

Candidate Statement

Manu Koenig
First District Supervisor Age: 38

As a 3rd generation (Santa Cruz) resident and new father, I'm motivated to make our community safe, resilient and joyous for all ages.

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Before being elected (County Supervisor) I founded a company called Civinomics, where I worked with local governments for a decade to respond directly to voters' concerns. I graduated from Stanford and served on the board of directors for my own business, as well as that of (Digital NEST) and the (City of Santa Cruz's Downtown Commission).

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Throughout my first term, I've worked hard to improve our community by listening to you. There's no substitute for quick action when your neighborhood requires urgent attention. That's why I strive to make myself available through town hall meetings, office hours, a farmers market booth, newsletters, and responsive staff.

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We're making progress on the big issues too. Homelessness is down 22%; our major roadways are being upgraded; our METRO bus service is expanding and will be fare-free; our disaster early warning systems are strengthened; and where once there were plans for another car dealership we are now planning 100% affordable housing. Together we are building a better future.

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I'd be honored by your vote and to serve for another term.

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