

EBWPA Endorsements November 2022

Candidate Profile

Candidate Name

Sara Lashanlo, She/her

Office Sought

San Ramon City Council District 2, San Ramon

Party Affiliation

Democrat

Campaign Website

saraforcouncil.com

How would you use the platform of this elected office to advance gender equity?

1. My presence on the City Council would bring greater representation and visibility for reproductive-aged, first generation American women in society
2. Reproductive rights ARE a local issue, even though it may not seem that way. There's a push by anti-choice folks to make San Ramon a "sanctuary city" for "unborn babies". If this proposal is ever up for a vote by the city council, I am not confident that my opponent would fight it. I, on the other hand, would do everything in my power to ensure that would never happen.
3. I will prioritize public engagement in every decision and discussion by the City Council, Commissions, and Committees. Many people cannot attend regular monthly meetings because they're at work, commuting, or caring for their children/dependents. A good councilmember will meet the community where THEY are at. Whether it's Town Halls on Zoom or at the Park, or canvassing and hosting neighborhood events, I'll take the initiative to go out of my way to engage the community.

How will you work to end discrimination based on age, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, marital status, socioeconomic status, and disability?

While there are plenty of state & federal laws to end discriminatory practices, it's still prevalent in an unofficial, undocumented way. I've experienced a ton of identity discrimination on the campaign trail, even by council members themselves. The best way to end the societal practice of identity discrimination, alongside rules and regulations, is to TALK about it. The best way to elevate the voices of all genders, all incomes, all living situations (including renters and cost-burdened) is to let them have a seat at the dais.