

## WSC Questionnaire

What is the URL for your campaign Web site? barrett4petaluma.com

How old are you? 62

What is your occupation and where do you work?  
I do not work outside City Council and the home.

Please list any educational degrees:

BA, SF State; MA, UCLA

What is your political party affiliation?

Democrat

Please list any endorsements that you have received: see my website

Please list civic, professional or other organizations to which you belong: also on my website under personal qualifications

Have you been elected or appointed to a government position? Both

Please list the position and dates of service:

School district positions including:

Site council

Superintendent's Lay Advisory Committee.

In the City of Petaluma:

tree advisory committee, 97-99

planning commission, 99-05,

design review committee, 01-05,

Transit Occupancy Tax subcommittee, 07-present

County of Sonoma:

Community Development Committee, 04-06

Zone 2A representative for Petaluma, 07-present

LAFCO city representative, 08-present, alternate, 07-08

Why are you running? To take care of unfinished business.

What sets you apart from your opponents?

I have a proven track record of listening to the residents of Petaluma and looking towards the long term interests of the city of Petaluma.

What will work over the long haul?

Looking at every decision we make for its effectiveness in the short run, and its long term impact.

If elected, what would be your top three priorities in office?

budget, jobs, environment

What would you do to strengthen the economy in Petaluma?

implement the general plan and the economic development plan we have commissioned. Let's bring jobs to Petaluma that build on our assets!

What would you do to improve the quality of life in Petaluma?

continue my view: respect the assets the city already has, listen to those who already live here, move forward respecting both!

What troubles you about local politics?

that our local newspaper does not reflect the community and may shortly go out of business leaving a big gap in our city. It is such a loss to those who care about Petaluma.

How would you resolve Petaluma's short-term and long-term budget problems? Be specific: If you support spending cuts, what

departments or programs would you cut? If you support revenue increases, which taxes/fees would you increase?  
Specifically, I support looking at what services can be regionalized on the specialization of labor model, as is used by the 13 police/safety jurisdictions in our area that share one emergency command center. This model has to be examined for its adaptability throughout city services. In addition, I strongly favor and increase in the transit occupancy tax (TOT) as we move our city forward as a tourist destination. Many other ideas in this vein.

Do you support or oppose Measure U, which would roll back sewer rates in Petaluma to 2006 levels?

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Please list your reasons.

I believe in the public ownership of public assets, and I believe we should be doing as much as we can to continue conserving, recycling and reusing our resources in order to keep our services as high as possible while minimizing our expenses and fines!

As currently proposed, do you support or oppose the Lowe's-anchored Deer Creek Village proposal on North McDowell?

Can't comment. This is a project that will be coming before the city council, and I want to be able to weigh in on every aspect. I saw the first draft and understand it has been improved, and certainly hope it has.

Do you think the Regency settlement with the Petaluma Community Coalition was the right thing to do?

Does anyone?

What would you do in a similar situation in the future?

Deal with it when it comes up, should it do so, because even if it should happen, it won't be the same. I know what I can control and what I cannot control.

The Accountable Development Coalition has been active in Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park. How would you feel about it taking a role in Petaluma?

I am always open to hearing from anyone who wants to be active in Petaluma.