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1. Elected office sought:

Santa Cruz County Superior Court Office 3

2. Length of residence in the district you seek to represent:

I have lived in Santa Cruz County for the better part of the last 35 years, most recently (since returning from law school) I have continuously resided here since 2008.

3. Your occupation or avocation:

Criminal Defense Attorney

4. Significant memberships and affiliations (political, labor union, public service, etc.)

As a solo practitioner who is also building a home and raising three young sons my public service has been largely limited to court appointed work for the indigent, as well as sliding scale and low fee work for private clients who lack means. I was also the local Surfrider Foundation's chapter's volunteer policy coordinator last year, which included a trip (albeit virtual) to Capitol Hill to lobby against offshore oil drilling in the central coast.

5. In what political campaigns, organizations, and movements have you been active, and what role did you play?

The only truly active role I have ever played was calling swing voters in Florida as a volunteer for Barack Obama's first presidential bid. I regularly donate money to local, state, and national democratic candidates' campaigns.

6. If you were eligible, did you vote for Bernie Sanders in the Primary Election 2016 or 2020?

Yes in 2016

7. Which of Bernie Sanders' policy proposals are you most passionate about?

Universal Health Care.

8. How can these policies you care about be implemented at the local level?

All politics is local. If the voters of Santa Cruz County and the citizens of California can improve access to health care, the nation will follow. It always does.

9. What are your key goals and, if elected, how will you achieve them?

Fair and impartial hearing and deciding of cases in Superior Court, and making sure all parties are treated with dignity. I have spent the last fifteen years working in the building and seeing what works and what doesn't from the bench. With that in mind, coupled with my own holistic view of the fair application of the law, I look forward to being a voice for equal rights and justice in Santa Cruz County.

10. If elected, what is one concrete step you would take in your first year to rebuild trust with communities that feel ignored or excluded from local decision making?

The office I seek is non-partisan, and isn't involved with the kind of local decision making I think this refers to. That said, I have made it my business to make sure that all parties to an

action understand what is going on, what just happened, and why. My experience as an educator has informed my insistence on open communication and inclusion.

11. Give an example of when you spoke truth to power. Who were the players, what were the stakes, and what did you do?

I have spent the last fifteen years zealously advocating for the under-represented as both a private defense attorney, and as a publicly appointed one. My job every single day is to speak truth to power and make sure our laws are being evenly enforced and that individuals are being fairly treated by the system.

12. Why should members of Santa Cruz for Bernie vote for you to be their elected representative?

Local Experience. Ethical Judgement. Job ready on day one.