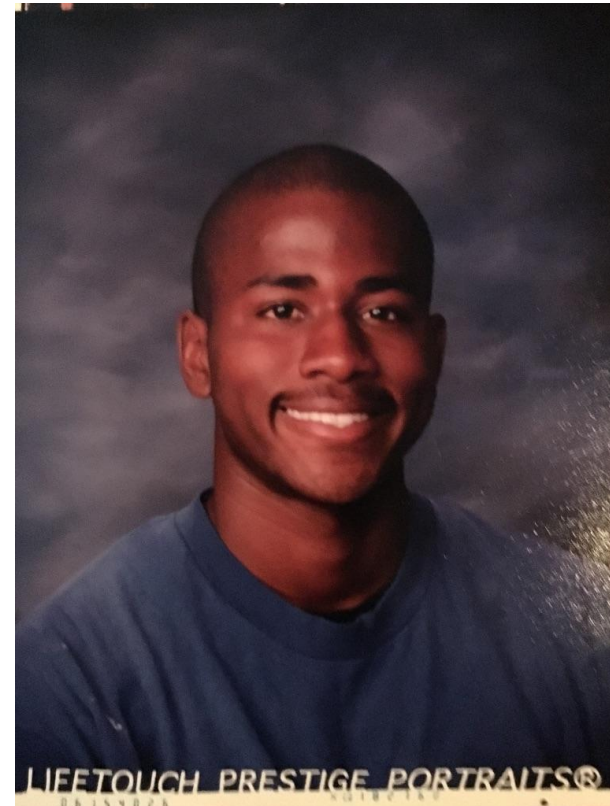




Introduction: Third District Supervisor
Justin Cummings
Rural Bonny Doon Association
January 25, 2023

Overview

- Background
- Priorities
- Questions



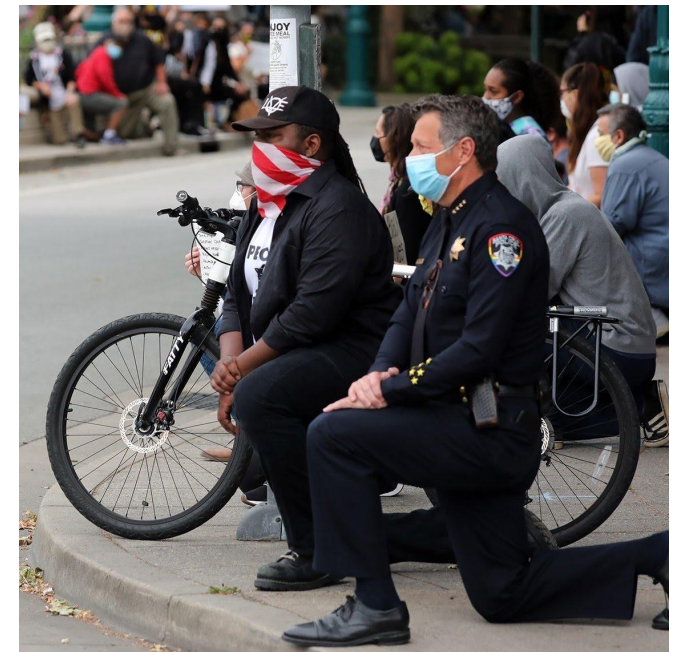
Background

- Raised in Chicago, IL
- Eastern Illinois University
 - % 2006 BS. Biology & BA. Spanish
- 2007 moved to Santa Cruz
 - Ph.D. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from UCSC % 2013
- Fall 2013 - Fall 2015
 - FIU in Miami, FL
 - Climate Change in the Everglades
- 2015 - Present, Santa Cruz, CA
 - Created DEI workforce training programs at UCSC



City Council 2019 - 2022

- Ran for City Council in 2018 and was highest vote recipient.
- Mayor of Santa Cruz in 2020
 - Onset of COVID-19
 - Social unrest after murder of George Floyd
 - CZU fires
- Dec. 2022, elected to Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors



Third Supervisor District

- Majority of the City of Santa Cruz
- Bonny Doon
- Davenport
- Swanton
- Last Chance
- Whitehouse Canyon
- Staff:
 - Rachel Dann
 - Sandy Brown
 - Andy Schiffrin
- Term length: 4 years



North Coast Priorities: Fire Rebuild

- **4 leaf concerns**

- Septic requirements

- State requires that counties are responsible for implementing state regulation.
- Issue: Concern that State is pushing Counties to require enhanced septic systems for water quality.
- Meeting with Environmental Health Staff next week to discuss this issue.
- Will urge staff, where possible by law, to not require those system for fire victims and urge for more affordable systems.



