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Rolando Bonilla formally announces City Council Run
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San Jose, CA – Rolando Bonilla formally announced his candidacy for San Jose City Council, District 5 (2022 open seat).

“It is time that East San Jose gets its fair share of attention, services and resources from City Hall,” said Bonilla. “As District 5’s City Council Member, I’ll bring a hands on commitment to public safety, economic revitalization, and healthy, clean neighborhoods. My focus on Day One will be addressing the day to day needs of the families I’ll represent – not on political grandstanding or rhetoric.”

Bonilla, the father of three young school age children, had a near fatal experience with COVID a year ago. Since recovering, he led efforts to promote vaccinations and ensure access to health resources in East San Jose, and established a nonprofit COVID relief fund providing thousands of dollars in relief grants to neighborhood small businesses.

"From working to bring a community college campus to East San Jose to being on the front lines of the fight against COVID, Rolando has made it his mission to solve problems to strengthen his community," said City Councilmember David Cohen, "He has always been an effective advocate for the Eastside of San Jose and will be a great partner on the council."

Bonilla’s priorities for the District include safe and clean neighborhoods, including 911 emergency response capacity; supporting small businesses and working families by expanding after-school recreation programs, anti-gang, youth prevention services, workforce and teacher housing and making sure every community is represented in City Hall.

Said East Side Union High District Trustee Van Le, “For 13 years, I have worked side-by-side with Rolando Bonilla to ensure that the voice of the Vietnamese community is represented. When others refused to help, Rolando got us the signage we needed to promote Little Saigon. I am proud to support Rolando Bonilla for city council.”

District 5 is currently represented by Magdalena Carrasco, who is termed out next year.

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ABOUT ROLANDO: Rolando and his wife Perla Rodriguez live in the East Foothills and operate a successful, San Jose-based communications firm. Their three children attend public schools in the Mount Pleasant School District. The son of working class immigrants, as a child Rolando experienced a tough childhood including food insecurity, homelessness, and the powerful attraction of gang membership. Rolando also serves on the Board of the Healthier Kids Foundation, a Santa Clara County-based nonprofit expanding access to children's healthcare.