

## **Laura Patch, Walnut Creek City Council – CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

As your Councilmember, I'll bring a new perspective, informed by years of experience in our community advocating for sustainability, safe streets, and inclusive communities. I'm running today because I love Walnut Creek and my experience in community building will bridge our cherished traditions with fresh ideas to tackle new challenges.

I will partner with you and our forward-thinking city council to further prepare for climate change, reduce our carbon footprint, and enhance our quality of life. Together, we can expand clean energy initiatives, improve walkability and bikeability, create safe school routes, and address housing concerns.

As a nationwide project manager at the Sierra Club, I can defend open space and our environment. As a City Council-appointed Transportation Commissioner, I know policy. And, as an active volunteer with Walnut Creek Downtown, Sustainable Walnut Creek, and Walnut Creek Community Cleanup Crew, I know our community. The leadership I've developed on the board of USF's Women in Leadership Program, as an AmeriCorps member, and my education at UCLA and Georgetown, prepared me to be a strong advocate for you.

As a member of the next generation, ensuring our city's future is personal. No member of the council lives in a multi-family complex like I do. My addition would lead to more informed and representative decisions—giving voice to half our residents who don't live in single-family homes. I, like you, will be impacted by decisions made today for years to come.

I'll serve our community with compassion, transparency, and innovation