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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>City of Sebastopol – City Council</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>VAUGHN RICHARD HIGGINBOTHAM</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Age: 24</b></span>  <b>Occupation:</b> Businessman/Volunteer Firefighter</p> <p>For the past seven years, I have owned and operated a small electronics repair business in Sebastopol. As an entrepreneur, I feel that adding more local businesses will benefit our city and create revenue by providing an alternative to driving to Santa Rosa for the more than 40,000 West Sonoma County residents.</p> <p>I am running for Sebastopol City Council in order to find innovative ways to increase city revenue, attract locally owned businesses, ease traffic and parking issues, while boosting town pride.</p> <p>As a volunteer firefighter, my service to others comes before everything else. Through this experience, I have learned how to advance policies that benefit and heighten our sense of community.</p> <p>As a graduate of our local schools, I will continue advancing Sebastopol's education system to encourage younger families to become a part of our community.</p> <p>For six generations my family has lived in Sebastopol. What we cherish the most about living here is our small-town charm. If elected, I will listen attentively, engage in careful deliberation, and support policy that retains Sebastopol's character.</p> <p>Sebastopol and all of her citizens are my top priority. It is my honor to serve you. Thank you for considering my candidacy.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>City of Sebastopol – City Council</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>NEYSA HINTON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Age: 56</b></span>  <b>Occupation:</b> Incumbent</p> <p>I want to use my knowledge and experience as a voice with vision to lead us forward in this rapidly changing world.</p> <p>As mayor during the 2019 spring flood event, I led us through recovery and helped secure \$1.5 million in flood relief funds for our city. In the fall, we had our first citywide evacuation due to fires and I'm proud of our response. We were ready! I'll work tirelessly, promote public policy transparency, and practice collaboration on the city council to meet today's challenges.</p> <p>As a front-line worker running a senior care facility, I see first-hand why we must look out for our vulnerable populations. That is why I believe the top issue facing our city is creating affordable housing, while protecting the environment, spending your tax dollars wisely and supporting local business.</p> <p>I am a working single mom who grew up in Sebastopol, raised my children here, and I understand our local issues. I have a long record of working cooperatively towards a common community goal. Many challenges face us, and I am ready to continue my work with passion and engagement to benefit our residents.</p> <p>I ask for your vote for a second term.</p> <p><a href="http://www.electneysa.com">www.electneysa.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ciudad de Sebastopol – Concejo de la Ciudad</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>NEYSA HINTON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Edad: 56</b></span>  <b>Ocupación:</b> Titular</p> <p>Deseo usar mi conocimiento y experiencia como una voz con visión para guiarnos hacia el futuro en este mundo que cambia rápidamente.</p> <p>Como alcaldesa durante las inundaciones de la primavera de 2019, asumí el liderazgo durante la recuperación y ayudé a obtener \$1.5 millones en fondos de ayuda de inundaciones para nuestra ciudad. En el otoño, tuvimos la primera evacuación en toda la ciudad debido a los incendios, y estoy orgullosa de nuestra respuesta. ¡Estamos listos! Trabajaré incansablemente, promoveré la transparencia de las políticas públicas y pondré en práctica la colaboración en el Concejo de la Ciudad para enfrentar los desafíos actuales.</p> <p>Como trabajadora de primera línea que dirige un centro de atención para adultos mayores, veo de primera mano la razón por la que debemos cuidar a nuestras poblaciones vulnerables. Es por eso que considero que el principal problema que enfrenta nuestra ciudad es el desarrollo de viviendas asequibles, al tiempo que se protege el medio ambiente, se gasta el dinero de sus impuestos de manera inteligente y se apoya a las empresas locales.</p> <p>Soy una madre soltera trabajadora que creció en Sebastopol, formé a mis hijos aquí, y comprendo los problemas locales. Tengo un largo historial de trabajo cooperativo hacia un objetivo comunitario en común. Nos enfrentamos a muchos desafíos, y estoy lista para continuar mi labor con pasión y compromiso para beneficiar a nuestros residentes.</p> <p>Le pido su voto para un segundo periodo.</p> <p><a href="http://www.electneysa.com">www.electneysa.com</a></p>



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<p><b>EVARISTO “EVERT” FERNANDEZ</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Age: 60</b></span>  <b>Occupation:</b> Business Consultant/Insurance Investment Planner</p> <p>I was born and have lived in Sebastopol for most of my 60 years. The unique and diverse culture is why I chose to raise my family here and children that attended the local schools and walked the same halls as I, graduating from Analy High School. Growing up and facing challenges in a migrant farmworker family, I have developed a sense of pride and thriving life here.</p> <p>I believe in the guiding principles of our City's General Plan having extensively contributed to its recent update. Principles such as protecting our small-town charm, unique character, and strong sense of community.</p> <p>Working together for common objectives, I feel best positioned to take on the challenge of guiding our community, navigating us through the pandemic and working through financial difficulties impacting city budgets and local businesses.</p> <p>As a member of the Sebastopol Planning Commission for almost 10 years and current chair, long time past active life member of the Active 20/30 International Club that supports local underprivileged youth, my developed leadership skills and contributions as a community organizer have prepared me to serve.</p> <p>I would be honored if you placed your vote for me to serve as your Sebastopol City Council Representative.