



Historical Listing of Santa Cruz Mayors, 1876-2017

The City of Santa Cruz received its first charter from the State of California in 1876. The charter specified that the City would be governed by an elected body consisting of a Mayor and a four-member Common Council.

A City Charter amendment approved at the March 6, 1979 election changed Councilmembers terms of office (4 years) to elections held in November of odd-numbered years, instead of April, beginning with the election of November 3, 1981. It also provided for the Mayor to be elected from among the members of the Council at the second meeting of November of each year.

This Historical Listing was revised [by the Santa Cruz City Clerk's Office] in November 2002 to bring consistency to the assignment of numbers. Numbers are assigned consistent with the practice of numbering Presidents of the United States as follows:

When a Councilmember is elected Mayor he/she is assigned the next sequential number in the Mayor's List. When a Mayor is reelected Mayor for a term with no break in service as Mayor the Mayoral number is retained. When a Councilmember is elected Mayor after having a break in service as Mayor, he/she is assigned the next sequential number on the list.

Number	Name	Term
1.	William F. Cooper, Mayor (4-13-76)	1876-78
2.	D. Hinds, Mayor (5-6-78)	1878-80
3.	J. D. Chace, Mayor (5-3-80)	1880-84
4.	Robert Effey, Mayor (5-1-84)	1884-88
5.	G. Bowman, Mayor (5-7-88)	1888-92
6.	W. T. Jeter, Mayor (5-2-92)	1892-94
7.	Robert Effey, Mayor (5-7-94)	1894-96
8.	H. H. Clark, Mayor (5-4-96)	1896-98
9.	W. H. Lamb, Mayor (4-25-98)	1898-1900
10.	J. P. Parker, Mayor (5-7-1900)	1900-02
11.	David C. Clark, Mayor (5-5-02)	1902-06
12.	T. W. Drullard, Mayor (5-7-06)	1906-07
13.	S. A. Palmer, Mayor (5-6-07)	1907-09
14.	T. W. Drullard, Mayor (5-3-09)	1909-11

15.	George W. Stone, Mayor (7-3-11)	1911-13
16.	T. W. Drullard, Mayor (7-7-13)	1913-15
17.	F. R. Howe, Mayor (7-5-15)	1915-17
18.	A. A. Taylor, Mayor (7-2-17)	1917-19
19.	Carl C. Kratzenstein, Mayor (7-7-19)	1919-23
20.	J. B. Maher, Mayor (7-2-23)	1923-25
21.	W. O. Kerrick, Mayor (7-6-25)	1925-27
22.	Fred W. Swanton, Mayor (7-4-27)	1927-33
23.	Roy Hammond, Mayor (7-3-33) (deceased 6-15-36)	1933-36
24.	C.D. Hinkle, Mayor (appointed by Auditing Committee and assumed office at 6-25-36 meeting)	1936-41
25.	Edwin L. Rich, Mayor (7-7-41)	1941-43
26.	F. Roy Fulmer, Mayor (7-5-43)	1943-47
27.	C.M. Aldrich, Mayor (7-7-47)	1947-48
28.	Sam Clarke McNeely, Mayor (5-25-48)	1948-50
29.	George N. Penniman, Mayor (4-25-50)	1950-51
30.	Jack L. Chiorini, Mayor (4-17-51)	1951-53
31.	C. L. Dysle, Mayor (4-21-53)	1953-54
32.	Patrick J. Freeman, Mayor (4-27-54)	1954-55
33.	Tom Polk Williams, Sr., Mayor (4-19-55)	1955-56
34.	Paul E. Forgey, Mayor (4-24-56)	1956-57
35.	Olin Carl White, Mayor (4-16-57)	1957-58
36.	Adrian J. Jensen, Mayor (4-22-58)	1958-59
37.	Ted R. Foster, Mayor (4-21-59)	1959-60
38.	Harold E. Carriger, Mayor (4-26-60)	1960-61
39.	John C. Daly, Mayor (4-18-61)	1961-62
40.	Bert B. Snyder, Jr., Mayor (4-24-62)	1962-63
41.	John McBain, Mayor (4-16-63)	1963-64
42.	Norman Lezin, Mayor (4-28-64)	1964-65
43.	Norman A. Walters, Mayor (4-20-65)	1965-66
44.	Eugene M. Fleming, Mayor (4-26-66)	1966-67
45.	Samuel Leask III, Mayor (4-18-67)	1967-68
46.	Raymond H. Goodrich, Mayor (4-23-68)	1968-69
47.	Richard J. Werner, Mayor (4-15-69)	1969-70
48.	Ernest Wicklund, Jr., Mayor (4-28-70)	1970-71
49.	Lorette Wood, Mayor (4-20-71)	1971-72
50.	Al Castagnola, Mayor (4-25-72)	1972-73
51.	Vernon L. Smith, Mayor (4-17-73)	1973-74
52.	Louis B. "Bert" Muhly, Mayor (4-23-74)	1974-75
53.	Sally Di Girolamo, Mayor (4-15-75)	1975-76
54.	John J. Mahaney, Mayor (4-27-76)	1976-77
55.	Joseph J. Ghio, Mayor (4-19-77)	1977-78
56.	Lawrence A. Edler, Mayor (4-25-78)	1978-79
57.	John J. Mahaney, Mayor (3-27-79)	1979-80
58.	Joseph J. Ghio, Mayor (extended term due to charter amendment)	(3-25-80 - 11-24-81)

