

Dear Santa Clara Residents,

I have served in local government for two decades now. In that time I have observed some very effective elected leaders across Washington County and have taken note of what made them so. I see many of those qualities of leadership in Ben Shakespeare. Most important is his genuine connection to your community that is evident in his sincere love for Santa Clara and you its residents, his depth of knowledge and sincere appreciation of your history and traditions, his realistic understanding of your present problems and other issues you will soon face, and last, but certainly not least, is his clear vision for your future.

My interactions with Ben Shakespeare as we have met to discuss our shared Public Safety services and other issues facing both our communities have left me feeling confident in his good judgment, creativity, practicality, fair mindedness and problem solving abilities. You have seen those important qualities of leadership in him too and probably recognize others I haven't mentioned. You're lucky to have been led by a truly great Mayor for the last twenty years and I think Ben Shakespeare would be one too.

Chris Hart

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