We asked each candidate to answer a few questions so that you can know a little more about their priorities. Here are their answers.

Adam Hill
Candidate for District 3 Supervisor

Supervisor Adam Hill has served on the Board since 2009 and has been a key leader on such issues of economic development, homelessness, and conservation. Among his proudest achievements are the Pismo Preserve, the success of the Airport, the partnership with Cal Poly’s Hothouse, and the County’s reinvigorated approach to homelessness.

Rank the issues in order of importance in your district.

01 Public safety
02 Homelessness
03 Infrastructure
04 Housing
05 Number of head of household jobs
06 Attracting and retaining a talented workforce
07 Climate action
08 Access to open space
09 Bicycle access and rider safety
10 Regionalism
11 Diversity
12 Government regulation
13 Taxes
14 Access to cultural experiences
15 K-12 education

If elected, what will you do to address the issue you identified above as most significant?

I have crafted our County’s reinvigorated approach to homelessness—we call it humane responsibility and it is now a Board priority going forward. I worked with colleagues on SLOCOG to prioritize funding for traffic relief on 101 & 227. I have been very involved in decisions and oversight of our totally new system of healthcare in our jail. I’ve continued to support our Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and want to support a dedicated funding source of at least $2M a year for workforce housing. I’ve been deeply involved in economic development efforts first with the EVC and now with the Hourglass project.

Which theme in the Chamber’s economic vision, Imagine SLO, do you think deserves the most focus in the next four years and why?

We Before Me. We’ve been making great strides toward regionalism but it is still difficult to overcome the divide between retirees and working families. We need to get retirees and some of the NIMBY groups to see why helping our working families and stimulating our economic vitality is their interest too.

What is the biggest opportunity for your district in the next four years?

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What is the biggest opportunity for the County as a whole in the next four years?

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Do you think our business environment is healthy? If not, what would you do to change that?

It is, but there are still silos and a lack of political sophistication, which represents the red-blue split within the community.

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