

# ON THE RECORD

## What has been the biggest change in your city in the past 10 years?

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**Paul Akinjo**  
Council Member  
Lathrop

*We weathered the recession and focused on economic development, which is on an upward trend.*



**Jeff Gee**  
Council Member  
Redwood City

*We transformed our downtown into a dynamic area. With the economic recovery, it took off — we have achieved many of our goals in just five years.*



**Pat Gacoscos**  
Vice Mayor  
Union City

*A lot of transit-oriented development around the BART station — mixed use with affordable housing so people can live close to work.*



**Etta Waterfield**  
Council Member  
Santa Maria

*The economy. We used to be the No. 1 hub for manufacturing on the Central Coast. Now vineyard agriculture and high tech are driving economic development.*



**Ginna Escobar**  
Council Member  
Pomona

*Economic development. The industrial zones and work opportunities are booming. And the city is conserving water and energy.*



**Cheryl Davila**  
Council Member  
Berkeley

*Increased development, homelessness and a lack of affordable housing.*