

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
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Education and Qualifications: When you walk, bike, or drive, and look at Goleta's infrastructure one can see that essential street and sidewalk repairs are neglected. Meanwhile, boutique projects costs have spiraled out of control. Do we really need a \$31.9MM train station or should Goletans have the public safety of Fire Station 10? Is the \$50MM San Jose Bike Path a wise use of tax dollars when the Cathedral Oaks bike path is covered with weeds and a portion closed for eight years? Should the city be building new roads in Old Town, as the rest of the city's streets crumble? Our infrastructure maintenance backlog is \$65 million and getting worse. Over the next five years Goleta's taxpayers face \$140 million in committed, but underfunded, capital improvement projects. The grand total is underfunded by \$477 million! The answer is not a higher sales tax, hotel bed taxes, raising fees, or indebtedness. The answer is to live within our means. It is time to kill underfunded grants. Time to drop the boutique projects. Time to repair our infrastructure. Time to fund the essentials. Time to vote for a new direction. Please check out foster4mayor.com online

/s/Rich Foster
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