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People Power  
703 Pacific Ave.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

This letter is in response to your request for information regarding my candidacy for re-election as the Fifth District Supervisor in Santa Cruz County. I am seeking the endorsement of People Power.

I was appointed as the Fifth District Supervisor on November 12, 2003, and was successfully elected by a significant margin to retain the seat in November 2004. I am up for re-election on June 3, 2008 and with your help I will be able to continue to do great work for the Fifth District and Santa Cruz County.

As well as serving on the County Board of Supervisors, I also represent the community on other local bodies including the Regional Transportation Commission, the Metropolitan Transit District Board, The First 5 Commission, The Library Joint Powers Board, the Criminal Justice Council, and the Santa Cruz County Children's Network. I facilitated the County response to vital community issues, including establishing the County's first Commission on the Environment, fighting for local control of our water resources and protecting our watersheds, protecting the Felton Library and all of the other branches, creating environmentally sensitive responses to development, logging, and weed clearance, as well as working with law enforcement to rid our roads of abandoned vehicles. I also am deeply involved in the health and welfare of our children. I chair the Steering Committee that is working hard to ensure that the Child Welfare System in our County is the best that it can be. I also represent Santa Cruz County on a state-wide task force making sure that any implementation of Jessica's Law will not merely dump sexually-violent predators or dangerous pedophiles into rural areas like ours.

The potential for widening Highway 1 south of the Fishhook is a controversial issue and one that I know is important to People Power. After the failure of Measure J in 2004 and the inability to come up with a set of projects that might be able to garner a supermajority of votes of the citizens of this County, it seems very unlikely that any proposal for highway widening will be able to be put forward in the near future. People in this County seem to be unwilling to tax themselves to pay for such an expensive and controversial project that would require local money to take on what should be the State's responsibility.

There are three other major categories of projects that are far more worthy of our efforts and are much more likely to be acceptable to the voters of the County. The first is the rail line between Pajaro and Davenport. As a member of the RTC, I have always been supportive of the acquisition of this wonderful asset. Until the citizens of Santa Cruz County own this asset, all potential projects on the rail line, whether they are bicycle trails, passenger rail or recreational rail are impossible. I look forward to the acquisition of the rail line and all of the potential that it represents for all of us.

The second major category is enhancement of transit service in the County. As a member of the Metro Transit Board, we are working on a short-range transit plan that will offer us the ability to look at the efficiencies of the existing service and see what improvements we can make. We are working on such projects as the Pacific Station, an inter-modal facility that will help us connect with transit services in Santa Clara county as well as potentially providing a project that will include affordable housing. Most of the busses now run compressed natural gas which is a great improvement over the diesel power that we have lived with since bus service began in Santa Cruz County. There are other great potentials such as improving ridership at Cabrillo College and even providing a more efficient bus rapid transit type of service to UCSC.

The third category that I am interested in is funding local streets and roads. The Board of Supervisors currently is looking at options for raising money to address the significant backlog of maintenance of our County roads. If we are able to enhance a revenue stream dedicated to local roads, we would be able to address the deficiencies in the County's bicycle plan. I am very interested in a trail system that would allow safe and efficient pedestrian and bicycle transportation throughout the San Lorenzo Valley and that would connect the Valley to the trail system in the City of Santa Cruz and beyond.

I am supported in his re-election bid by a wide range of community members and important interests, including educators, environmentalists, business leaders, realtors, public safety officers including law enforcement and fire protection, working families, health and human service providers, unions, community leaders and elected members of the jurisdictions that serve the Fifth District and Santa Cruz County.

I appreciate your consideration of an endorsement of my re-election campaign.

Mark Stone

Please join the many people and organizations who are supporting my campaign:

**Electeds & Appointedds**

Sam Farr, 17th Congressional District  
Joe Simitian, 11th Senate District  
John Laird, 27th Assembly District  
Fred Keeley, Santa Cruz County Treasurer  
Jan Beautz, Santa Cruz County Supervisor  
Tony Campos, Santa Cruz County Supervisor  
Neal Coonerty, Santa Cruz County Supervisor  
Ellen Pirie, Santa Cruz County Supervisor

Steve Robbins, Santa Cruz County Sheriff  
Mary Jo Walker, Santa Cruz County Auditor/Controller  
Michael Watkins, SC County Superintendent of Schools  
Mardi Wormhoudt, Former Santa Cruz County Supervisor  
Jay Baker, Boulder Creek Fire Board  
Cliff Barrett, Scotts Valley City Council  
Ken Boynton, Zayante Fire Board  
Ryan Coonerty, Santa Cruz City Mayor  
Lea Dakota, San Lorenzo Valley School Board  
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Lyle Fleming, Zayante Fire Board  
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Dennis Osmer, Pajaro Valley Water Management Board  
Larry Prather, San Lorenzo Valley Water Board  
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Beth Benjamin, Santa Cruz County First 5 Commission  
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Brian Foss, Santa Cruz Harbor Port Director\*  
Nancy Gerdt, Santa Cruz Library Joint Powers Board  
Julie Haff, Superintendent, San Lorenzo Valley Schools\*  
Gine Johnson, Santa Cruz County Comm. on the Environment  
Rama Khalsa, Director, SC County Health Services Agency\*  
Steve Lind, Former Chief, Scotts Valley Police\*  
Jeff Maxwell, Zayante Fire Chief\*  
Kevin McClish, Boulder Creek Fire Chief\*  
Sam Robustelli, Former Boulder Creek Fire Chief\*  
Brian Steen, Executive Director Sempervirens Fund\*  
Susan True, Executive Director, Santa Cruz County First 5\*  
Steve Walpole, Former Chief, Scotts Valley Police\*

\*for identification purposes only

### **Organizations**

Democratic Women's Club of Santa Cruz County  
Deputy Sheriff's Association of Santa Cruz County  
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council  
Operating Engineers Local #3  
Santa Cruz County Association of Realtors  
Sierra Club  
Service Employees International Union Local #521  
United Transportation Workers Local #23

### **Community Members**

Frank & Fran Adamson  
Dexter & Valerie Ahlgren

Luis Alejo  
Julie Almquist  
Dan Alper  
Richard Anderson  
Roger Anderson  
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Bill Aragona  
Jon Backstrom  
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Tom Balch  
Connie Barr  
Dennis & Linda Belom  
Jim Booth  
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Myrna Britton  
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Doug & Ann Marie Conrad  
George Couch  
Faye Crosby  
Darryl & Karen Darling  
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Chuck & Jacky Edgemon  
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