

Candidate Statement:

Prior to 1998, Watsonville Community Hospital was a good hospital. It was well run and did its best to serve this community. It provided good medical care and interacted with patients, employees, and physicians honestly. I worked as an attending physician at Watsonville Community Hospital from 1986 to 2020. In addition to taking care of hospitalized patients, I served on almost every Medical Staff Committee and in several leadership positions including Chief of the Medical Staff and Board of Directors.

During the current period of for-profit corporate ownership, the quality of medical care has deteriorated and the integrity of the institution has been destroyed. The Pajaro Valley Health Care District Board has the capability of restoring Watsonville Community Hospital to a non-profit community hospital where good medical care is provided and everyone is treated with respect.

I remain committed to Watsonville Community Hospital, and believe my 34 years of experience qualifies me to serve on this Board. I have kept up with the development of the District by attending almost all of the public meetings. I am eager to get to work, and would greatly appreciate your vote for a seat on the Pajaro Valley Health Care District Board on November 8th.

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