

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

(Section 13307, Elections Code)

Name of Candidate Mary Ann Schmidt Age 63
Occupation retired teacher Date of Election November 3, 2026
Name of Office City Council Name of District _____
Statement of education & qualifications:

I want to increase citizen engagement and harness the collective intelligence of the entire town. There's natural accountability embedded in a small town that can be leveraged to create safety by building bridges across divides to create a thriving city for all based on putting children, land and water first and bringing this lens to all city decisions.

I had the pleasure of being the theater teacher for the last three years and learned about the town through the eyes of my students. I want to take a stand for children, our most important responsibility.

My creativity brings solutions beyond status quo. I want to solve our town's shortage of foster parents. Can we create a food forest foster farm, an alternative farm school for kids with a residential component that provides a safe haven for children when they need it? The healing power of nature is evidence based.

I volunteer at the Field Of Dreams and want to increase our town's food security by encouraging residents to grow food with coastally adapted seeds in their yards and vacant land.

Our reliance on the earth for life is the basis of community.

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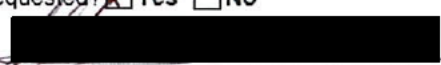
Dated 8/7/2024


Signature of Candidate

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