

Gerald E. (Jerry) Matteo

My name is Jerry Matteo and I am requesting your vote so that I may serve you and our community as a member of the city council.

Having lived in this community for more than 20 years; I've seen many ways our community has been neglected.

We are a government "of the people" yet limited participation of the people has shifted too much of our responsibility to the council.

This imbalance of power has created a council that has become "controlling", rather than "serving" the needs of all of the people.

We have a council and a city administration which have allowed special interests to influence their decision-making and the mismanagement of our taxes we have worked so hard for to provide.

Some council decisions have left economical burdens and stresses placed on the businesses and people in our community, as well as development plans which neglect our environment and our overall picturesque beauty which makes Santa Barbara "Santa Barbara".

Logic dictates that our survival as a harmonious community lies within a change in our attitude about how we see the role of government.

We are a government "of the people" and we are ninety thousand strong.

This is not about who leans to the right or who to the left. This is about who is willing to stand up straight to represent everyone.

We need a stronger community voice and presence in our city government.

I am willing to be a strong voice and presence for our community.

I am willing to step up to the plate; are you?

I believe that together we can co-create a harmonious and prosperous community which respects and supports the needs of its entire people and this beautiful home of ours we call Santa Barbara.

This is my vision. This is why I am asking for your vote.

My name is Jerry Matteo and I thank you.