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1) Housing

We have the responsibility and legal obligation to create a plan to integrate affordable housing into our beautiful town, but not to be a developer. Our town is not in the housing construction business, nor should it be. Here are two examples of what we can do:

1. Create Objective Design Standards for potential duplexes and lot splits allowed by state law. There are great examples of historic multi-family housing in Piedmont hiding in plain sight today. Let's control negative impacts of SB9 by creating thoughtful Design Standards specific to Piedmont.
2. Look for opportunities for Public Private Partnerships that provide affordable housing and leverage pub-

lic improvements for parks and city infrastructure. These collaborative efforts could provide non-City funding.

I'll use my 30 years' experience as an architect and seven years serving on the Planning Commission to assure that our housing efforts preserve the character of our town.

2) Infrastructure

We have great public services in Piedmont with dedicated staff and first responders. However, our infrastructure and facilities do not reflect the same quality.

Our police and fire stations do not meet minimum building code requirements for essential facilities. For example, a 2020 review revealed that fire apparatus could be trapped inside the garage following an earthquake. Our work ahead should include:

1. Updating our Civic Center Plan
2. Evaluating existing conditions, options, costs, and phasing. Estimates suggest that rebuilding the fire station is less expensive than remodeling – Let's vet all assumptions with the current market.
3. Evaluating efficiencies by combining redundant support facilities.
4. Working with the Budget and Finance Committee to determine appropriate funding options.
5. Evaluating a Public Private Partnership approach.
6. Implementing the proposed Emergency Operations Center Improvements.

As an architect, I've spent my career tackling these issues. I'll put that experience to work for Piedmont.