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MEDIA RELEASE

The City of Santa Cruz encourages public participation in local government through its advisory bodies. These are boards, commissions, committees, and task forces that deal with a variety of issues and make recommendations to the City Council. Unless otherwise noted, applicants must be City residents and/or City voters.

INFORMATION on advisory bodies and applications are available in the City Clerk's Division, 809 Center Street, Room 9, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, Phone **420-5030**. City advisory body information, current openings, and an application form are also available on the City's Advisory Body web page. The online address is:

http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/city-government/advisory-bodies

CURRENT OPENINGS

Council is advertising the following openings, and the appointments will be scheduled when a sufficient number of applications are received.

-Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council (One (1) opening for a Citizen Alternate, Mayor's appointment)

The Area Agency on Aging (operated by the Seniors Council) is responsible for the distribution of nearly \$2 million in Federal and State funds to provide services to seniors in Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties. A dvisory Council members participate in the design and distribution of senior needs assessments, review annual funding allocations, assist in developing the Area Plan for the delivery of services, and serve as advocates for the needs of seniors. The Advisory Council normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Applicants must be City residents.

-Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women (One (1) Vacancy, Councilmember Krohn's nomination)

This seven-member commission advises Council on programs and policies designed to prevent violent crimes against women and ensure adequate services for women. The commission also implements educational and outreach programs that would aid in the prevention of sexual assault and domestic violence against women in the city of Santa Cruz, and it makes recommendations to the City Council regarding police training in the areas of rape and domestic violence. Applicants must be City residents.

-Downtown Library Advisory Committee (Seven (7) openings)

The City of Santa Cruz is seeking a diverse group of seven individuals to serve as a Downtown Library Advisory Committee to help with the design of a new library. Members should be active library users or familiar with the operations of public libraries. Appointees will be selected by the Mayor.

-Measure K Oversight Committee (Three (3) vacancies; Councilmember Brown's, Watkins', and Krohn's direct appointments)

As directed in Santa Cruz Municipal Code (SCMC) Section 9.84.060, the Measure K Oversight Committee is charged with overseeing the implementation of SCMC Chapter 9.84—"Lowest Law Enforcement Priority Policy Ordinance." The seven-member Committee is appointed by the City Council, with each Committee member directly appointed by individual Councilmembers. Applicants must be City residents.