

Making Sunnyvale a Better Place

An interview with Mayor Klein
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Being in charge of a big city is a tough job. Larry Klein, the mayor of Sunnyvale, spends a typical day getting things done for Sunnyvale's residents.

One of the biggest issues in the city of Sunnyvale is having more affordable homes for the unhoused. Mayor Klein says, "...we are working on having more affordable houses for people." Mayor Klein knows that more money is needed to help the unhoused, and is doing everything in his power to solve these problems.

"Downtown is actually why I got involved with the city 20 years ago."
—Mayor Klein

Sunnyvale has all sorts of exciting things in process, for example, Mayor Klein is in the process of finishing the new Civic Center as well as tearing down the old City Hall, then creating six acres of open space right next to that. All that space can be very convenient to the residents in Sunnyvale. Additionally, downtown is being finalized, which is a hot spot for residents of Sunnyvale, so finishing downtown plays a crucial part in the community!

Mayor Klein has a very busy life managing a big city. Mayor Klein says, "...there's a lot of emails I'm going through, or going to zoom meetings with different organizations and such, or going to other cities to represent Sunnyvale." Mayor Klein has a lot on his plate and still manages to show up for the community.

The Mayor gets to do a lot of interesting things as the mayor of Sunnyvale, but there's one thing that he enjoys the most, which is getting things done for Sunnyvale. Mayor Klein states, "I think it's just focusing on the good of the community, helping the residents become more active in the community, or fixing a problem within the community."

As a middle schooler, thinking about going to high school and college can be scary because it's a very big step in life and can be much different from the year prior to that, so most kids have questions or are in need of advice. Mayor Klein states, "The biggest thing is making your voice heard even if you're in middle school or high school you can still make a difference..." As Mayor Klein previously stated about how you can make a difference in your community even if you're still considered a kid, you can make your voice heard by going out of your comfort zone whether that's raising your hand in class or ordering for yourself at a restaurant, doing small things like that can ensure that you can have a voice too, which is a very important thing in life, to make sure you are heard.

So much is in the process of getting done in Sunnyvale, and Mayor Klein is constantly working to improve things for the residents of the city, whether that's adding more things downtown or fixing problems in the community and making Sunnyvale an even better place to live!