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Land Use Consultant

Garden Grove is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. My wife and I moved here 24 years ago and immediately experienced the small town feel that is Garden Grove. We raised our three sons in two great neighborhoods. Our sons played at Central Garden Grove Little League and I was a coach, manager, and board member for many years.

My professional background includes a graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning from UC Irvine and a 25-year career in municipal government. I am currently the Garden Grove Planning Commission Vice Chair and have served on this commission for the last 5 years. Prior to Planning Commission, I served in various roles on the Neighborhood Improvement Commission for 4 years.

I am a strong supporter of creating jobs and creating a healthy tax base through proactive economic development, while preserving and protecting our wonderful neighborhoods.

As your Council Member representing District 2, my number one priority will be to make sure that your voice is heard, that our city thrives economically, and that our streets and neighborhoods are protected, preserved, and continue to be safe for our families.

**Homelessness**

This item will be a priority for me and an opportunity to build on the momentum of the city's current efforts, which include: Special Resources Team, Street Outreach, Rental Assistance, and the recently-opened Central Cities Navigation Center. I support these proactive efforts by the city and will be a champion to bring more funding from Federal, State, and regional agencies to support and expand these efforts.

**Neighborhood Preservation**

Public safety is the most important aspect of preserving our neighborhoods and making sure our families are safe. I will work to eliminate crime, gang activity, violence, and graffiti by supporting the needs of our Police, Fire, and Paramedics.

**Economic Development**

As a member of the Planning Commission, I supported great projects, including the Cottage Industries near the Civic Center and the Nickelodeon Resort Hotel along Harbor Boulevard. As a Council Member, I will support large and small businesses as a way to maintain a healthy tax base and ensure great shopping, services, and dining opportunities for our community.

I believe focusing on these three priorities will help position our city for a great future.

I am here to represent you and humbly request your vote. I want your voice to be heard. Please send me your ideas, thoughts, and concerns: [jramirez4GGCCD2@gmail.com](mailto:jramirez4GGCCD2@gmail.com). Thank you!