

Council Membership in City Groups and Outside Agencies (2024) – Updated May 14, 2024

Councilmembers may provide direction, request additional information or that a topic raised be agendaized for future Council action. The Presiding Officer may request oral updates from Council Ad Hoc Committees.

City Council Standing Committees**Assigned Staff**

Public Safety	Watkins, Golder, Brunner	Emeline Nguyen
Health in All Policies Committee	Brunner, Kalantari-Johnson, Watkins	Tiffany Wise-West

City Council Ad Hoc Committees**Assigned Staff**

Council Ad Hoc Budget and Revenue Committee	Brown, Newsome, Mayor Keeley	Elizabeth Cabell
Outdoor Dining Subcommittee	Kalantari-Johnson, Brunner, Newsome	Rebecca Unitt
Housing Ad Hoc Committee	Kalantari-Johnson, Newsome, Mayor Keeley	Lee Butler
Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Committee	Kalantari-Johnson, Watkins, Brunner	Lisa Murphy
Community Workforce/Project Labor Agreements Committee	Mayor Keeley, Watkins, Newsome	Kevin Crossley
Cannabis Subcommittee	Mayor Keeley, Brown, Kalantari-Johnson	Lee Butler

**External Governmental Agencies/
Intergovernmental Coordinating
Committees****Assigned Staff**

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)	Brown, Newsome (alternate)	Lee Butler
City Select Committee	Mayor Keeley	Matt Huffaker
Library Financing Authority	Brunner, Watkins (alternate)	Matt Huffaker
Santa Cruz County Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) Policy Board	Mayor Keeley, Kalantari-Johnson	Lisa Murphy Larry Imwalle
Monterey Bay Air Resources District (City)	Brown	Tiffany Wise-West
Central Coast Community Energy Policy Board <i>Central Coast Community Energy Operations Board</i>	Mayor Keeley, Newsome (alternate) Matt Huffaker, Tiffany Wise-West (alternate)	Matt Huffaker
Santa Cruz County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force	Newsome, Golder, (alternate)	Bob Nelson, Leslie O'Malley (staff alternate)
Santa Cruz County Consolidated Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board	Mayor Keeley	Bonnie Lipscomb
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Board (METRO)	Kalantari-Johnson, Newsome	Claire Gallogly
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)	Brown, Mayor Keeley (alternate)	Nathan Nguyen Claire Gallogly (alternate)
Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency	Mayor Keeley, Former Water Commissioner David Baskin, Water Commissioner Doug Engfer (alternate)	Heidi Luckenbach

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Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency	Water Commissioner Doug Engfer, Former Water Commissioner David Baskin (citizen alternate)	Heidi Luckenbach
Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) (alternate until May 2027)	Mayor Keeley	Matt Huffaker

Joint Powers Authorities/City Groups

Staff Appointments

Agency Contact Information

Santa Cruz County Animal Services Authority	Laura Schmidt, Jon Bush	Santa Cruz County Animal Services Authority 2200 7th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062 https://www.scanimalshelter.org/
Santa Cruz Public Libraries	Matt Huffaker	Santa Cruz Public Libraries 117 Union Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060 https://www.santacruzpl.org/
Santa Cruz Regional 9-1-1	Matt Huffaker	Santa Cruz Regional 9-1-1 495 Upper Park Rd. Santa Cruz, CA 95065 (831) 471-1000

External Community Organizations

Councilmember/Staff

Agency Contact Information

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council	Brown, Watkins (Council alternate), Rita Hester (citizen alternate)	Seniors Council, Clay Kempf 234 Santa Cruz Ave. Aptos, CA 95003 Phone: (831) 688-0400
Climate Action Task Force	Mayor Keeley	Tiffany Wise-West Twise-west@cityofsantacruz.com
Community Action Board (CAB)	Kalantari-Johnson, Eve Bertram, UCSC Professor (alternate)	Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. 406 Main St. STE 207 Watsonville, CA 95076 831-763-2147
Cowell Working Group	Golder, Tony Elliot (staff)	CWG Facilitated by Save the Waves
Criminal Justice Council	Mayor Keeley, Kalantari-Johnson (alternate), Bernie Escalante	Criminal Justice Council of Santa Cruz County cjcsantacruzcounty@gmail.com
Downtown Management Corporation	Kalantari-Johnson, Newsome, Bonnie Lipscomb (staff)	Downtown Management Corporation runit@santacruzca.gov 337 Locust Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Santa Cruz County Youth Action Network	Kalantari-Johnson	jburr@unitedwaysc.org United Way of Santa Cruz County 4450 Capitola Rd, Ste 106 Capitola, CA 95010
Santa Cruz Community Farmers' Market	Watkins, Newsome (alternate) Bonnie Lipscomb (staff)	Nesh Dillon Executive Director SCCFM P.O. Box 8189 Santa Cruz, CA 95061
Thrive by 5 Advisory Committee	Kalantari-Johnson	David Brody dbrody@first5scc.org Executive Director, First 5 Santa Cruz County 4450 Capitola Road, Suite 106, Capitola, CA 95010
Visit Santa Cruz County	Watkins, Brunner, Bonnie Lipscomb (staff)	Visit Santa Cruz County 303 Water Street, Suite 100 Santa Cruz, CA 95060 800-833-3494 or 831-425-1234