running to preserve our beautiful city's nature, open spaces, parks, and high-rated schools, to limit construction, and maintain the value of our houses, deal with traffic and manage our budget more effectively. Just like you, I value great education and a safe environment for our students and their families. I am running to build upon those values. A vote for me is a vote for your own voice in the city council. Besides having ideas, my experience makes me an ideal candidate. For the last 12 years, I have been the Chair of the Biology department, one of the biggest departments in the Peralta College district. I have worked in the Budget Committee, Curriculum Committee, and the Grievance Committee. I am also an elected Senator and deal with all aspects of running the college, from budget to day-to-day operation, to adhering to laws and policies. Therefore, I am familiar with government jobs and bureaucracy that it entails and know how to manage it. I was a member of the Homeowner's Association and dealt with residents' concerns on a smaller scale, but essentially, I have communicated with residents and know what the majority of us want when it comes to our neighborhoods. I also own a small business company. I have dealt with contractors, builders, arborists, and city ordinances. I have been managing my budget effectively, which is evident in its steady annual growth. I know what impedes the growth of small businesses and I am fully committed to helping our city small business owners to thrive. In our city, the majority of the budget comes from the tax and fees that homeowners pay. Every year the cost of running the city is increasing and the city council has been raising the fees on us as the sole contributor to the city budget. The best way to help balance the budget is by increasing the share of small businesses. As they thrive, the sales tax revenue will increase, which lessens the burden on homeowners. This can be done with collaboration and commitment to our city. With recent events in our country, we need more love, tolerance, and inclusiveness regardless of color, religion, ethnicity, or gender orientation. I may not have all the answers but I have the purpose and together, we will get it done.



8/7/2020