

John J. Thyne III

Hi, my name is John Thyne. I've lived in Santa Barbara for many years, working as a law school teacher, an attorney and a successful businessman employing dozens of local employees. I'm asking for your vote this year to change the way the City Council does business.

Our City's budget is in trouble and as a local businessman, I have the right experience to help us through these difficult times. I will be a fiscally responsible leader committed to sensible fiscal policies that will save our city's budget. I'll work closely with local businesses to reinvigorate our local economy and increase revenues for the city.

As a lawyer I'm extremely concerned by public safety. I know that the primary role of government is to protect our citizens. I think that keeping Santa Barbara safe for all the citizens and visitors that come here is the most important job of city government. We must remain committed to recruiting, retaining and working positively with the best fire and police personnel that our country has to offer. We must also take a tough stance with gang violence. We must give the police tools necessary to fight this threat but we also must reach out to our children and provide them with positive alternatives to gang involvement.

As a real estate professional I also understand how important Santa Barbara's unique beautiful character is, and I am committed to making sure that Santa Barbara remains a beautiful place for all of us who live, work and play here. I am committed to sensible building design, setback and landscaping requirements so that we can make sure that Santa Barbara's character remains beautiful. Also I am committed to providing downtown convenient workforce housing for those of us that work in Santa Barbara. We must also streamline our planning and our permitting process so that property owners can improve their properties appropriately.

It's time that our local leaders move past the politics as usual, the finger pointing that has kept us back far too long. I'm not involved with any political parties – my only agenda is to serve you, the Santa Barbara citizen. I'm an independent leader and I offer a lifetime of experience of bringing those with different views together to engage in positive resolution of issues.

It's time that we focus together on the right priorities – fiscal responsibility, social justice - public safety – these are the issues that will keep Santa Barbara the most beautiful and amazing place to live that it currently is.

I ask you to help me to bring common sense to City Hall this year. Please vote for John J. Thyne III, and I promise I will be a competent, committed and dedicated leader who is looking out for your best interests.

Thank you.