Santa Cruz Neighbors 5th Bi-Annual City Council Candidates Forum

Wednesday September 12th from 7pm - 9pm 155 Center St Community Room at SCPD

This will prove to be a jam packed session covering various topics with 17 questions! 10 of which will be a Lightening Round!

Doors will open at 6:30 so you will have an opportunity to meet Candidates who come early.

Announced by President SC Neighbors Deborah Elston





President Deborah Elston with SC Neighbors Board Members Robert Orrizzi and Barry Kane.

Dear Candidates.

Santa Cruz Neighbors is proud to sponsor our traditional Candidates' Forum for neighbors once again this election cycle. This will be a 2 hour event. Questions are collected from neighbors then collated by our Board for the Forum. With 10 Candidates running, there will be time constraints to deal with. Each Candidate will have 2 minutes for an opening statement. Then, we will proceed w/ 6-7 questions allowing each Candidate 1 minute to comment. This will be followed by a few "Lightning Rod" Questions asking Candidates to state "Yea", "Nay" or "Undecided" all at the same time.

Santa Cruz Neighbors, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) Corporation. Our goal is to offer voters a neutral venue to hear your views and assist in making their decisions.

Voting materials will be permitted on tables in the back of the room. However; campaign signs will be relegated to an outdoor area.

Sincerely, Robert Orrizzi, Santa Cruz Neighbors

Lightning ROUND Questions:

1. Do you support measure H?



2. Do you think the Neighborhood District Policing is effective for/in our Community?



3. Do you support the continuance of the River St Camp?



4. Would you approve a budget increase for the police department to enlarge the police force?



5. Do you support measure M?



6. If Measure M fails would you support the Draft Ordinance from the current City Council regarding the Relocation Assistance for Displaced Tenants.



7. Would you approve License Plate Readers – compliant with ACLU guidelines – that are only activated when a crime is reported, helping police track the perpetrators?



8. Do you support the idea of District elections for our City?



9. Do you think the Mayor should be elected directly by residents?



10. Do you agree with the proposal for the new Library Garage Project downtown?



The Following questions were asked at the beginning of the program.

- 1. Tell us about one neighborhood or community based project you have worked on.
- 2. Do you have any suggestions on how the city can better protect us against rampant criminal behavior such as break-ins, graffiti, misc. theft, car and bike theft, drug dealings, shootings, vandalism and aggressive behavior?
- 3. How better can the City insure that the County takes a greater role addressing mental health and homelessness issues?
- 4. What would you do <u>differently</u> to address homelessness issues in our city?
- 5. What solutions would you bring to Council to mitigate our housing dilemma?
- 6. Consider the City Council's actions of the past four years....

 Name one thing that you liked and one thing that you didn't like
- 7. Every new multi-family residential project requires 15% inclusionary units. How do you feel about that?

































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