

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3**

JONATHAN FRIEMAN
Occupation: Disability Non-Profit Executive

AGE: 69

Education and Qualifications: I was born with a fairly severe hearing impairment. Growing up long before the Americans with Disabilities Act, even with hearing aids, I was sometimes excluded from participating in activities with others.

My early experiences inspired me to create collaborative ways for everyone to be listened to. Over my 28 years as a San Rafael resident, I've worked on many issues but the two most important are fire prevention and homelessness.

I helped start the San Rafael Fire Foundation, which supplements the San Rafael Fire Department budget by purchasing valuable equipment.

As a Ritter Center board member, my efforts helped lead to housing for hundreds of homeless people over the last few years. I also helped found the Point San Pedro Road Coalition, which grew into a strong advocate for our neighborhood corridor.

On the San Rafael City Council, I will continue to develop and promote efforts to ensure everyone is valued, cared for, and provided for.

As your San Rafael Councilmember I will strengthen wildfire prevention efforts in East San Rafael, and work to create as many fire escape routes as possible.

I will also focus on alleviating traffic congestion and will hold monthly neighborhood meetings.

I may be hearing impaired, but if you choose me as your San Rafael City Councilmember, you'll never find a better listener.

