

# Council hopeful gets support from local officials

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It appears as though a Palo Alto fire captain is one of the prime candidate choices for East Palo Alto City Council for outgoing council member

Sharifa Wilson and Mayor Duane Bay.

Both Wilson and Bay signed the candidate petition for William "Chris" Woodard, 42, nominating him for a council seat. But the names of the two longtime council

members aren't the only ones gracing Woodard's election forms. Ravenswood City School District Superintendent Charlie Mae Knight and Planning Commission member Tommie Roberts also signed off on Wood's nomination papers.

Wilson's son Aynde Tate and Bay's wife, Barbara Noparstak, also have given Woodard their blessing.

Bay said he and Woodard have talked politics throughout the years, and he

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was happy to sign his nomination forms.

"He's a good guy," Bay said of Woodard. "I really like when smart, competent people run."

Bay said he has his eye on a few candidates who would make good council members and will probably endorse a few, but held off on naming names yesterday.

Woodard, a father of two who has lived in the city since 1992, said many people have asked him to run, but he is staying tight-lipped. "That would put me in a camp, and I don't want that," Woodard told the Daily News yesterday.

Woodard said he thinks development is a "wonderful thing."

"I think it is important to keep the mom-and-pop feel of East Palo Alto, but it's important to have a balance," said Woodard, who threw his support toward Ikea's proposal to bring a 300,000-

square-foot furniture store to the community.

But some residents think the balance is more than a little off. Henry Salas, a council watchdog, is among the residents calling for a preservation of East Palo Alto.

Salas, who is critical of the current council, said it is time to get residents on council who won't cater to big-name developers. Salas said it is important to maintain the city's mom-and-pop landscape.

Salas is supporting A. Peter Evans, who runs a mom-and-pop-like store. Evans, who plans to run an independent campaign, said yesterday he doesn't have a platform yet.

Leonardo Huerta, 32, a project support manager, said he plans to campaign alone as well.

Other candidates — Samuel Rasheed, 53, a member of the East Palo Alto Sanitary District; Robert Sherrard, 41, a business

and housing advocate; Moses Webb, 59, a retired Menlo Park police officer; and John Bostic, 55, a college administrator — couldn't be reached for comment yesterday.

Mayor Bay said he and others have tried to figure out which candidates may run together, but he said no pairing seems to jump out at him.

Salas also said he has no clue as to who might pair up with whom in the November election.

Looking at the list of choices, Salas said he hardly recognizes any names and doubts there will be any slates this year.

"I never run on a slate," Evans said, even though many of the residents who signed his nomination papers were many of the same names appearing on Planning Commission member David Wood's papers. Evans even signed Wood's nomination forms.

The residents who have jointly nomi-

nated Evans and Woods include Salas and Ora Colbert-Johnson, both of whom are outspoken critics of the current city council.

Colbert-Johnson initiated a grand jury probe of Wilson's two-week trip to Australia that she took in May with former City Manager Monika Hudson.

Since both incumbents Myrtle Walker and Wilson decided against running, it seemed many more residents decided to jump into the race, Salas said.

Salas said the flood of candidates for the Nov. 5 election seemed to come out of no where, and no one knows much about them.

But the eight men running for just two open spots on the council must know a few people around town. Each candidate had to collect at least 20 signatures from registered voters who were willing to nominate them as a candidate.

## CANDIDATE NOMINATION LISTS

### Leonardo Huerta

- ▶ Leonardo Huerta
- ▶ Bernardo Huerta
- ▶ Roman Montes
- ▶ A resident at 1040

### Myrtle St.

- ▶ D. Huerta
- ▶ Cristina Huerta
- ▶ Jorge Fojardo
- ▶ Rosa Alcaraz
- ▶ A resident at 2268

