

## Education and Qualifications:

I am a loyal honors graduate of Stanford University in Biology and Human Development, I completed an MD from the University of California at San Diego and Family Medicine Residency in Philadelphia before returning to California to establish family medicine practices in the then rural and underserved areas of Colfax, Auburn and Foresthill with grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with my husband Daniel Alegria.

We have devoted our lives to caring for and sustaining the character and characters of the rural communities in which we have lived and worked. I am deeply committed to increasing awareness of and response to climate instability, particularly in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Our farm in the foothills partially burned due to human ignition and Portola Valley is now extremely vulnerable. No one planned for this rapid desiccation of our environment with its associated droughts and fires. I am uniquely qualified as a leader in environmental resilience science.

## Positions:

I have always loved the hills of the Santa Cruz mountains and life-long have sought to understand the biological, cultural and aesthetic roots of the Bay Area. For those reasons and many others, we chose to return to Portola Valley from our practices in the Sierra Foothills to join the Palo Alto Medical Foundation where I worked, as a family doctor for 25 years. I am a good a good and practical listener.

In town, I have served on many town committees including Conservation, Trails, and Westridge Architectural /supervising Committee and in 2020, we founded Portola Valley Neighbors United to deepen the community investment in Fire Safety, Open Space and Affordable Housing to work through to a good outcome for our General Plan and town policies. In the Bay Area, I actively work to restore and protect the bays and estuaries of Northern California which help us stabilize climate, I serve on the Board of the Stanford Red Barn, Bay Area Barns and Trails, and nationally and internationally I serve as on the Board of Archbold Biological Station in Florida and international on the board of the Organization of Biological Field Stations. But I am most proud of my 30 years as a docent at Stanford's Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve

I am humbled by the hard work the Council and all the committees give to this town. Keeping the town engaged takes patience and openness. My goals on the town Council include term limits for the council, efficient and time respecting meetings, discussion of charter city status, immediate implementation of a safety and evacuation plan, and improved cooperation and communication with surrounding communities and partners. I believe in empowering our committees and strongly directing town staff. This is a town governed by residents for residents. The land has a voice in our governance and the future is our guide.

Thank you for considering me for your vote in 2022.