

Candidate Statement - Jeff Schmidt - Education / Communications Director

Our City Is Changing. New housing is creating better, more diverse communities. Safer streets are decreasing traffic and cleaning the air. And residents are finally winning the fight for quieter neighborhoods and less noise pollution. There's a lot we're getting right, but there's a lot more to do. Our downtown needs to be revitalized. Our housing needs to be balanced, responsible and affordable. We're not ready for hotter summers, annual wildfires, and storms that leave us in the dark. Our kids are still struggling to learn and connect. We have to find real solutions to these challenges and move faster. I'm currently the Chair of Menlo Park's Environmental Quality Commission and as a leader I roll up my sleeves and get things done. I've been proud to lead projects that bring together our nonprofit partners, community and faith leaders, city staff, and residents. And I'll use those skills and a collaborative approach to serve you and represent your values on city council in District 3. I'm looking forward to meeting you and please reach out if you want to grab a coffee and connect. You can find me at <https://jeffmenlopark.com/>