### Dumbarton Ave.

- ▶ Maria Ornejo
- ▶ Elizabeth Valencia
- ▶ Everaldo Luna
- ▶ Jorge Prado
- ▶ Fatima Fuentes
- ▶ Jose Galvan Vargas
- ▶ Carmen Contreras
- ▶ Fiorentino Contreras
- ▶ Ava Hill
- ▶ Ruben Abrica-

### Carrasco

- ▶ Sylvia Mariscal
- ▶ Angela Guzman
- ▶ Martina Torres
- ▶ Maria Chavez
- ▶ Enrique Ceja Ayala
- ▶ William Branner
- ▶ Otis Stevens
- ▶ Sham Pieper
- ▶ A resident at 934

### Garden St.

- ▶ Dante Price
- ▶ Makini Siwatu
- ▶ Joe Jones, Jr.

### Samuel Rasheed

- ▶ Bert Taylor
- ▶ Sadie Taylor
- ▶ Hilda McDonald
- ▶ Ruby Williams
- ▶ Bradley Washington
- ▶ Edward Dorsey
- ▶ Curtis Sims
- ▶ Spencenia Sims
- ▶ Alma Monroe Scott
- ▶ Charles McKenzie, Jr.
- ▶ Leon Golden
- ▶ Lindsey Taylor
- ▶ Trennie Miles
- ▶ Joyce Pink
- ▶ John Scott
- ▶ Mary Robinson
- ▶ Floyd Grider
- ▶ Jimmy Ware
- ▶ Charles Wilson
- ▶ Tevita Tuifua
- ▶ Edward Givens, Jr.
- ▶ Patricia Riley
- ▶ Joseph Hughes
- ▶ Katye McCall
- ▶ Nanacy Edelson
- ▶ A. Jack
- ▶ Catherine Jack
- ▶ Venus Cooper
- ▶ Frederick Carr
- ▶ Lavora Anthony

### Moses Webb

- ▶ Bert Taylor
- ▶ Sadie Taylor
- ▶ Moses Webb
- ▶ A resident at 872
- ▶ Runnymede St.
- ▶ Patrice Reams
- ▶ Shantae Wright
- ▶ Brenda McCall
- ▶ Cassonerris Taylor
- ▶ James Turner
- ▶ George Jefferson
- ▶ Leamon Wilson
- ▶ James Walton
- ▶ Tom Harper
- ▶ Johnnie Vickers
- ▶ Julius Ray Van Zandt
- ▶ Billy Joe Payne
- ▶ Ronnie Ray James
- ▶ Robert Walker
- ▶ Sandra Spencer
- ▶ Clinton Moore
- ▶ Bertha Steward
- ▶ Willie Porter
- ▶ John Porter
- ▶ Cleo Barkus
- ▶ Delois Barkus

### Robert Sherrard

- ▶ Chariton Andrews
- ▶ Soren Tifing
- ▶ Gladys Low
- ▶ Clinton Hong
- ▶ Monica Andrews
- ▶ Elaine Llewelyn
- ▶ Harold Curry
- ▶ Janet Curry
- ▶ Joe Baerga
- ▶ Debra Raley
- ▶ Leigh Cordes
- ▶ Jacob Tuft
- ▶ Stanley Jones
- ▶ Dixie Specht-Schutz
- ▶ Tom Harding
- ▶ Marsha David
- ▶ Amy Duxbury
- ▶ Parvin Bari
- ▶ C. Chan
- ▶ Arnold Chen
- ▶ Sarah Bryant
- ▶ Brian Lasso
- ▶ Terry David
- ▶ Dorothy Lim
- ▶ Joanna Tam
- ▶ A resident at 932
- ▶ Oakes St.

