

Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

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For the past 16 years, I have been honored to serve the public on the Santa Cruz Port Commission. Santa Cruz Harbor is a self-sufficient public facility and vibrant economic and recreational resource for our community. As a harbor user for nearly 50 years, I have seen it grow into a vital center of activity enjoyed and appreciated by mariners, fishermen, and the general public.

I am running for re-election because I care deeply about the harbor and its role in providing safe access to the extraordinary ocean environment of Monterey Bay. Improving access to the harbor is my top priority so that the entire community can take advantage of all the public amenities the harbor offers. I also care that the Port District is managed and governed well, financially viable, and resilient for future generations.

My qualifications include 16 years' experience as Port Commissioner, 32 years' public service in local government and 8 years performing oceanographic research. In 2018, I earned recognition from the California Special District Association for Special District governance. I also serve on a separate statewide port and harbor organization. I bring an independent perspective, cooperative style, strong work ethic, fiscal responsibility, and extensive community involvement.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to serve.

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