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1. Elected office sought:

Santa Cruz City Council District 4

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

5-6 years total

3. Your occupation or avocation:

Public School Educator

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

Santa Cruz City Schools

Grito de la Gente

Santa Cruz for Bernie

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

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Measure M - Rent Control (canvasser)

Measure M - Housing for the People (canvasser, endorser)

Measure N - Empty Homes Tax (endorser)

Measure O - Our Downtown, Our Future (endorser)

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?

Medicare for All, College for All

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

We can implement medical care for all by ensuring that our city workers have a proper work contract with good wages, healthcare, retirement packages, and benefits. We can do this by advocating for a trust fund where emergency funds can be reallocated specifically to fully provide our city workers with proper medical care. We can implement College for All by ensuring that true affordable housing is built for students with proper affordability frameworks to get rid of burdening student debt.

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

Our Community First Vision is about an Affordable Santa Cruz: making sure that we pass rent control at the local city level, and properly fund the affordable housing trust fund through a gross receipts tax and speculation tax. Our second principle, Protect What We Love, is about preserving the unique culture of Santa Cruz by introducing cultural overlay zones that protect and preserves local businesses and public, environmental areas. Our

third principle, A Clean, Safe and Inclusive City is all about properly paying our city workers fair wages

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?

We will pass a resolution which will declare Housing as a Human Right to bring attention to our housing crisis with proper standards in place. Once the Housing as a Human Right resolution is passed, we will collaborate with the Council to pass a balanced renter stabilization policy to further protect our renters in the same style as the Protect Salinas Renters Coalition. If the Council doesn't want to collaborate, then we will bring our rent stabilization work towards the people as an initiative

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 showed up and opposed the Downtown Expansion Plan, and spoke to the gentrification that such a plan would cause towards minoritized communities. I have led a pedestrian-bike march against ICE in June of 2025 when ICE attacks were rampant, and organized the Beach Flats community members to further amplify their voice as a marginalized community.

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

I am in the classroom, in service of our youth and working families. I have led a Mexican Independence Day event at the Beach Flats to be in service of our community. I have helped congregate over 30 organizations and facilitated progressive conversations with our progressive community. I have brought awareness to the Save the Catalyst Initiative, garnering over 11,000 supporters to lead a cause to preserve the cultural hubs that Santa Cruzans care for. I have also consistently supported all of the progressive-endorsed initiatives including Measure M (rent control), Measure M (housing for the people), Measure N (empty homes tax), and Measure O (our downtown our future). This consistency demonstrates how my actions are for public service.