

**FOR COTATI CITY COUNCIL**

**LAURA SPARKS**

**Age: 42**

**Occupation:** College Astronomy Teacher

I was elected to the Cotati City Council in 2020, and I currently serve as Mayor. After earning an M.S. in physics, I moved to Sonoma County in 2009 to teach astronomy at Santa Rosa Junior College.

This office comes with a steep learning curve. I have spent countless hours studying road maintenance, water and sewer systems, parks, city finances, and much more. I cannot overemphasize how seriously I take my responsibility to make wise decisions on your behalf. I hope to earn your vote so that I can apply what I've learned in a second term.

In 2020, my top campaign priorities were affordable housing, climate & environment, and anti-racism. I have been a committed and steadfast advocate on each issue, including working to remove administrative barriers to affordable housing and adopting CALGreen building codes early to promote EV charging availability for renters. I pushed to get Spanish bilingual preference and pay for police officers and dispatchers, and Spanish translation of city communications. A community police advisory committee will be up and running this year, as well as a grant program to encourage more cultural events in La Plaza Park.

I love Cotati, and it would be an honor and privilege to continue serving you.

<https://sparks4cotati.org>

*Laura Sparks* 7/31/24