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I am dedicated to the well-being of every member of our community, advocating for quality housing, good jobs, and robust social safety nets. Through genuine community engagement, I will reassess budget priorities and champion a fair economy.

I am committed to fostering transparency and inclusive decision-making processes. As your representative, I will serve as a direct conduit to the City Council and staff, amplifying the concerns of workers and constituents, and ensuring that every voice contributes to shaping our city.

With a background spanning two decades in organizing, a two-year tenure on the Board of Governors for a school in London, and deep participation in local community groups, I bring a wealth of experience to this position.

Since my candidacy for Mayor of Santa Cruz in 2022, I have remained active in local and state politics, and in community engagement. Notably, I created a multi-media installation on the theme of housing as a human right. I achieved certification as a Community Mediator through the Conflict Resolution Center of Santa Cruz County, and contributed to teaching a college-level course on activism and organizing. My multifaceted background equips me with the skills and dedication needed to serve our community effectively.

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