



Davis is a world-class city. Our neighborhoods are filled with trees and parks. We are surrounded by agricultural land and open space. Our streets are among the safest in the nation. Children, students, families and seniors thrive and prosper in our inclusive community. The university and our proximity to the State Capitol give Davis a uniquely intelligent, thoughtful and diverse population. All of these elements give our community a quality of life that is second to none.

These are the reasons that my wife Robin and I made Davis our home 29 years ago. We bought our first house here and began the small business that I still run today. Davis has a sense of place and community that encourages its citizens to give back. That sense of community has inspired me to embark on a 25-year career in activism, civic participation and public service.

For the last four years, it has been my pleasure to serve as your city council member. In that time, I've helped Davis become an even better place to live by bringing forth ideas that work to enhance our community. I've led efforts to save open space and agricultural land, to secure funding for public safety services, to balance our city budget and to address our housing needs while staying in accordance with the city's 1% annual growth guidelines. But my work is not done.

Our community, like so many others, is facing multiple economic challenges in the coming years: the mortgage crisis, rising energy costs and a perpetual state budget crisis that threatens funding for local government. To overcome these challenges, it will take plenty of good, innovative ideas, and the hard work and determination to make them a reality. I believe my track record shows that I have done and will continue to do this.

This is why I am asking you to support me in my bid for re-election. In my second term, I will continue to work hard to protect and improve our quality of life. I would be honored to have your vote.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen