

I appreciate the time you've taken to read my candidate statement.

I have volunteered with the Felton Fire Protection District for 18 years, and I have served as a board member for the past seven years. My wife and I have been Felton business members for 30 years this April.

I've also worked to strengthen our community through youth programs. I helped start a Cub Scout Pack at SLVE and helped lead Boy Scout Troop 604, now generously hosted by Zayante Fire.

I believe the people of FFPD should have the final say in what happens to their fire department. That is why, as a board member, I have worked with my fellow directors to maintain local control. The recent passage of the 218 funding by our community allows us to move forward on sound financial footing, safeguarding the community and protecting their rights to decide the future of the district. This is a responsibility I will continue to strive for.

Our volunteers are the vital foundation of this district. I will work with our future chief to preserve and support this essential resource, and to ensure we select and retain a long-term chief who shares these goals.