</p>	<p><b>EVARISTO “EVERT” FERNANDEZ</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Edad: 60</b></span>  <b>Ocupación:</b> Consultor Empresarial/Planificador de Inversiones de Seguros</p> <p>Nací y he vivido en Sebastopol durante la mayor parte de mis 60 años. La cultura única y diversa es la razón por la que elegí formar a mi familia aquí, y por los niños que asistieron a las escuelas locales y caminaron por los mismos pasillos que yo, graduándose de la Escuela Preparatoria Analy. Al crecer y enfrentar desafíos en una familia de trabajadores agrícolas migrantes, desarrollé un sentido de orgullo y una vida próspera aquí.</p> <p>Creo en los principios rectores del Plan General de nuestra Ciudad que contribuyeron ampliamente en su modernización reciente. Principios como proteger nuestro encanto de ciudad pequeña, nuestro carácter único y fuerte sentido de comunidad.</p> <p>Al trabajar juntos para lograr objetivos comunes, me siento en las mejores condiciones para enfrentar el desafío de guiar a nuestra comunidad, superamos durante la pandemia y resolver las dificultades financieras que afectan al presupuesto de la ciudad y las empresas locales.</p> <p>Como miembro y presidente actual de la Comisión de Planificación de Sebastopol durante casi 10 años, miembro de toda la vida activa del Club Activo 20/30 Internacional que apoya a la juventud local desfavorecida, mis habilidades de liderazgo desarrolladas y contribuciones como organizador comunitario me prepararon para servir.</p> <p>Sería un honor que vote por mí para fungir como su Representante en el Concejo de la Ciudad de Sebastopol.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><b>City of Sebastopol – City Council</b></p> <p><b>MICHAEL CARNACCHI</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Age: 58</b></span>  <b>Occupation:</b> Small Business Owner - Sebastopol City Councilmember</p> <p>Four years ago, I was elected to Sebastopol City Council without receiving or spending money, without seeking or accepting endorsements, and without campaign signs or printed propaganda.</p> <p>For my 2020 reelection bid, this song remains the same.</p> <p>In our republic, the people have a right to call with their vote upon any person's services and when they do, it is the duty of the individual to yield their services to that call. I will be honored to serve again if reelected, but I will not actively campaign for the office.</p> <p>As a member of City Council, I, and my Main Street boot shop of 27 years, have always been open and accessible to everyone, to listen to their concerns, take varying viewpoints into consideration, and make decisions based on what I feel is best for our entire community.</p> <p>Every decision that I make is free of pressure from outside groups or special interests and I will remain an Independent voice every day that I serve as your City Councilmember.</p> <p>If I am reelected, my promise is this; I will serve at the best of my ability with great resolve to promote our general welfare, and further our pursuit of happiness.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><b>Ciudad de Sebastopol – Concejo de la Ciudad</b></p>



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<p><b>DIANA RICH</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Retired Non-profit Director</p> <p>Sebastopol has been my home for twenty years. I've raised my family here, supported youth and seniors, the environment, business, art and education, health and homelessness, emergency preparedness, Rotary, and more. From grass-roots efforts to leadership roles, I have volunteered in every capacity. My contributions have been recognized in various ways, including a Chamber of Commerce award.</p> <p>From 2010-2017 I was the Executive Director of the nonprofit Sebastopol Community Cultural Center. Just like a business, it required attention to financial stability and quality services. The collaborative relationships I built with all sectors of Sebastopol continue to the present.</p> <p>Emergency preparedness is a particular interest to me. I supervised the Community Center's sheltering of evacuees and Red Cross volunteers following the 2017 Tubbs Fire, and now work with Map Your Neighborhood and others so that we as a community are better prepared in the future.</p> <p>I offer Sebastopol the leadership that is needed in these tough times. My lifetime of connections, my skills as an attorney and nonprofit director, and my strong reputation will bring Sebastopol together.</p> <p>By working together, we can face these challenging times and find solutions to a brighter future. A vote for me is a vote for all of us.</p> <p><a href="http://www.electdianarich.com">www.electdianarich.com</a></p>	<p><b>DIANA RICH</b>  <b>Ocupación:</b> Directora de una Organización sin Fines de Lucro Jubilada</p> <p>Sebastopol ha sido mi hogar durante veinte años. Formé a mi familia aquí, apoyé a los jóvenes y los adultos mayores, al medio ambiente, las empresas, la educación y las artes, la salud y la indigencia, la preparación ante emergencias, Rotary, y más. Desde esfuerzos comunitarios hasta funciones de liderazgo, he sido voluntaria en todas las funciones. Mis contribuciones han sido reconocidas de diversas maneras, incluido un premio de la Cámara de Comercio.</p> <p>De 2010-2017, fui Directora Ejecutiva del Centro Cultural Comunitario sin fines de lucro de Sebastopol. Como cualquier empresa, requirió atención para lograr estabilidad financiera y servicios de calidad. Las relaciones colaborativas que establecí con todos los sectores de Sebastopol siguen vigentes.</p> <p>Tengo un interés especial por la preparación ante emergencias. Supervisé el refugio de personas evacuadas y voluntarios de la Cruz Roja del Centro Comunitario después del Incendio de Tubbs en 2017, y ahora trabajo con Map Your Neighborhood y otros programas para que nosotros, como comunidad, estemos mejor preparados en el futuro.</p> <p>Ofrezco a Sebastopol el liderazgo que necesita en estos tiempos difíciles. Mi vida de diversas conexiones, mis habilidades como abogada y directora sin fines de lucro y mi sólida reputación unirán a Sebastopol.</p> <p>Trabajando juntos, podemos enfrentar esos tiempos desafiantes y encontrar soluciones para un futuro más brillante. Un voto por mí es un voto por todos nosotros.</p> <p><a href="http://www.electdianarich.com">www.electdianarich.com</a></p>