

As a Cabrillo College Local Government Fellow, I spent this summer interning with the City of Scotts Valley learning as much as I could about our community and the challenges we face. I read hundreds of pages of reports, attended council and other government meetings, and assisted in modernizing the city's website. I did extensive research on fire prevention, homeowners insurance, electrification, and infrastructure grants. I am also a ten-year Scotts Valley resident and a low-income renter.

I am running for City Council because our strong community will be the most important factor that determines how we will adapt and overcome whatever challenges may arise in our future. From working with city staff, the current council, and the Scotts Valley Police Department, I have seen a strong will to collaborate, make our town stronger, and engage the community. I will continue that momentum to ensure the Town Center strengthens our ability to engage as neighbors and is a space where everyone feels they belong.

I will also apply knowledge gained from my Certificate of Sustainability and Environmental Studies/Economics major classes to improve accessible biking and pedestrian infrastructure that seniors and kids can feel comfortable using, and to continue to expand the services and sustainability of our parks.

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