

I have been a member of the Santa Cruz Community Credit Union for more than 40 years.

I retired in 2013 after working as public employee for 30 years: 24 years for the city of Santa Cruz; and 6 years for the city of San Jose. In Santa Cruz, I started working in the Santa Cruz Traffic Engineering Division as a traffic engineering technician and promoted to Parking Programs Manager. From 2007 to 2013, I worked in the San Jose Transportation Department as the Off-Street Parking Manager.

I believe that my longtime experience with Downtown Santa Cruz, as well as my relationships with the City of Santa Cruz staff will help the Credit Union in dealing with some of the challenges and opportunities the headquarters faces Downtown. I have municipal finance and accounting experience based on my years of working with division and department budgeting and reporting. Based on my volunteer service, I have a strong understanding of non-profit finance and reporting requirements.

I currently serve as the vice-chair of the Santa Cruz Downtown Commission, which advises City Council on Downtown issues including parking. I am also vice-president of the Santa Cruz Education Foundation, which serves students, staff and teachers in the Santa Cruz City Schools. Finally, I serve as Secretary for Cyclists for Cultural Exchange, an organization which works to promote peace and understanding through the use of bicycle touring as a platform for cultural exchange.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve the Credit Union's members on the Board of Directors. Thanks for your consideration.

Matt Farrell