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I am a student, music teacher and community activist. I grew up in Felton and I've lived in Santa Cruz County my entire life. I want to bring my combination of perspectives—both as a student and a lifelong resident—to the Santa Cruz City Council. Our community has changed over time, not always for the better, often clashing with our progressive self-image. Now is the time for reality to back up that image.

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I am currently studying music at UC Santa Cruz, and teach music part-time. Having a mother who works at a federally-funded nonprofit and a father who fought tirelessly for the establishment of California's Marine Protected Areas showed me what service looks like. We must embolden those working hard to improve our community.

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Santa Cruz needs to work for its community. That means building housing with affordability, labor and environment in mind. It means building a city for people, not cars; one that is walkable, bikeable and transit oriented through mixed zoning and improvements to our infrastructure. Let's work together to create a just economy through supporting unions, small businesses and economic democracy. I pledge to be transparent and accessible to everyone in Santa Cruz. It would be an honor to receive your vote.

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