

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

**Name:** Eric Palmer

**Age:** 40

**Occupation:** Public Education Coordinator

**Candidate Statement:**

Over twenty years ago, I fell in love with Monterey while attending California State University, Monterey Bay, due to its natural beauty, small-town charm, rich history, and distinct neighborhoods and business districts. Since then, I've planted my roots here, raising a young family and serving our community for my entire career.

The Monterey City Council will benefit from the perspective of a working parent and community engagement professional. With future generations in mind, I am dedicated to protecting Monterey's unique character.

I've acquired extensive experience in city and regional governance while working for the City of Monterey, Monterey County Office of Education, CSU Monterey Bay, and the Monterey Regional Waste Management District, along with serving as a City Commissioner on Monterey's Architectural Review Commission.

I also serve on the Board of the California Association of Public Information Officials, one of the premier professional associations for government communicators in the country. I will bring this skillset and experience to enhance community engagement, improve transparency, and solicit public feedback for important decisions.

Together, we need to address urgent housing and water supply challenges; threats to our forested neighborhoods and power infrastructure posed by extreme weather; major deferred maintenance to public facilities; and fiscal and environmental stewardship.

Thank you for entrusting me with this important responsibility and privilege.

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**Candidate Signature:**

**Office Running For:** Monterey City Council, District 3

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