

## Penny Ellis

I support the ban of all non-organic pesticide from Santa Cruz County. Aside from the cancer and additional health issues pesticides have been proven to cause in our community, especially with the famworkers and schools, these pesticides are destroying the microbes in the soil and significantly impacting the insect and bee populations as well. It is our civic responsibility to ensure that our agricultural systems are safe and non-polluting to the environment. The use of Round-Up in particular needs to be banned in our county.

Santa Cruz has a long history of valuing a sustainable lifestyle and I sould love to see our county become a model for other counties to begin to phase out these harmful pesticides that continue to do so much harm to our citizens and our planet.