

## Michael Kathleen Self

I'm Michael Self, I'm a long-term resident of the City, a former business owner, and presently the President of Santa Barbara SAFE Streets. I'm running for City Council because of City Halls misguided policies that are draining our fiscal resources, ruining our streets, and subjecting us to over development. Worst of all, City Hall is consistently ignoring the views of the residents.

Five years ago, City Hall imposed "traffic calming" on my neighborhood. That imposition changed my life. I wanted to know why they were experimenting with our neighborhood streets. I've traveled across the country to meet with traffic planning experts, founded a non-profit, and attended hundreds of City Hall meetings. I became known as the woman fighting the unpopular little "traffic circles" and "bulb-outs," costly obstructions that slow down fire trucks, ambulances, and police.

I learned that City Council is out of touch with the citizens for whom they work, and that they refuse to face fiscal reality. My 35 years experience as a businesswoman who has met payroll, enables me to handle budgets responsibly. My objective is to restore within-our-means spending to City Hall and a thriving economic climate friendly for locally owned businesses.

Our residents are distressed about the dense and bulky developments being built in our City. I will protect our City from being used as an experiment by planners and from being exploited by developers. We will grow and it's important that we are wise stewards of our resources. Santa Barbara has honored our City's "specialness" by selecting excellence over excess.

I'll set a new tone at City Hall; City Hall must truly represent our neighborhoods, preserve our heritage, respect our limited resources, and bring healthy solutions to the challenges that face us.

Inspired by others who came before me and dedicated to a brighter future for our children and us. I'm ready and willing to serve. I'll be your voice at City Hall. I call it Self-help for Santa Barbara because together, we can keep Santa Barbara safe, beautiful and fiscally sound.

I'm Michael Self and I'm asking for your vote.