

CHARLES STONE

Age: 38

Father/Business Owner

As a Belmont father, husband, and community volunteer, I care deeply about our shared present and future. Few cities can match our excellent educational opportunities, natural beauty, family-friendly culture and prime location in the heart of Silicon Valley. To maximize our potential, we must stimulate our economic development, improve our infrastructure, sustain our excellent schools, and join with our neighboring cities to deliver high quality, cost-effective services.

Smart growth is key to our success. A revitalized El Camino Real will attract new businesses, grow our tax base, provide new housing and enhance our “curb appeal.” I am an advocate of well-designed, green, and profitable projects like the Crystal Springs Uplands Middle School project. The tax revenue provided by such developments will help upgrade our aged roadways, revitalize the Barrett Community Center, and modernize our storm drain system.

As a product of San Mateo County schools, I recognize the value of both our public education system and private education alternatives. Working together, they help distinguish Belmont as an extraordinary community for growing families. To continue to flourish and excel, our education partners need city government to engage, listen, and help. I support the formation of a panel that includes representatives from our government, community, and public and private education partners.

Leadership involves proactively, respectfully and efficiently engaging all stakeholders in the decision-making process. It requires acknowledging our role in a broader community with common needs, listening intently, building consensus and providing transparency in all that we do. Belmont belongs to all of us and, if elected, I pledge to be a responsible steward of our traditions and a fair and focused leader.

I look forward to working with all of you to build a better Belmont.

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