

Statement of Support for Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Ariadne Symons

We offer our full support to Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Ariadne Symons. Collectively, we have known Judge Symons for varying lengths of time and have worked with her in a variety of capacities. She is a person with impeccable ethics and always places service above self. She is an excellent judge and dedicated community servant. We recognize the Commission on Judicial Performance findings have been challenging for her but we are confident this experience will help her become an even better judge. Judge Symons is an asset to our community and she has our complete support.

Signed, (Titles Listed for Identification Purposes Only):

Current and Former Elected Officials

Sam Farr - Former member, United States House of Representatives

Fred Keeley - Former member, California State Assembly

Dr. Faris Sabbah - County Superintendent of Schools

Michael Watkins – County Superintendent of Schools, retired

Phil Wowak - Santa Cruz County Sheriff, retired

Greg Caput - Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

Ryan Coonerty – Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

Bruce McPherson – Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

Hilary Bryant – Former Mayor, City of Santa Cruz

Stephanie Harlan - Former Mayor, City of Capitola

Donna Lind - Scotts Valley City Council and former Mayor

Cynthia Mathews - Santa Cruz City Council and former Mayor

Jim Reed - Scotts Valley City Council and former Mayor

Lynn Robinson - From Mayor, City of Santa Cruz

Martine Watkins - Mayor, City of Santa Cruz

Steve Reed - Santa Cruz Port Commissioner

Barbara Thompson - Former Member, Santa Cruz City School District

George Kennedy – Santa Clara County District Attorney, retired

Legal Community

Justice Harry Brauer - Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District, retired

Nathan Benjamin - Past President, Santa Cruz County Bar Association

Austin Comstock – Attorney at Law

Liliana S. Diaz - Attorney at Law

Thomas N. Griffin - Attorney at Law

Bob Katz - Katz & Lapidés Law Offices

Leola Lapidés - Katz & Lapidés Law Offices

Vicki J. Parry – Attorney at Law

Arturo Rodriguez – Attorney at Law

Dinah V. Sapia - Attorney at Law

Dana Scruggs - Attorney at Law

Christopher Smith - Attorney at Law, Local business person

Jim Thompson – Attorney at Law

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Local Law Enforcement

Rudy Escalante - City of Capitola Chief of Police, retired

Barbara Lee - Division Director, Santa Cruz County Probation Department, retired

Manny Solano - City of Watsonville Chief of Police, retired

John Weiss - City of Scotts Valley Chief of Police, retired

Community Leaders

Lori Butterworth - Founder, Jacob's Heart

Rosemary Chalmers - KSCO Radio 1080

Sheila Delaney

Deborah Elston – Co-founder, Santa Cruz Neighbors

Les Gardner

Nancy Macy

Janice & Louie Manabe

Gail Michaelis-Ow & George Ow

Judy & Harvey Nickelson

Rene Schlaepfer – Senior Pastor, Twin Lakes Church