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PETALUMA CITY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID RABBITT ENTERS RACE FOR SONOMA COUNTY SUPERVISOR; LEADS WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS

PETALUMA, CA-

Petaluma City Councilmember David Rabbitt, a community leader, architect and business owner, announced today his candidacy for the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in District 2.

“Right now, Sonoma County has the opportunity to lead the way in providing real solutions to the many challenges facing our community,” said David Rabbitt. “The residents of the 2nd District need strong leadership on the Board of Supervisors that will work to create new economic opportunities and preserve the proud character of Southern Sonoma County. I intend to be a responsive leader for all citizens and a tireless advocate as Supervisor.”

David Rabbitt was engaged by many notable people from the community to enter the race for District 2 Supervisor and immediately he has garnered widespread support. As a City Councilmember, he is viewed as an intelligent decision maker with a practical and fresh approach to local government.

Among the endorsements secured by Rabbitt is life-long Sonoma County resident Marilyn Herzog who will also serve as Rabbitt’s campaign treasurer.

“David Rabbitt represents a new approach to elected leadership. He has the integrity, character and resolve to be an excellent Supervisor for the 2nd District,” said Herzog. “Watching him on the City Council, I appreciate the independent and rational positions that David takes on the issues. He has had real life experiences, including starting his own business and raising a family in Petaluma. David has also proven himself to be an effective representative for the agricultural and business communities in this area. I know that the more people learn of David and his vision, the more they will respect and admire him.”

The Sonoma County Farm Bureau has endorsed David Rabbitt, along with leaders in the business, agricultural and the Southern Sonoma community. In addition to Herzog, serving on Rabbitt’s Campaign Committee are Dan Libarle as Chairman, Don Ramatici, Sonoma County Business Owner; and Troy Sanderson, Petaluma City School Board Member and Past President of Petaluma National Little League.

“It’s time for Sonoma County to confront issues head on,” Rabbitt said. “During my time on the Petaluma City Council, I have witnessed firsthand how the divisive political bickering hurts the constituents and does nothing to advance their best interests. I am prepared to work vigorously to achieve our common goals, including: creating new jobs, improving our local economy, protecting our agricultural heritage, strengthening our community, providing recreational opportunities for our youth and enhancing our quality of life.”

The 2nd District includes Petaluma, a portion of Rohnert Park, Cotati, and the unincorporated communities of Penngrove, Two Rock, Bloomfield, and Valley Ford. The primary election is set for June 2010.

A resident of Petaluma, David is married to Jane, a clinical nurse specialist in Neuro-Oncology at UCSF and together they have three children, Megan (18), Patrick (16), and Sarah (13). David remains active in youth activities and is committed to keeping Southern Sonoma County, the ideal place to raise a family, earn a living, and enjoy a high quality of life, He is a past board member of both the Petaluma National Little League and the Sonoma County Alliance Soccer Club. He has been a soccer and baseball coach as well as PTA President for two terms at McNear Elementary School.

David is also a past member of the City of Petaluma's Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee (SPARC); former member of the City's recreation, Music, and Parks Committee, and Technology and Telecommunications Committee as well as former Council liaison to the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA). After an appointment by the County Board of Supervisors, David continues to serve on the Sonoma County Health Action Council and is currently Council liaison to the Animal Services Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Southern Sonoma County Tomorrow's Leaders Today (TLT). He has served on the Petaluma City School's Fund Development Task Force, Campaign Committees of Measure C and K and helped co-found SHAKE- Support Healthy Active Kids in Education. David graduated from the University of Oregon earning a degree in architecture.

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