59.	Michael E. Rotkin, Mayor (11-24-81)	1981-82
60.	Bruce Van Allen, Mayor (11-23-82)	1982-83
61.	John Laird, Mayor (11-15-83)	1983-84
62.	Mardi Wormhoudt, Mayor (11-27-84)	1984-85
63.	Michael E. Rotkin, Mayor (11-26-85)	1985-86
64.	Jane Weed, Mayor (11-25-86)	1986-87
65.	John Laird, Mayor (11-24-87)	1987-88
66.	Mardi Wormhoudt, Mayor (11-15-88 - 11-13-90) (two terms - earthquake 10-17-89)	1988-90
67.	Jane Yokoyama, Mayor (11-13-90)	1990-91
68.	Don Lane, Mayor (11-26-91)	1991-92
69.	Neal Coonerty, Mayor (11-3-92)	1992-93
70.	Scott Kennedy, Mayor (11-23-93)	1993-94
71.	Katherine Beiers, Mayor (11-22-94)	1994-95
72.	Michael E. Rotkin, Mayor (11-28-95)	1995-96
73.	Cynthia Mathews, Mayor (11-26-96)	1996-97
74.	Celia Scott, Mayor (11-25-97)	1997-98
75.	Katherine Beiers, Mayor (11-24-98)	1998-99
76.	Keith A. Sugar, Mayor (11-23-99)	1999-2000
77.	Timothy Fitzmaurice, Mayor (11-28-2000)	2000-01
78.	Christopher Krohn, Mayor (11-27-01)	2001-02
79.	Emily Reilly, Mayor (11-26-02)	2002-03
80.	Scott Kennedy, Mayor (11-25-03)	2003-04
81.	Mike Rotkin, Mayor (11-23-04)	2004-05
82.	Cynthia Mathews, Mayor (11-22-05)	2005-06
83.	Emily Reilly, Mayor (11-28-06)	2006-07
84.	Ryan Coonerty, Mayor (11-27-07)	2007-08
85.	Cynthia Mathews, Mayor (11-23-08)	2008-09
86.	Mike Rotkin, Mayor (11-24-09)	2009-10
87.	Ryan Coonerty, Mayor (12-14-10)	2010-11
88.	Don Lane, Mayor (12-13-11)	2011-12
89.	Hilary Bryant, Mayor (12-11-12)	2012-13
90.	Lynn Robinson, Mayor (12-10-13)	2013-14
91.	Don Lane, Mayor (12-09-14)	2014-15
92.	Cynthia Mathews, Mayor (12-08-15)	2015-16
93.	Cynthia Chase, Mayor (12-13-16)	2016-17

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