

Cathie McCammon

I'm Cathie McCammon and I made the decision to run for City Council, because I believe we need a change in our Council, if we are to protect the city that we love.

We must have Santa Barbara Solutions for Santa Barbara problems.

After 37 years of involvement in the community, I have concluded that we must change the direction of our planning and reform our budget process. I am for sound land use decisions, living within our resources and fiscal responsibility.

As a volunteer land use consultant for League of Women Voters, Allied Neighborhoods Association and Citizens Planning Association, I know that what is being proposed in the update of our General Plan, the blue print for our future, will result in over-development, increased density and congestion.

I support Measure B, the people's Height Limitation Initiative. We must preserve our historic resources for our residents, our visitors and future generations. Our economy is dependent on this. We must maintain Santa Barbara's distinctive character, safeguard our city's charm and small town atmosphere.

I support living within our resources and our existing infrastructure. Our water supply is limited. State water is unreliable and the desal plant will require a tremendous amount of energy, and the water it produces will be extremely costly. Lack of a dependable water supply will change the face of our city.

As a former business and bankruptcy attorney, I am familiar with fiscal matters and will work to reform our budget process.

We need to restore our reserves. We must have reliable fiscal planning to protect us from the ups and downs of the economy. We need to set priorities. The city can no longer rely on one time fixes. Police and fire protection and maintenance of our infrastructure – our roads, our water supply and our sewage system are my top priorities.

I will work to achieve a safe city, protecting our neighborhoods and our residents. Addressing the gang problem, we need to reach children at an earlier age and involve parents. I will work to address the homeless problem, by showing compassion for those in need while protecting our residents from intimidation.

As your Council member, my goals are to retain our city's special character, unique qualities and livability.

I pledge to listen and respect your concerns. I fully understand the problems facing our city and with my training and experience I am prepared to address our problems from day one.

Thank you for your vote.