



Climate/Environmental

My story: When I was little, I loved to sit on my mom's lap and ride the bus all through Campbell and the West Valley. We only had one car, and since my dad used it to work multiple jobs, days and nights, our main connection to the community was the bus line. Today, many of the same bus lines that served my community when I was growing up have now been cut. My commitment to strengthening our public transit and protecting our environment stems from my personal experience.

A vision for Campbell: With our state hit by natural disasters exacerbated by climate change, it's increasingly untenable to deny its impact on our daily lives. Yet, current projections have us nowhere near the level of action needed to keep warming below two degrees Celsius, the point of catastrophic climate impact.

With steep revenue cuts expected due to COVID-19, our transit agencies will have to battle for survival. That's why it's critically important to elect a Councilmember who will be a voice for Campbell on public transit and climate issues, and will fight for our children's future.



Policy proposals:

- **Declare a climate emergency**
 - Lawmakers in [San Jose](#)¹ and [Santa Clara County](#)² have already declared a climate emergency. As Councilmember, I would lead the way in Campbell. Climate emergency resolutions will make it more difficult for elected officials to disregard the environmental impacts of future policy proposals, and help reinforce our commitment to a more sustainable future.

- **Plant trees to create a natural carbon sink**
 - Campbell is known as the Orchard City — talk to any resident, and we'll tell you how much we love our trees. They beautify the environment, provide shade for young and old alike, and have been shown to improve mental and physical health. Just as critically, trees trap carbon from the environment in a process known as biosequestration, actually reducing the warming effects of greenhouse gases.

- **Commit to creating walkable, bikeable, and livable communities**
 - Livable communities improve our health, overall happiness, and quality of life. These projects often require cities to work together, such as the creation of the Los Gatos Creek trail, which was a collaboration between Campbell, Los Gatos, San Jose and Santa Clara County, as well as the Stevens Creek Trail, which required a commitment from Cupertino, Los Altos, Mountain View and Sunnyvale. An essential part of creating livable communities is planning for

¹ <https://sanjosespotlight.com/san-jose-leaders-declare-a-climate-emergency/>

² <https://sanjosespotlight.com/santa-clara-county-lawmakers-declare-a-climate-emergency/>



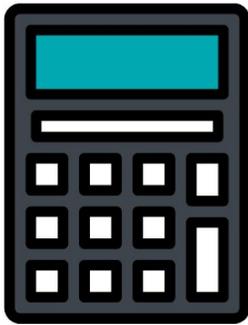
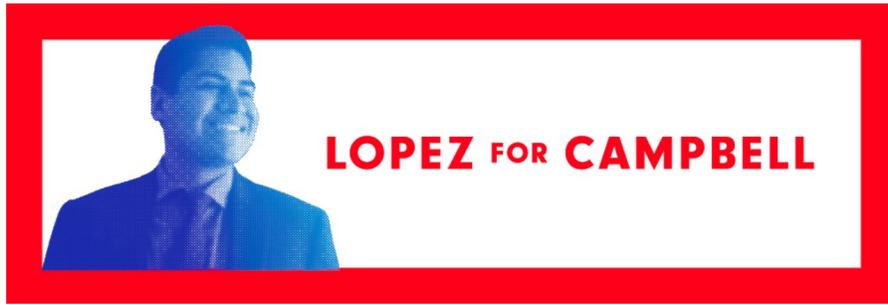
mixed-use developments with increased density, involving coordination between city councils and our regional transportation bodies.

- **Invest in our public transit systems**

- Over the past two decades, the bus lines in the Campbell/West Valley area have been cut drastically. With drastic revenue shortfalls due to a pandemic-induced recession, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) could face service cuts that would return us to a level not seen since the 1970s. I'll commit to being a voice for Campbell on public transportation and fighting against the most drastic cuts, while advocating for federal transportation money to shore up revenue.

- **Implement stronger reach codes for new construction**

- Campbell has adopted reach codes which mandate electric (as opposed to gas) lines for some, but not all parts of new construction. The current system doesn't achieve the full benefits of switching to electric power, particularly as our local electric grid becomes cleaner and more efficient. This partial reform also creates greater confusion and increases costs for new construction. In fact, utility companies such as PG&E have written to the City of Campbell in support of all-electric reach codes, arguing that it saves costs for providers as well.



COST CALCULATOR:

Revenue Negative

\$5,000 to plant 50
additional trees