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My background as a parent, a Felton resident, and a lifelong public servant equips me to represent our district effectively. I have the experience and skills needed to address our local challenges, including wildfire risk, deteriorating roads, and housing costs. For the last 10 years, I've led Encompass Community Services, the largest health and human services nonprofit in Santa Cruz County, overseeing a \$30 million annual budget and 400 local employees. I have served on numerous boards and commissions, currently as Chair of the County Parks and Recreation Commission. I'll use my extensive leadership experience to ensure we're prepared for natural disasters and have the safety and infrastructure our district deserves.

Our district has been hit hard in recent years - the pandemic, the CZU fire, and winter storms. Too often, our government has fallen short in helping to rebuild homes and basic infrastructure like roads, power, broadband, and water. I want to change that—to accelerate recovery, strengthen resilience, and represent all voices.

This is where I'm raising my children, and I want them to grow up in a thriving, safe community. We deserve better. I'm proud to have received broad endorsements from elected officials, labor unions, and civic organizations, and I would be honored to earn your vote.