

FOR COTATI CITY COUNCIL

BEN FORD

Age: 59

Occupation: Mathematics Professor

I'm Ben Ford, finishing my first term on City Council and honored to be Vice Mayor in 2024. I've lived in Cotati since 2003 and previously served on the Design Review Committee (2009-11), Planning Commission (2011-2019, chair twice). I've been the city's representative on regional bodies such as the Sonoma County Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the Sonoma Clean Power Board, and the Russian River Watershed Association Board.

I'm proud of what the Council has accomplished over the last four years, working closely with our excellent staff to extend a long run of good governance. Fifteen-plus years of balanced budgets, a new model for residents to communicate and collaborate with police, widespread street improvements, and significant effort and investment to bolster housing development (affordable and market-rate) all point to the Council's commitment to ensuring all residents feel well-served by the City.

In my day job, I'm a math professor at Sonoma State, and have held many leadership roles within the faculty.

I believe in Cotati and our potential to be leaders in the county as we work out approaches to local challenges. I listen well and can find common ground among differing opinions. I would appreciate your support.