### William Woodard

- ▶ Duane Bay
- ▶ Sharifa Wilson
- ▶ Charlie Mae Knight
- ▶ Tommye Moore
- ▶ Hawkins
- ▶ Cora Harper
- ▶ Lois Parks
- ▶ Loan Nguyen
- ▶ Meredith Sheppard
- ▶ Paul Sheppard
- ▶ William Woodard
- ▶ Aynde Tate
- ▶ Glenda Savage
- ▶ Frank Powell
- ▶ Andres Portillo
- ▶ Demetra Jones
- ▶ Valarie Tinsley
- ▶ Rebecca Hill Long
- ▶ Bill Tinsley
- ▶ Marggret Tinsley
- ▶ Karen Tinsley
- ▶ Bill Tinsley, Jr.
- ▶ Tommie Roberts
- ▶ Mamie Roberts
- ▶ Helen Marie Streck
- ▶ Shirelle Hollimon
- ▶ Mark Thompson
- ▶ Sheila Hollimon
- ▶ Barbara Noparstak
- ▶ Michael Davidson
- ▶ Stacey Davidson

### A. Peter Evans

- ▶ Ora Colbert-Johnson
- ▶ A. Peter Evans
- ▶ Henry Salas
- ▶ Cornel Blakey
- ▶ James Blakey Jr.
- ▶ Keisha Evans
- ▶ Herbert Leonard
- ▶ Chester Prince, Jr.
- ▶ Bobby Brown
- ▶ Wilma Johnson
- ▶ Billie Sherman
- ▶ Alton Purvis
- ▶ James King
- ▶ Martha King
- ▶ Mary Ellen Jones
- ▶ A resident at 2217
- ▶ Addison Ave.
- ▶ Bill Henderson
- ▶ Christopher Williams
- ▶ Johnnie Vickers
- ▶ Betty Vickers
- ▶ Johnny Vickers
- ▶ Bernice Avery
- ▶ Kimberly Wesley
- ▶ Leo Woodard
- ▶ Ruth Daniel
- ▶ Barbara Mouton
- ▶ Allen Cook
- ▶ Julius Van Zandt
- ▶ Tom Sagehorn

### David Woods

- ▶ Ora Colbert-Johnson
- ▶ A. Peter Evans
- ▶ Henry Salas
- ▶ Cornel Blakey
- ▶ James Blakey Jr.
- ▶ Erma Darden
- ▶ Carolyn Morris
- ▶ D. Chand
- ▶ Pablo Cervantes
- ▶ Larry Johnson
- ▶ Deralyn Holms
- ▶ Joseph Robinson
- ▶ Jesse Adams
- ▶ Nikesha Morris
- ▶ Doreatha Sanders
- ▶ Rose Sanders
- ▶ George Hardy, Jr.
- ▶ A resident at 801
- ▶ weeks St.
- ▶ Patricia Fields
- ▶ Kenneth Fields
- ▶ Moses Miller
- ▶ Charles Price
- ▶ Shayla Marie Byrd
- ▶ Halim Mustafa
- ▶ Nadine Johnson
- ▶ Michael Johnson
- ▶ S. Hooker
- ▶ Alvin Johnson
- ▶ B. Adams
- ▶ Erma Mems

### John Bostic

- ▶ Kenneth Michael C. Martin III
- ▶ Patrick Martin Patrick Martin
- ▶ Carol Payne
- ▶ Leighton Wales
- ▶ Maureen Cheadle
- ▶ Nicole Cheadle
- ▶ Marjorie Goodwill
- ▶ Wilbur Jackson
- ▶ Richard Reyes
- ▶ Jonathan Hanks
- ▶ Anthony Williams
- ▶ Maybelle Culps
- ▶ Frette Jackson
- ▶ A resident at 2271
- ▶ Euclid Ave.
- ▶ Michelle Winn
- ▶ Sheila Bostic
- ▶ Makeda Bostic
- ▶ Carlyn Tomlin
- ▶ Jennifer Steward
- ▶ Jennifer Norton
- ▶ Marsha Pierce
- ▶ Michael Panting
- ▶ Eddiowens Gill
- ▶ Ethel Harris
- ▶ Erlinda Chatman
- ▶ Larry Atwater
- ▶ Irma Duarte
- ▶ Ana Duarte
- ▶ Pamela Harris
- ▶ Patricia Norton