Hi! I'm Alex Kershner. I'm your neighbor, a public health advocate, community wellness advocate, and community builder who loves this town.

Here are my qualifications:

- I chose to dedicate my career to the health and resilience of our community. I work on the front lines of Eaton Fire recovery, providing wellness resources to impacted residents.
- I have organized community wellness events for hundreds of neighbors - you included!
- I've advocated directly to the County Supervisor and the Department of Mental Health for better mental health resources.
- Through the *Altadena Coalition of Neighborhood Associations*, I've served as coordinator, connecting residents with the agencies responsible on issues like water utilities, brush clearance, and Flock cameras.

Here are my goals:

Continued Fire Recovery

You might be wondering, "I'm in this census tract. How does fire recovery stuff affect me?" How we navigate recovery for fire-impacted residents sets the precedent for how our *entire* region is governed, including housing laws and safety standards. What happens in West Altadena happens here in census tract 4613.

Better community experiences and connections

It's time to bring more fun into our community! Fire recovery *includes* joy, celebration, and connection. When we know our neighbors and show up for each other at block parties and backyard gatherings, we build the kind of resilience necessary to carry us through hard times. As programs and resources are cut across the country, connection matters more than ever, because when institutions pull back, we rely on each other. That's why I'll work to bring block parties and community events to our tract, and expand AltaGether's reach.

A Safer, Walkable Altadena

As an e-bike commuter myself, these roads could use some TLC! With the rebuild happening, now is a phenomenal opportunity to build back better and improve walkability and bikeability. I also have some serious concerns about Flock, about privacy, and about whether they actually make us safer or just make us *feel* safer while diverting resources away from evidence-based solutions. I will push for transparency and community input on surveillance technology, and advocate for actual safety over its perception.

I love this community. We are an incredible pocket of everything good that LA has to offer. I want to keep our character as we navigate recovery, while also advocating for improvements to create a physical community that works for us - climate resilience to prevent similar disasters, improved walkability, and an emphasis on community connection.

I have the experience, the moxie, and the commitment to keep our recovery moving forward, while making sure we have some fun along the way. **I would be honored to earn your vote**.