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**1. Elected office sought:**

Mayor, city of Santa Cruz

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

43 years

**3. Your occupation or avocation:**

writer and radio host

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

UPTA (UCSC), G-SEA (graduate student employee association), Retail Clerks Union

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

Long list--Cispes, CARECEN, GSAW, ACLU, SC4Bernie, CFST, SC CAN, SCAN, and more.

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

Yes in 2016, Yes in 2020

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

Universal Healthcare, tax billionaires, childcare for all, free state college tuition, and now, yes, Israel has committed genocide in Gaza (not excited, but glad he called it out)

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

childcare special election, calling out genocide, tax the people who have obscene wealth. How? Go to the ballot box. The City council has the ability to place initiatives on the ballot.

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

1) No more permitting of luxury apartments until we have built enough affordable apartments for people who live here, 2) Stand up to ICE, ready the city staff, workers, and residents by offering information, trainings, and designating places to shelter, 3) transparency at city hall, meaning less closed session meetings, no zoom-only meetings for developers to get their permits, town hall meetings at the civic for important issues like a ceasefire, ICE raids, corporate realtor and developer takeover of our community,

**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?**

Hold city council meetings in each of the 6 districts and invite neighbors in each districts to join the meeting and have an open mike for residents to speak their mind to the council.

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

Who? Chancellor and vice chancellors. Stakes: an eastern access route up to the university through the Pogonip. What did I do: firmly said no. It was a non-starter with

neighbors and other councilmembers at the time. Will it be coming back to the next council? Perhaps.

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

I have a long record of standing up for labor, students, seniors and renters. I heeded Bernie's call in 2016 when he ran for President. I ran with 3 other candidates for a Brand New Council. Bernie was inspirational and got many to run throughout the US.