Mario DiPrisco, Lafayette City Council (Short Term) CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

My wife and I moved to Lafayette in 2008 to raise our family because of its natural beauty, vibrant downtown, proximity to regional amenities, and great schools. Our introduction to the community was through Lafayette Nursery School and we quickly learned what makes Lafayette special: the people. From coaching baseball, basketball and soccer to supporting young musicians and thespians, Jen and I have been amazed by the level of care and talent here.

I'm running for city council because I love our city and believe it's worth fighting for. The risk from fire and congested streets threatens our quality of life today and the regional housing shortage and affordability crisis makes it hard for our children to imagine building a life here. We need a council that has the courage to make difficult decisions to preserve our present and safeguard our future.

I have previous councilmember experience in Albany, CA and a 26-year career of successful investing in public companies. My work in investment management helped millions of people have more for retirement. It's also shown me what business models work and which don't. To work effectively, Lafayette City Council must respond to threats like homeowners losing insurance, spend our resources wisely and address current problems like traffic on Pleasant Hill and Moraga Road.

<u>www.diprisco.org</u> offers specific proposals to reduce our risk from fire, lower the cost of construction, and identify alternatives for housing that won't increase traffic on Moraga Road.

Please call with questions and ideas. 925-357-0603