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## **Vicki Nohrden Honors Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller**

Today, State Senate Candidate and Community leader Vicki Nohrden joined citizens in Santa Cruz in a vigil honoring Santa Cruz County Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller who was killed in the line of duty on Saturday, June 6.

“Today we remember Sergeant Gutzwiller and grieve with his family,” Vicki said. “As we fight against injustice across our nation, we must not forget the cost of public safety. Sergeant Gutzwiller paid that cost for our community yesterday and it is a somber cost that his whole family will bear.”

Sergeant Gutzwiller was ambushed on Saturday, June 6, when he and another Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s deputy responded to a call reporting a suspicious van with guns and bomb-making materials. The 14-year veteran of the sheriff’s department died in the line of duty, leaving behind his pregnant wife, and a young child.

“As the daughter of a policeman, this hits close to home,” Vicki said. “When we are confronted by evil and violence, we’re thankful for the courage and bravery of our law enforcement who daily put their lives on the line to protect our communities and families. Sergeant Gutzwiller and the two law enforcement officers who were injured yesterday, stepped up with courage and resolve to protect us. We are so grateful to them.”

Vicki’s public service has included time advocating inside government systems. She served one term on the Monterey County Grand Civil Jury, worked as a family liaison for the county’s juvenile courts, and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children. Find more information at [www.vicki4senate.com](http://www.vicki4senate.com).

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