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Hayward is a good city. Hayward can be a great city -- a safe, clean and prosperous city that supports its future with quality schools, inviting job prospects, and opportunities for building strong and diverse families. Hayward can be great for seniors, forward-thinking businesses and our environment. Hayward can be great for police, firefighters and other city workers who work hard everyday serving every Hayward neighborhood.

A great Hayward requires skilled, experienced, supportive and frugal leadership. After growing up in Hayward and joining the Marines, I worked my way up from a laborer to Hayward's Director of Maintenance Services. Before retiring, my job was to make the city work. I fought the blight of homeless encampments, illegal dumping and graffiti. I helped beautify Hayward by planting trees, hosting neighborhood cleanup days and promoting local businesses through the mural program, the Hayward Wine Stroll and street parties. I worked to improve, beautify and protect our schools, parks, playgrounds and senior centers.

My work is not finished. I know every neighborhood, how the city works and how to get things done. Together, we will make Hayward great. I respectfully ask for your vote for City Council.