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I first came to Los Osos early in 2010. I was enchanted by the natural beauty, open space and relaxed lifestyle. I bought my house in Cabrillo Estates March of 2010. I still had my business and property in Fresno County, so I traveled back and forth until 2015 when I moved here full time. I had lived in the Fresno area for more than 30 years when I moved to Los Osos. I was very involved in the community in Fresno; I served on the board of the Fresno Art Museum for eight years and the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust for five years.

After moving here, I joined the South Bay Women's Network (SBWN), which covers all of the Estero Bay Communities. SBWN builds relationships and supports women's issues through community outreach and fundraising. I am the President of SBWN for the second year in a row. I am especially proud of the money we raise to support women in our community who have chosen to re-enter school at Cuesta Community College to further their education. These scholarships which SBWN gives provide financial support to women who are working to improve their lives through education. Improving the lives of these women improves the lives of their families. I believe when we support our community, we make it stronger and more sustainable.

We all know the unique features and beauty of our local area are a magnet for people to visit and to want to live here. Since the pandemic has allowed many people to work from home, there will be an even greater influx of people who want to live here. We need to be prepared for the pressures that will be placed on our area's resources.

As an entrepreneur and small business owner, I wish to be a part of the conversation and to represent those who live here and appreciate what is so attractive about our community. It is clear we must balance protecting our resources and lifestyle with growth, which will allow for a vibrant community and economy. I want to be a member of the council who listens, is thoughtful and who builds strong coalitions within our community.