Garcia announces run for City Council

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WATSONVILLE — Watsonville native Rebecca Garcia announced her candidacy for City Council Tuesday.

Garcia will run for the District 5 seat, currently held by Daniel Dodge.

“T was born and raised in Watsonville,” she said during the City Council meeting. “I love Watsonville. I’m committed to making it the best city it can be.”

Garcia served on Cabrillo College’s Governing Board for 20 years, retiring in 2012. During her time on the board, she saw growth in the numbers of Latino students who earn certificates or associate degrees.

She currently serves on the Watsonville Parks and Recreation Commission.

Garcia said she went door-to-door in District 5, asking residents what needs to be improved in the city. Two issues came to the forefront, she said: economic development, including downtown, and public safety, with more neighborhood watches.

“I will be the City Council member that negotiates and is willing to compromise,” Garcia said.

Garcia spent a portion of her address to the City Council criticizing Dodge.

“I have determined that the city of Watsonville needs more of a representative for District 5 than he is,” she said. “Daniel does not respect the politics of other community members.”

The election will take place in November.