

The community relies on Felton Fire Protection District and never fails to show their support for our dedicated first responders. The time has again come to show support and elect a Board that will right the instabilities left in the wake of previous leadership. Felton needs innovative and fresh solutions, not the same echo-chamber of past practices.

My values: transparency, accountability, sustainability, and community

My experience: I have worked for the County of Santa Cruz in the Human Services Department for the past 10 years; I currently manage the team that oversees \$50million in contracts and facilitates the development of County Board of Supervisor agenda items for that department. I am familiar with the best practices of utilizing taxpayer dollars transparently, one of the weaker skillsets of the current Board. I continue to seek out opportunities to grow my experience and serve my community: I have received an Employee Recognition Award with the County, graduated from the Bay Area Social Services Consortium (BASSC) Executive Development Program (EDP) through UC Davis, and was selected to participate in Class 38 of Leadership Santa Cruz County. Additionally, my husband is a volunteer firefighter (like many volunteers, on top of his “day job”), meaning we have been a part of the Felton Fire family for the past 4 years. With a child enrolled in the public school system, we have a long-term interest in maintaining safe communities and neighborhoods.

My promise: If elected to the Board, I’ll encourage transparency in decision-making and spending. I will be focused on the long-term sustainability of the district - not just getting us through the next two years - by creating plans and analyzing trends. I will emphasize rebuilding trust with Felton volunteer and staff firefighters/EMTs, something sorely overlooked by current leadership.

I am pleased to have partnered with candidate Adam Hensleigh, current President of the FireSafe Council of Santa Cruz County, in a shared vision and values for the future of Felton Fire Protection District and encourage you to consider him for one of the available seats.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the people of Felton and work collaboratively to improve our community.

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