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Ballot Statement

Occupation: Business Support Specialist

Age: 25

We need representatives who understand the day-to-day reality of people living, working and raising their families in Salinas. Leaders who choose solving problems and moving Salinas forward.

My immigrant parents worked the fields to start a new life in America. They sacrificed and saved up enough to open a small business. They gave me opportunities they didn't have.

I'll do the same for people of City Council District One.

I've served on the General Plan Steering Committee, and as chair of both the Measure E Oversight Committee and the County of Monterey Housing Advisory Committee,

In 2021, the City Council slashed the Salinas Police Department's budget by \$1 million and today there are 30 vacant positions.

Let's restore funding for our Police Department, help keep youth out of gangs and prevent the homeless from taking over our public spaces.

Let's partner with Salinas school districts to keep our youth on the right track by increasing shared recreational spaces.

Let's prevent homeless encampments on our city streets, fix the potholes on our streets and build a stronger economy to create the resources to accomplish these goals.

My business background, determination and vision for a better city will get results.

Together, let's build a better Salinas.

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