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I am an independent-minded, centrist community leader seeking your support for a seat on Belmont's City Council.

I was born and raised on the Peninsula and settled in Belmont over 9 years ago. Since 2008, I have served on the City's Planning Commission- this last year as its chair. My wife and I have two boys- one attends our neighborhood elementary school and the other a local daycare.

My priorities:

- Developing a viable downtown that generates greater revenues for the City.
- Addressing aging infrastructure, especially roads.
- Fostering a good relationship with Notre Dame de Namur University.
- Building and maintaining family friendly parks, arts facilities and athletic fields.

Development of Belmont's downtown has lagged behind expectations. As a City Councilman, I will propose that the City create an economic development advisory committee made up of Belmont residents, business owners and City representatives. Its role will be to generate novel, action-oriented ideas for jumpstarting the development of Belmont's downtown. It is through a growing revenue base that Belmont will be able to provide its residents with high-quality services.

Much of Belmont's infrastructure is in need of repair. Especially noticeable are those streets with deteriorating pavement and potholes. As a City Councilman, I will propose that the City bring its road quality up significantly. While it is expensive to maintain roads, it is more expensive to rebuild them once they have failed.

Notre Dame de Namur, the only major university between San Francisco and Palo Alto is truly an asset to the City of Belmont. However, relations between the City and the University have lately been strained. As a City Councilman, I will immediately work with the University's leadership to address this issue.

Parks, sports fields and arts facilities contribute to the good quality of life enjoyed by Belmont's residents. As a City Councilman, I will work to find innovative funding solutions such as sponsorships and grants to ensure turfing of the Sports Complex and the building of Davey Glen Park. I will work closely with the various youth athletic organizations, parks boosters and supporters of the arts in Belmont.

Belmont's residents deserve a City Council made up of independent thinkers who listen to one another, trust one another and act rationally. I am one such independent thinker capable of working with my fellow Councilmembers for the benefit of Belmont's residents.

I ask for your support this November 8.

