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I am a mother, journalist, and educator who has called Santa Cruz home for 30 years. I have a track record of making our city better, having served on the Westlake School Site Council and the City Homelessness Committee, and as an advocate for the environment, social justice and civil rights.

As Mayor, I will protect and promote Santa Cruz's unique character and human-scale neighborhoods, while prioritizing affordable housing for residents. I will bring transparency, fairness, and open dialogue about development plans and all city matters to my constituents.

Along with the housing crisis, we face an ecological crisis. I will fight for environmental protections wherever possible, as I did for re-wilding the Benchlands.

Our city must build resiliency during uncertain times. We need infrastructure, like neighborhood hubs for off-grid power and communications. And we need human connection—neighborhood networks to build trust, collaboration and democratic participation.

As founder of the Get the Flock Out campaign, I successfully organized to get the City Council to cancel our invasive automated license plate reader contract. We must protect residents from data theft, unlawful deportation and Constitutional violations.

I'm ready to bring collaborative leadership to Santa Cruz. I'd be honored to have your support.