



Paid Candidate Statements: City of Pacific Grove, Mayor

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LUKE COLETTI

Age: 61

Occupation: Public Policy Advocate

For more than a decade, I have advocated for Pacific Grove residents by working to make our local government more responsive, accountable, and transparent. Most recently, I authored the successful citizens' referendum that gave voters the opportunity to decide whether the Mayor and Council should receive a pay raise.

I believe in serving the community, not myself. For example, I do not believe taxpayers should pay for my medical insurance.

I have authored over a dozen ordinances and policies covering government reform, the environment, land use, transparency, and fiscal responsibility.

I am running to be your Mayor because I want to preserve and protect the residential character of our community and the unique quality of life we share. I will represent the interests of residents, protect our natural environment, pursue affordable housing opportunities, promote youth recreation, and reestablish the Cultural Arts Commission.

We must prioritize the upkeep of Pacific Grove, including our business districts and electrical infrastructure. That means better maintenance and landscaping, repairing city assets, improving access to public restrooms downtown and at Lovers Point, maintaining our roads and sidewalks, and promoting traffic safety through effective enforcement of speed limits.

See www.lukeforpg.com for further details.

I'd be honored by your vote.

NICK SMITH

Age: 46

Occupation: Mayor

As Mayor, I have worked to promote respectful, practical, and solutions-focused leadership for our community. I have also been vigilant to ensure City actions are always legal, ethical, and proper.

My priorities are: fiscal stability, repair and maintenance of infrastructure, protection of our coastline and natural resources, and preservation of the character that makes Pacific Grove special.

During my term, we have completed many street and sidewalk repair projects enhancing the beauty and safety of the City and safe routes to school. We've also:

Adopted a Climate Action & Adaptation Plan;

Completed the 6th Cycle Housing Element through 2031;

Transitioned to District municipal elections now underway;

Implemented 2-yr. General Fund Budgeting and Capital Improvement Plans

Partnered with the Heritage Society to restore Chautauqua Hall.

As Mayor, my highest priority is public safety. I continue to support our police and fire departments in keeping our community safe.

I'm a proud father of three daughters attending PG Middle and High Schools. As Mayor, I have worked to foster greater partnership between PGUSD and the City.

And I'm ready to keep PG the wonderful place it is to live in, work in, and visit.

I'd be honored with your vote.

www.nicksmithformayor.com