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# Meet the Team

This year, GPN has been lucky enough to hire 3 new interns to help facilitate park activities and increase community engagement. Keep an eye out for these faces as they run community meetings, interact with the neighborhood through social media, and create amazing new programs for everyone to enjoy at the park!



#### **Communications & Operations Coordinator**

Andrea is a fourth year environmental studies major at UCSC. She spends most of her time out birding and appreciates the space that parks provide for environmental education and exploration. She is excited to work for Grant Park Neighbors and is looking forward to engaging with the Santa Cruz community.



Aya is a recent graduate of the Anthropology program at UCSC. She is aware of how important public spaces are to the culture of communities and is an advocate of health and education. "Growing up, parks were an outlet for me, to breathe in fresh air and listen to birds sing and leaves rustle is a human right and privilege," Aya says.



#### **Community Activities Coordinator**

Eric is from south county in Watsonville. He is excited to intern with Grant Park Neighbors and work closely with the Santa Cruz parks and recreation department. He has previous experience working in the parks and recreation department for the city of Watsonville and has recently graduated from Cabrillo College and transferred to UCSC.

# Shelter-in-Place & Covid-19

As of March 16th, Santa Cruz was put under a shelter-in-place (SIP) order in response to the pandemic. During this time, GPN encourages those that are in Santa Cruz to remain



indoors unless you are an essential worker or doing tasks such as buying groceries. GPN is working remotely in order to further our mission for a safe and healthy neighborhood. If you know anyone in need of assistance, please feel free to contact us! During this time, GPN will be hosting "Zoom in the Park" so we may virtually meet in the park every other week on Sundays at 11 AM.



### Vision Statement

Grant Park Neighbors (GPN) will work with the Parks and Recreation Department, Santa Cruz City and County to promote a safe and welcoming environment for neighbors and the community to gather for recreational, leisurely, and family activities, and to enjoy the beauty of the park.

More Information, details for events, news and volunteer opportunities can be found on our website grantparkneighbors.org Or contact us at grantpark95060@gmail.com



## **Donation Opportunity**

Grant Park Neighbors is taking part in the Human Race of Santa Cruz County! Please log on to grantparkneighbors.org and click the donate button OR go to humanracesc.org and search "Grant Park Neighbors" and click view profile to donate to GPN. All proceeds go towards the benefit of the park. Share the word with neighbors, family and friends! We need your support!

