

Having spent 35 years working in the Public Service Sector, I have worked with the best of Mayors and I have worked with those who ran for office for all of the wrong reasons.

Ben comes with strong attributes and experience that will help guide our community as we navigate those challenges unique to our City. He will work to minimize the impacts we will feel by the growth and demands of the areas that surround us.

Ben brings maturity and commitment. He understands leadership and strategic planning. He understands the time commitment that comes with the office of Mayor. He recognizes the role as being our Community Ambassador, not just in Council Meetings, but in all of the interactions that demand the time and commitment of our Mayor.

Key to Ben's success are his listening skills. When you have a conversation, you feel like you are the only person in the room and what you have to say is important. Issues large and small are greeted with the same desire to understand.

As a Councilman, he is familiar with many of the issues and concerns members of our community have. As the Mayor is the primary facilitator of Council Meetings, Ben has the skills and desire to have Council Members understand the issues and the consequences of each up or down vote. Since the Mayor has no Vote, this attribute is critical to the success of actions taken that will impact our community.

Ben is committed to the kinship the Mayor has to our community and the desire to have him attend all types and kinds of community events brought to his attention. He has demonstrated that he is invested in the success and financial security of our City.

He committed to working hand in hand with the City Manager towards the best alternative outcomes for our City. The future is bright with Ben as Mayor.

I am honored to endorse Ben Shakespeare as the next Mayor for the City of Santa Clara

Karen Foss