North Coast Priorities: Fire Rebuild

- **4 leaf concerns**
 - Milling and labeling lumber
 - Issue: Need to understand whether 4 leaf is overstepping boundaries with labeling and inspecting lumber for rebuild.
- Office is in monthly fire rebuild meetings with OR3 Staff, Planning staff, Environmental Health, Public Works, 4 Leaf, and District 5.
 - Ask questions & get updates
- Need for better communications between OR3 and community.



North Coast Priorities: Disaster Preparedness

- Long term drought
 - 2020 Fires
 - 2023 Storms
- As an environmental scientist, we're living in a new normal and need to make sure County is prepared.
 - Need to support Department of Response, Recovery and Resiliency
 - Increased funding for infrastructure, shaded fuel breaks, education, shelter and care team, volunteer responders, among others



North Coast Priorities: UCSC Growth

- Lots of issues around growth
- City and County are both suing the University over the inadequacy of the EIR on the 2021 Long Range Development Plan
- The biggest attempts to get the University to legally bind itself to house all the new students on campus with increased enrollment.
- Unclear when the next hearing will be.



North Coast Priorities: North Coast Multi-Agency Working Group

- Conducting meetings over the next couple of weeks to review the list of the consultant proposed priority projects
- Once a draft Plan is agreed upon, there will be at least one meeting on the north coast to get public input.



North Coast Priorities: County Roads

- Maintaining the rural roads in my district is critical for access
- Best way to report potholes or other hazards on county roads is to use the MySantaCruzCounty app or visit the Dept. Public Works Website
- D3 receives very little discretionary dollars for roads since we have very few miles of county roads.



North Coast Priorities: County Roads

- Keeping roads accessible during storms is important.
- Will be discussing D3 roads with Director of Community Development and Infrastructure.
- Please contact our office if you have ideas or suggestions for how we can improve road access or better prepare for storms.

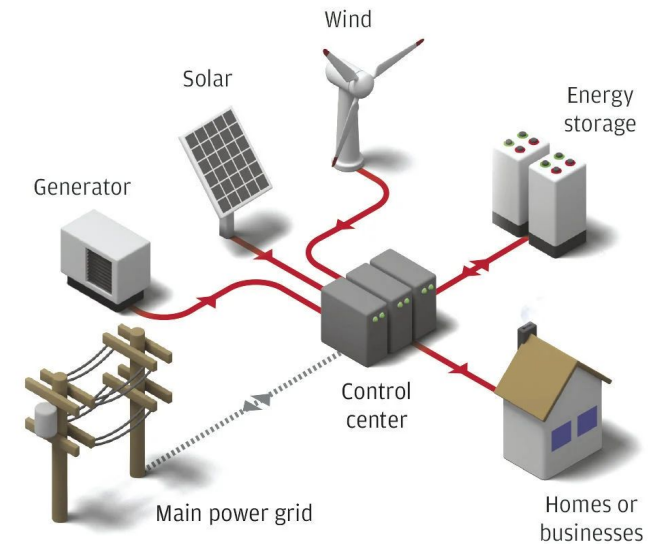


North Coast Priority: Communications

- Understand that cell service and communications are a major challenge in Bonny Doon.
- Although board has no regulatory authority over cell/internet providers, will still push for them to extend services in a manner that is safe.
- Need to ensure that redundancy and resiliency is built into these networks.

Utilizing a microgrid

Microgrids are self-contained energy systems that can be connected to the larger grid or function as an "island."



SOURCE: State Journal research

State Journal

Other Priorities

- **Affordable Housing**
- **Sustainable Transportation (e.g. bike share, rail trail, etc.)**
- **Workforce development**
- **24/7 Non-law enforcement crisis response**
- **Reducing pesticide use in agriculture**
- **Increasing access to youth mental/behavioral health services**

- **Many, Many, More...**



Most Important Priority: Hear from YOU!!!

- Third District Office is only local representative for D3 residents outside of City limits.
- Official Newsletter under development
- Emails
 - justin.cummings@santacruzcounty.us
 - rachel.dann@santacruzcounty.us
 - andy.schiffrin@santacruzcounty.us
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Questions?

- Disaster recovery information
 - <https://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/OR3/Emergency.aspx>
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