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1. Elected office sought:

Mayor

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

51 years

3. Your occupation or avocation:

Retired UCSC Educator

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

Member of NSW Teachers Union in Australia; member of UPTA at UCSC until retirement; local member and national elected officer of the New American Movement (NAM-a socialist feminist organization in the 1970's and 1980's).

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

Sierra Club, Chair of Executive Committee; Rape Awareness and Prevention, writer, activist, educator.

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

Not a citizen in 2016; Democrat in 2020

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

Single payer health care; economic equality; immigration reform; Green New Deal.

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

All require national political action but local officials can do their part in raising the issues wherever possible. Local officials can take a strong stand against ICE tactics. Local issues can mirror the politics of the Green New Deal, such as promoting public transportation and heritage tree preservation, cutting down on waste; protecting forests; promoting resource preservation such as recycling building materials and resourcing old buildings instead of tearing them down.

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

My key goals are: to take a stand against the rapid overbuilding of large projects that are overwhelming our infrastructure, our neighborhoods and our town; to ensure that local workers and residents are given priority for affordable housing - it's on the books but is not tracked and enforced; to investigate over-hiring at the top; to reallocate resources to keep our parks clean and safe and better protect our heritage trees; to support and protect small businesses that are fast being displaced; to address the buried issue of reported rape.

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?

After outreach to ensure all communities are reached, have council members meet with their district constituents on a regular basis in a meaningful way. Then communicate the public concerns raised at these meetings with other members of the council via council agenda along with a plan of action.

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

The city has a 45 year history of burying the issue of reported rape. Santa Cruz has a higher incidence of stranger rapes than other comparable cities. As a leader of community activism that created the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women in 1981, I have confronted city council on their inaction year after year and as recently as 2025. The players are the SCPD, the city council and those who have reported rape. The stakes are the safety of women and girls in the community.

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

If elected, I will work with council members in a leadership role: to reorient the city away from unnecessary overbuilding; to comply with state laws but no more; to push back against state take-over of local control; to protect our neighborhoods, our infrastructure, our small businesses and our environment with transparency and a more robust democratic process.