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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTS NEW CHAIR

Meeting for the first time in 2024, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday selected Supervisor Justin Cummings as Chairperson.

Cummings represents the Third Supervisorial District, which includes the city of Santa Cruz and the North Coast, including Davenport and Bonny Doon. Cummings is the first African-American Chair of the Board of Supervisors in County history.

"I'm deeply honored to accept this role from my colleagues and look forward to the year ahead as we work with our community to build a more equitable and just Santa Cruz County for all residents," Cummings said.

A native of Chicago, Cummings has a background in environmental sciences with a Ph.D. from UCSC in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. He was first elected to the Santa Cruz City Council in 2018 before being elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2022.

Cummings will serve a one-year term. Supervisor Felipe Hernandez was chosen to serve as Vice Chair.

The Board meets at 701 Ocean St., 5th Floor, Santa Cruz. To view agendas and meeting materials, visit <https://santacruzcountyca.igam2.com/citizens/default.aspx>.

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