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I am a US citizen and have lived in Santa Cruz for 51 years. For 45 of those years, I've actively engaged in local politics; from preventing the closure of Garfield Park Library in the late 1970's, establishing the Commission for the Prevention of Violence against Women in the 1980's, to protecting our heritage trees and preserving the historic character of the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf in the 2020's.

My credentials include a bachelor's degree from the University of Sydney and a Diploma in Education from Sydney Teachers' College. I taught High School in Australia. In 1979 I was hired by UCSC to establish a Rape Prevention Education Program to help students who had been raped and to educate the student body, faculty and staff. I worked at UCSC for 30 years.

In 2023-24, I served on the Santa Cruz Civil Grand Jury which investigated the city's lack of tracking who gets affordable housing. I was appointed to two city commissions, including 3 terms as chair. I have a deep understanding of our local government and am skilled at chairing public meetings. I've written extensively on environmental protection and on housing issues, especially the impacts of overbuilding. Greensite for Mayor!