

Michael Kathleen Self

I'm Councilmember Michael Self. First I would like to say that it's been an honor to serve you.

You probably remember me as the lady who fought bulb-outs. Boy, that was sure fun. You elected me two years ago when everything was out of control. Besides bulb-outs driving us crazy there were gangs and street stabbings. Wasteful spending at City Hall was leaving us in the red. Tall, bulky buildings were being built on Chapala and our City Council wouldn't listen. That led to the citizen revolt of 2009. You took your City back.

I hope you have noticed the difference. There's a new tone, less anger, because our new majority is listening to you. We've made a lot of progress, hiring more policemen. We're getting a handle on the homeless issue with well thought-out programs, cleaning up downtown, prioritizing spending, and putting millions back in our reserves. The old majority spent, just because the millions were there.

But I have to warn you, trouble could be returning to paradise. The gang, backed by the well-financed political machine that put bulb-outs on our streets instead of police, wasted money installing traffic hazards instead of fixing crime, want back in. They also plan high-density projects to ruin our town.

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Here we are living in one of the most beautiful spots on the planet and they just don't get it. Well I know you understand, I've heard you, pleading for help to save our town and ecosystem. This election you have a very clear choice. Keep Santa Barbara this unique place, this is your home, or give your city back to the political machine that is out-of-touch with you and your neighborhood.

Thanks again for the privilege of serving you. I would appreciate your vote.