

Editor:

May 30, 2014

We believe Pierluigi Oliverio is the best choice for San Jose mayor. He will lower the cost and improve the effectiveness of city government, then refocus existing resources on services that are essential to all San Joseans. That's our long-term goal.

Other candidates are supported by special interests. Oliverio does not accept endorsements from any special interests (including us), so he will not be beholden to them after election. This principled independence alone makes Oliverio unique in today's political world.

Rather than endorsing a mayoral candidate, Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility ranked them based on: independence, leadership, fiscal responsibility, trustworthiness, communication skills, business experience, knowledge of city government and issues, history of civic involvement, private sector support, stewardship and public service attitude, and understanding of the proper role and limits of government.

Oliverio scored 92.3%, an impressive lead over other candidates. (See www.cfr-sj.org.) He received top scores in eight of those eleven traits. The second best candidate scored 70.4%.

His leadership and proven record of independence, combined with intelligence and pragmatic common sense make Pierluigi Oliverio the best choice for mayor. That combination of traits wins Oliverio applause at election forums citywide--he relates well to people, and they to him. When he speaks, voters agree.

Oliverio is there to listen and learn from us no matter where in San Jose a community meeting is held. That, too, is unique. As a result, his council votes are based on an excellent sense of values and knowing our needs first-hand.

Oliverio can be trusted to make tough choices, to vote his conscience for/against special interests and NIMBYs, as is appropriate for the general welfare of San Jose. This is his home and his first priority.

Councilman Oliverio authored Measure W in 2010. Approved by 72% of voters, it allows our city council flexibility in decisions regarding retirement age for newly-hired city employees and how much we must pay into their pension fund. Measure W is the basis of San Jose's "second tier" retirement plan, a major step toward controlling runaway pension costs, providing fiscal stability, and assuring continued delivery of services to residents.

Oliverio supports Measure B and Mayor Reed's fiscal reforms. He understands that years of budget deficits were due to program expansions and exuberant spending by previous city councils.

Oliverio spends tax money the way he spends his own; thoughtfully and with discretion.

Vote Pierluigi Oliverio for San Jose mayor.

Doug Keller, President
Dave Fadness, Vice President
Jerry Mungai, Treasurer
Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility
San Jose, CA
(408) 578-6428