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**Statement from Manh Nguyen Regarding Negative Campaigning in District 4**

Throughout the campaign for San José City Council District 4, supporters of my opponents have attempted to smear my personal and professional reputation with petty, misleading, and baseless attacks. This is the kind of deception and negative campaigning that makes voters tune out of politics and prevents good people from running for public office.

*I want to take this opportunity to formally denounce negative campaign tactics on both sides of this race.* While these tactics may be protected by free speech, candidates and campaign committees have a moral obligation to elevate our public discourse and ensure that voters can make informed decisions about who would best represent them. I am pleased that my opponent joined me in a pledge to refrain from negative campaigning during the runoff, and I'm happy to report that we have both honored this commitment by sticking to the facts and the issues. Unfortunately, as candidates, we have no control over special interest groups.

I did not plan to run for elected office. I am not a career politician. Through my work as a journalist covering local politics, I have seen how quickly our leaders forget the people who elect them to be their representatives. That is what motivated me to run for City Council. I want to give back to the community that has given me so much, and I want to be the voice of that community at City Hall. I am committed to running an honest and honorable campaign that speaks to the critical issues facing our residents — including our understaffed police force, a lack of affordable housing options, and our deteriorating roads and infrastructure.

I am proud to represent thousands of District 4 residents who came to this country seeking a better life for their families and their children. I am proud to represent small business owners working hard to survive in the Silicon Valley economy. And I am proud to be running a campaign that puts the needs of the people first. I look forward to representing you on the City Council.

If you would like to learn about me and where I stand on the real issues in this election, please visit my website at **[www.ManhNguyenForCouncil.com](http://www.ManhNguyenForCouncil.com)**.

– Manh Nguyen, Candidate for San José City Council, District 4

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