Some of my objections to what’s happening tonight have to do with process ... I will not participate in a closed session discussion on this item tonight ... I think any of these deals that involve public land have to involve a competitive, open process.

- Teresa O’Neill, successfully protecting the Youth Soccer Park from being turned over to the 49ers, Apr. 2015

“Teresa O’Neill has earned the respect of every Council member and the electorate. Her independent spirit, diligent preparation, and intuitive understanding of the issues makes her a great representative for Santa Clara. Teresa respects the presence of business in Santa Clara and the importance of the business of government. Teresa speaks for all of Santa Clara and deserves to return to our Council.”


“Vice Mayor Teresa O’Neill is not afraid to stand up for Santa Clarans and what is fair and just for our community. She is open to new ideas and dialogue, encourages community input, and represents the City of Santa Clara with integrity and respect.”

- Santa Clara Mayor Lisa Gillmor

“Incumbent Teresa O’Neill (Seat 7) has proven herself to be a strong, active, and effective leader for the City as well as for the environment. With her leadership, the Council has become more open and transparent. Her work on council has resulted in clean energy, improved trails, safer biking, open space, and a greener city. Teresa has built a true following and we enthusiastically endorse her again.”


“People support Teresa because she finds balanced solutions to complex issues. Business, labor and community groups that sometimes disagree trust her to be fair to all.”

- Former Santa Clara Council member Will Kennedy
Teresa’s First Term Accomplishments

- Stopped the giveaway of the Youth Soccer Park to the 49ers
- Wrote the audit scope for independent review of Stadium Authority compliance with Measure J
- Jump-started the affordable housing project on the Winchester Blvd. BAREC site
- Brought back affordable housing funds to Santa Clara
- Introduced Lobbyist Registration and Council Appointment Calendar ordinances for transparency
- Started a Governance Committee to improve City Hall transparency and allow residents to influence City Council agendas
- Reconvened the Liaison Committee with Santa Clara Unified School District - We are working together again to benefit Santa Clara residents, improving jointly used athletic facilities
- Fought for meaningful park fee payments by developers
- Increased City enforcement to improve conditions in neighborhoods

Teresa is endorsed by:

- The (San Jose) Mercury News
- Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce PAC
- League of Conservation Voters
- The Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter
- Santa Clara County Democratic Club
- South Bay Labor Council
- Santa Clara Firefighters Local 1171
- AFSCME Council 57
- Democratic Activists for Women Now (DAWN) - dual State Senators Jim Beall and Bob Wieckowski
State Assembly Member Kansen Chu
CA Deputy Atty. General Ralph Sivilla-Jones
Past and present Santa Clara City Council members: Caserta, Davis, Deto, Gillmor, Kennedy, Marsalli, McLeod, Moore, Watanabe
San Jose Vice Mayor Rose Herrera
Visit www.teresaoneill.org for full list of endorsements

Second Term Plans

- Improve compliance with General Plan so development doesn’t outpace infrastructure
- Improve Stadium Authority oversight, for lower neighborhood impacts (stadium noise/traffic/parking) and more fiscal accountability
- Require land dedication by developers for parks
- Convene a summit meeting with store and shopping center owners to plan how we protect and enhance our retail outlets in Santa Clara
- Implement “Vision Zero” plan to make streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers
- Encourage more community involvement and candidate diversity in the City Council election process

Learn more about Teresa’s background and positions at www.teresaoneill.org
Click the Contact Teresa button on that site to share your concerns or to ask to be notified about Teresa’s community meetings.