

Name: Steve Young

Occupation: City Council Member

Office: Mayor

Education and Qualifications:

I have a long history of public service. A graduate of UC Berkeley (BA) and CSU, San Francisco (MA), I spent my career in local government in the fields of Community Development, Affordable Housing, and Redevelopment. I retired in 2008 as Director of Community Development for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, where I headed the redevelopment of Mather and McClellan Air Force Bases into commercial uses, managed neighborhood improvement programs in low income sections of Sacramento County, and helped finance thousands of units of affordable housing. After a four year period of living in Costa Rica and giving my daughter the experience of living in a foreign culture, my family moved to Benicia in 2012. Shortly thereafter I was appointed to the Planning Commission, where I led the critical questioning of the Crude by Rail project that ultimately led to its unanimous rejection by the Council. In 2016, I was elected to the City Council. In my time on the Council I spearheaded the effort leading to the donation and installation of the Neptune's Daughter statue, advocated for small businesses with the Downtown Dollars program, and led the push for a mandatory mask ordinance.

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