

Like many residents, my wife and I moved to Scotts Valley to start our family. Our cozy mountain community has exemplary schools, low crime, and friendly people. I want our youth to have a voice in our civic process, a youth liaison program would provide a clear view of what it is like growing up in our town today so we can grow the things that work and create opportunities through partnerships.

A lack of housing availability makes living in Scotts Valley out of reach for many of our teachers, first responders, retail workers, and our young adults. There is opportunity to work with builders to fill in some of the blank spaces along Scotts Valley Drive and freshen the look of frontages along the street. Our community feedback process addresses concerns and shapes projects so we can say yes to new homes and businesses. This will grow revenue to support municipal programs without raising taxes.

We can use a portion of the transportation budget to enhance walkability and build bicycle infrastructure. There are opportunities to make walkers and cyclists feel secure getting around while reducing automotive traffic, and road maintenance costs while boosting foot traffic for local businesses.