

Statement of **JAKE FUSARI**, Candidate for
Santa Cruz City Council

Occupation: Carpenter

Age: 28

As a third generation Santa Cruz Native I have a unique perspective of life in Santa Cruz. My family came to Santa Cruz over a century ago and I plan to raise my son here and watch him raise his family here. However, I feel that our way of life is being threatened. Santa Cruz has a crime problem, unemployment is on the rise, and our beaches rank among the most polluted in the state. As a Surfer, Waterman, and father, I understand the environment is critically important to our community and needs to be preserved and revitalized. My three top priorities are public safety, the economy, and the environment. I realize the importance of creating orderly economic growth through development and revitalization of outdated structures. By growing our local economy we will be able to provide the community with jobs, and the City the funds it needs to thrive. My choice to not belong to a political party allows me to approach situations and hear ideas with an open mind and I will not be unduly influenced by any outside party. Being an elected official means that you should represent the community not just a select group of organizations. Instead of seeking endorsements from organizations I have been spending time reaching out to members of the community letting them know where I stand on key issues. I have experience working with large community oriented organizations including my two year internship with the San Francisco Forty Niner's Football Club. I have endorsed Measure P which would give the community the opportunity to vote on the proposed Desalination plant that I am very concerned about. Issues we face today, like the Desalination plant, make this a very critical election. I feel that my business background and youthful enthusiasm makes me a great candidate to get the job done.

Credentials:

Graduate of Santa Cruz High School, Associate's Degree from Cabrillo College, B.S. from SJSU in Business Marketing. Married father.

Active Member of Native Sons, Marconi Club, and Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

If elected I will do my best to rid Santa Cruz of its Crime problem and revitalize our economy while maintaining our environment.