

If I am elected, this will be my first act as your Santa Cruz City Council proxy

Manifesto and Petition of Self-Determination, Nonpartisanship, Autonomy & Direct Democracy City of Santa Cruz, District 4

We, the people of the City of Santa Cruz, district 4, do hereby declare, as determined by popular vote, that we are **exercising our legal right to self-determination** in said petition, and proclaim ourselves under duress from a overly-burdensome system of local government that no longer grants its residents sufficient **freedom of choice** to rightly pursue their personal paths to self-determination. Additionally, we recognize and acknowledge that The City of Santa Cruz has established and practices a systematized oppression and persecution of its political minorities (FARPS Free Speech Audit), denying this sector of our community fair access to the public podium, thereby violating their 1st Amendment (Free Speech) and 14th Amendment (Equal Protections Clause) rights by misusing and abusing the authorities granted to city representatives by the citizens who elect them. As such, The City of Santa Cruz inhibits this segment of residents, including those residing within our district, the ability and freedom to set their own paths to self-determination by no longer offering them fair and equal representation under the law.

The right to self-determination includes the right of the district to establish its own form of governance to reach these ends, as determined by the will of the people, and in adherence to its obligations to operate under the US Constitution and in accordance to federal laws. Therefore, we, the citizens of the City of Santa Cruz, district 4, through the legal and popular vote held on November 8, 2022, **hereby proclaim district 4 as operating under a semi-autonomous Direct Democracy form of government** from this day forward, with articles of governance to be submitted to the Council on a future date in time. To these ends, **we also declare our district as generically nonpartisan** in pursuit of eliminating the bias and oppression against our political minorities and **re-empowering the voices of every citizen** amongst us, regardless of their political affiliations or ideologies, granting each an **equal access to the public podium and an equal weight in the community's voice**.

This declaration shall enable our district to more fairly and more equally establish the best combination of policies and laws to advance our unique **district good** while allowing each and every one of its citizens greater freedoms and paths to self-determination.

"The States Members of the United Nations shall uphold the principle of self-determination of all peoples and nations."

UN General Assembly
The right of peoples and nations to self-determination
Charter of the United Nations, Article I
16 December 1952

Humbly and faithfully submitted to the Santa Cruz City Council, Santa Cruz, California.

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Santa Cruz City Council, District 4

Date