

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **JEFFREY L. MARTIN**, Candidate for
Commissioner
Santa Cruz Port District

My name is Jeff Martin and I would like to represent you as a member of the Santa Cruz Port District. I have been a registered civil engineer for thirteen years with experience in water resources, hydraulic engineering and coastal structures. I am an experienced blue water sailor, I live aboard in the harbor and I scuba dive in the harbor to perform boat maintenance. I want to promote the harbor and the businesses located there, including the local fishing industry, as an asset to the community and a tourist destination. Spiraling dredging expenses have forced the harbor to continually increase user fees and neglect other maintenance needs. Long time slip renters are leaving for less expensive harbors. I believe the harbor needs to devote more resources to the repair and maintenance of facilities and to seek long term, environmentally sensitive and more cost effective alternatives to the present dredging operations. Minimizing traditional dredging techniques can reduce operational costs, help control fee increases and make the harbor a more attractive and peaceful place to the benefit of all. I believe I have the experience and technical expertise to help achieve these goals and I would appreciate your support.

Statement of **DENNIS (DENNY) L. SMITH**, Candidate for
Commissioner
Santa Cruz Port District

Occupation: Sheriff's Lieutenant (retired)

Experience, responsibility, and personal commitment ...the Santa Cruz Port District and the Santa Cruz community deserve no less. I have 32 years of public service experience in Santa Cruz County. My professional abilities in matters of budget supervision, administration, contractual issues, and complex inter-agency negotiation were developed during many years as Sheriff's Lieutenant. I will apply these skills to foster collaboration between the District, the City, and the greater community.

I was born, raised, and educated here in Santa Cruz, and I have been a boat owner and harbor user for over 30 years. My personal connection to the Small Craft Harbor and the local community underscores my dedication and commitment to this position.

As we feasibly and effectively maintain the harbor infrastructure, we must also set goals and plan for a viable future. The economic and ecological health of our gateway to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary is of the greatest importance to everyone in the region. Responsible stewardship is our duty – for the present and for generations to come.