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Now more than ever, politics at the local level make the difference. While national politics seem beyond our control, small communities like ours are setting the example and creating policy that provides the highest possible quality of services to our residents.

Whether it's a focus on preserving our waterfront or using technology to promote local businesses and better manage tourism – we have the talent, the history, and the ability to do remarkable things together.

I have the background in policy on the local and national level from my first job in the communications office of a San Francisco Mayor, to a stint in the digital strategy office of the White House. I have dedicated my career to making a difference. My experience always brings me back to my community and how I can make a difference here.

I grew up in Southern Marin and have called it home since 1988. I will bring a new energy, spirit, and vision to the council that will allow us to modernize our digital services, hear from new voices, and continue to thrive as a unique seaside community.