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What, in your view, are the top 3 issues facing Piedmont, and which issue would you tackle first if elected to the council and why?

There is no shortage of pressing issues facing Piedmont, including Moraga Canyon housing, sustainability, and updating century-old city facilities. I believe voters will appreciate how I evaluate these and other issues by understanding my priorities: public safety, fiscal discipline, and community engagement.

Public safety will always be my top priority. Without it, nothing else matters. Beyond responsive police and fire departments, this also includes public works, emergency preparedness, traffic management, and policy development to mitigate future risks.

Fiscal discipline is my second priority. Without it, nothing else is possible. Piedmont has the highest household income in Alameda County, yet few residents know our city government operates on less per capita than Berkeley, Oakland, and Emeryville. Without a significant commercial tax base, Piedmont has fewer levers to increase revenue and therefore must be extra-vigilant with how it manages expenses.

Community engagement sounds like a “nice to have” and not a “need to have.” However, I believe the solutions to the challenges we face as a city depend on the “connective tissue” of citizenship that these programs help create.

Three questions I'll ask on every issue:

- Does it promote safety?
- Can we afford it?
- Will it bring people together?