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City of Sonoma – City Council

AMY HARRINGTON
Age: 43
Occupation: Council Member/Attorney

I’ve been honored to serve Sonoma as your councilmember for the past four years.

There have been significant accomplishments during my time on the City Council. These include saving our hillside from unlawful development, establishing the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, limiting wine tasting rooms on the Plaza, and initiating transparent financial reporting for the public.

The common thread? Protecting Sonoma and our residents.

That has never been more important than now.

The global pandemic is a serious threat to our town. Our seniors, economy, and civic finances are all at risk.

I’m running for another term to ensure Sonoma meets these challenges and emerges safer and stronger than before.

As a professional fiduciary, my focus will be maintaining the health of our city budget, so that we can continue to provide the services that contribute to our quality of life. Our city must also do everything we can to support our local businesses and families during these unprecedented times.

I am a wife and mother of two teenage girls. My law office is located in downtown Sonoma. I am an avid runner, cyclist and gardener.

I humbly ask for your vote on November 3.

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City of Sonoma – City Council

JACK DING
Age: 60
Occupation: Tax/Business Advisor

As our community faces unprecedented challenges from COVID and its fallout, I want to offer my financial skills and local knowledge to help.

I’ve served on several local nonprofit boards, offered my tax expertise to help low-income residents and helped lead the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission. Now, I’m ready to do more.

I’m running for Sonoma City Council because I care deeply about this community,

we call home. My priorities include: stabilizing city finances, diversifying the local economy, renewing our Urban Growth Boundary, investing in affordable housing, addressing homelessness, supporting ethnic diversity, and bringing decency and civility to local government.

I came to this country to live the American dream. As a first generation Chinese-American immigrant, I washed dishes and delivered mail on campus while I studied to earn my MBA from Dominican University. Today, I have my own tax business on Broadway, and I’ve gone to Congress to advocate for taxpayers’ interests in federal legislation. Locally, I serve on the Boards of Sonoma Overnight Support, KSVY-SVTV, and Sonoma Sister Cities Association.

I’m grateful for everything that has been given to me. Now I’d like to give back. I ask for your vote.

JACK DING
Occupation: Asesor Fiscal/Empresarial

A medida que nuestra comunidad enfrenta desafíos sin precedentes debido al COVID y sus consecuencias, quiero ofrecer mis habilidades financieras y conocimiento local para ayudar.

Trabajé en varias juntas locales sin fines de lucro, ofrecí mi experiencia fiscal para ayudar a los residentes de bajos ingresos y ayudé a dirigir la Comisión Asesora de Ciudadanos de Sonoma Valley. Ahora, estoy listo para hacer más.

Me postulo para el Concejo de la Ciudad de Sonoma porque me preocupa profundamente esta comunidad, que llamamos hogar. Mis prioridades incluyen: establecer finanzas municipales, diversificar la economía local, renovar el Límite del Crecimiento Urano, invertir en viviendas asequibles, abordar la indigencia, apoyar la diversidad étnica, y aportar decencia y civilidad al gobierno local.

Vine a este país para vivir el sueño americano. Como inmigrante chino-estadounidense de primera generación, fui lavaplatos, y repartí el correo en el plantel mientras estudiaba para obtener MBA en Dominican University. Actualmente, tengo mi propia empresa fiscal en Broadway, y asistí al Congreso para defender los intereses de los contribuyentes en la legislación federal. A nivel local, trabajé en las Juntas de Apoyo Nocturno de Sonoma, KSVY-SVTV, y en la Asociación de Ciudades Hermanas de Sonoma.

Estoy agradecido por todo lo que he recibido. Ahora, me gustaría retribuirlo. Le pido su voto.

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