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Azmina Hanna Announces Candidacy for Santa Rosa City Council

Once elected, Hanna will be the first Black Female City Council Member

Santa Rosa, Calif. (August 31, 2020) — On August 7, 2020, Azmina Hanna became the first African American woman to get on the November ballot for Santa Rosa City Council, District 5. With the current population over 177,000, Santa Rosa is the 28th largest city in California, and 149th in the United States. African Americans comprise just over 2 percent of the population of Santa Rosa.

Hanna was born and raised in Santa Rosa, in what is now District 5—the newly formed District for which she is running to represent. A product of Santa Rosa City Schools, she matriculated from Lincoln Elementary, Santa Rosa Junior High and Santa Rosa High Schools, where she lettered in three sports as a student athlete. Hanna is also an alumna of the prestigious Howard University in Washington, D.C., and passing over recruitment in NYC’s investment banking scene, attended Portfolio Center in Atlanta to study art direction for commercial advertising. She has completed grantsmanship training, including social entrepreneurship, program planning and grant proposal writing through The Grantsmanship Center in Los Angeles.

Working within the Los Angeles nonprofit community, Hanna helped bring the multi-year “Project Grantsmanship” to fruition—a collaboration among the Annenberg Foundation, California Community Foundation and The Grantsmanship Center that brought together leading grantmakers to subsidize quality grantsmanship training for lower budget and “no budget” organizations throughout the county to effectively increase their capacity for funding.

With a broad professional background, encompassing financial marketing, nonprofit program planning, capacity building, for-profit business development, luxury hospitality, marketing, and the full communications suite, Hanna will bring a breadth of experience as an independent contractor, and cultural awareness to Santa Rosa City Council.

“I am excited for the opportunity to represent my hometown,” said Hanna, 46. “This is a nonpartisan position and a chance to add balance to the Council, if elected. There are a lot of questions being put forward about race and equity to our local leadership that they may not be equipped to answer, and subsequently waste money in making concessions. Allies are valuable: but they cannot replace those for whom they advocate need a seat at the table. If I can improve upon the diversity of the Council and lend my life experience and grit—while adding a fresh face to our City of Santa Rosa, then I’m thrilled to help move us forward.”

The City of Santa Rosa is the county seat of Sonoma County and the gateway to the Sonoma County Wine Country. District 5 is home to six Historic Districts, including Old Courthouse Square and Railroad Square; restaurants and major shopping venues, including the Fourth Street shopping district, the Santa Rosa Plaza and Coddington Mall; hotels, such as Hotel La Rose, Marriot and Hyatt properties; elementary schools, municipal buildings, and transportation hubs, including the SMART Train.

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