

## Grant House

My name is Grant House. I am here to ask for your support in my bid for reelection to Santa Barbara City Council.

I am seeking a second term on City Council to continue to provide inclusive leadership and experienced stewardship of our community, our economy, and our environment.

Today, all of us here in Santa Barbara are struggling with the most severe national economic crisis any of us can remember.

Businesses large and small are affected. Tourism is down. Sales taxes are continuing to decline. Many enterprises are closing. Dear friends are losing their jobs.

My wife Peggy Jo and I are both long-time local business owners. We know first-hand how it feels to work every day to make ends meet.

Our city's government is not immune to these forces. State raids on local revenues are making matters even worse.

Due to the policies and practices of the last four years, Santa Barbara stands to weather the storm better than many of our fellow California cities.

With careful leadership at all levels of our local government, vital services have been preserved. We are determined to keep the effects of these unprecedented declines in revenue as far away from the public as possible.

There are signals of improvement on the horizon, but we are not out of the woods yet.

I am Grant House and I am asking for your support for my reelection to ensure our City remains faithful to our values even as we address the current economic crisis and prepare for the economic rebound to come.

Our greatest strength is our sense of community and the knowledge that working together, we can handle all our challenges. We will come through stronger and more resilient than before.

We must never forget what makes Santa Barbara Special.

It is my intention to continue to focus on our core assets:

- inventiveness, creativity, and innovation
- our steadfast commitment to look out for one another
- and the immense generosity and enduring spirit of volunteerism that puts in action who we are as a community

I know we share these values. Since you elected me in 2005 I have done all I can to express them in my work on City Council and I will continue these cherished Santa Barbara traditions into my second term.

I am grateful for the support I am receiving from friends and valued partners in our community:

- The Sierra Club
- Former Mayors Harriet Miller and Hal Conklin
- My colleagues Mayor Marty Blum, Councilmembers Roger Horton, Das Williams
- Former Supervisors Naomi Schwartz and Susan Rose
- Supervisors Salud Carbajal, Janet Wolf, and Doreen Farr
- Goleta Mayor Roger Aceves
- The Democratic Party, Democratic Women, and others.

There is still more to be done. And, each of us has a part to play.

My name is Grant House. Please help reelect me to a second term on Santa Barbara City Council.