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Candidate Statement of Qualifications

**CITY OF IRVINE
OFFICE SOUGHT: MAYOR
WARD/DISTRICT: Not Applicable**

NAME: Mary Ann Gaido

AGE (Optional):

OCCUPATION: Irvine Planning Commissioner

This election will decide who controls the future of our City — profit-driven big developers or Irvine residents. I ask for your vote to put Irvine residents back in control of our City.

I have lived in Irvine since our City was founded, and I have been privileged — as a Planning Commissioner and former two-term City Councilmember — to lead in planning our wonderful villages, parks, schools, community shopping centers, and open space preserves.

But now our quality of life is threatened by rapid, uncontrolled growth that has created a traffic mess and is causing our schools to be overcrowded.

If I am elected Mayor, I pledge that at the first City Council meeting, I will introduce a Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance — to take a “time-out” from overdevelopment by strictly limiting the number of new residential building permits issued by the City, and by requiring voter approval before any major new residential project can move forward.

We have ample legal authority to enact growth and traffic control policies. What’s needed is a Mayor with the courage to stand up to big developers and do what’s right for Irvine residents. I promise to be that kind of Mayor.

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