

## Harwood “Bendy” White

Hello! I’m Bendy White and I’m a candidate for Santa Barbara City Council.

I was born, raised, and educated here and make my living in this beautiful City as a land use consultant.

A constant in my life is Public Service.

As a County Planning Commissioner, I fought to protect wetlands and open space. Later, as County Fire Protection Planner, I worked with key stakeholders to produce the County’s Fire Protection Plan. It wasn’t fully implemented. If it had been, the recent wildfires would have burned fewer homes.

During 12 years on the City Water Commission, I helped launch the Master Water Plan which is still used to maintain our pipeline system and water budget.

I am now serving my 14<sup>th</sup> year on the City Planning Commission. I am a strong advocate for affordable housing projects, which are compatible with their neighborhoods such as Casa de las Fuentes.

Much of the public is unhappy with the new, bulky developments which are out of scale with Santa Barbara’s UNIQUE SETTING. The City Council was gridlocked on the issue so I joined with concerned citizens to collect the signatures that put the Building Height Initiative on the ballot.

I have unique experience within City government and the land use planning business. With that background, I can confront the many issues facing our City.

Like the entire world, Santa Barbara is taking some serious financial hits. To balance **our** budget, I will work to bring our employees back to the bargaining table. I’ll also seek the help of citizens and staff to CUT WASTE and INCREASE EFFICIENCY.

I am deeply concerned about our infrastructure. We inherited a GLORIOUS LEGACY of architecture and planning. But, we have fallen behind in the upkeep of our buildings and parks. Proper maintenance makes good business sense. It boosts civic pride and our economy.

At the street level, the Council must ensure that people are safe on foot anywhere in Santa Barbara. That means we need a strong police presence, vigilant neighborhoods, and accountable citizens.

I will focus the Council’s attention on 4 issues: a balanced budget, a walkable, safe downtown, protecting Santa Barbara’s unique character, and sound resource management.

I have the experience and commitment to lead us through these precarious times. I am a good listener and will ask tough questions.

I hope that you will vote for me for the Santa Barbara City Council. Together, we will make sure SB stays a great place to live. I'm Bendy white. Thank you.