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Santa Cruz City Council District 5 includes the Upper West Side, most of UC Santa Cruz, Harvey West Park and the Tannery. I'm running for Santa Cruz City Council to address the many challenges facing our district and city with a fresh set of solutions. I've gained experience working for *State Senator Aisha Wahab* in her district office and when I was appointed by *Santa Cruz County Supervisor Justin Cummings* to serve on the Santa Cruz County Substance Use Disorder Services Commission, where I have been working towards sustainable solutions to the opioid epidemic. I will fight for affordable housing, living wages, and a liveable planet for our students, seniors, working families, and all Santa Cruzans.

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After witnessing economic injustice as a barista at Starbucks, I led the first Starbucks stores in California to unionize. I currently work for Service Employees International Union Local 1021, continuing to organize baristas and fight for workers. I will always advocate for unions and workers.

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I'm proud to be the only candidate for Santa Cruz City Council District 5 endorsed by the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, the Monterey/Santa Cruz Building and Construction Trades Council, Equality California, Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte, the Sierra Club, *Representative Ro Khanna*, *former Assemblymember Mark Stone*, *incumbent Santa Cruz City Councilmember Sandy Brown*, and over 100 other elected officials and community leaders. See all endorsements at VoteJoeThompson.com/endorsements.

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I would love to talk with you about our campaign. Please call me at (831)346-2898 or email me at Joe@VoteJoeThompson.com. It would be an honor to earn your vote.

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