PETER KRAUT Age: 53

Occupation: Engineer/Planning Commissioner

It's been an honor to serve the residents of Calabasas for the past four years on the Calabasas Planning Commission, currently as Vice-Chairman. Now, I'm ready for a larger role where I can have a greater impact on the stewardship of our city. As an engineer, I bring a problem solver's perspective and an innovative spirit. I'll be a positive change on our City Council.

If elected to City Council, I will:

Promote transparency in the City government.

Bring my civic and business experience to all Council matters.

Support managed growth while protecting the environment.

Continue to support our local schools.

Ensure that every voice is heard and considered before any vote.

My greatest accomplishment on the Planning Commission isn't a project or a vote. It's a change in attitude. I've maintained my promise to review the facts, listen to our community and carefully consider the community's opinions before every vote. I want to foster this same attitude in our City Council.

My wife Lesli and I have lived in Calabasas for 15 years. Our kids, Andrew and Rachel, attended our local public schools. Continuing and even increasing our support of Las Virgenes Unified School District is essential to the wellbeing of Calabasas.

For the past 19 years, I've owned and operated my own firm, South Coast Engineering Group, right here in Calabasas. In that role I create projections, establish budgets, form client-partnerships, write proposals, solve problems and manage employees. Bringing this experience to City Hall, I promise to curb wasteful spending and strengthen fiscal oversight.

My vision for our City is aligned with the values Calabasas residents hold dear. I strongly support preservation of our dedicated open space and its natural environment. To that end, I voted to deny approval of the West Village at Calabasas and will continue to enforce our Development Code and uphold our General Plan and Scenic Corridor Guidelines.

I have personally labored as a volunteer and project coach restoring native habitats along Stunt Road and improving trails at DeAnza Park as well as completing dozens of projects with neighboring properties of the National Park Service and the Mountains Restoration Trust. If elected to City Council, I am committed to restoring and improving all of our parks and trails.

I am asking for your vote to City Council. In partnership with the community I am committed to the betterment of our city. Together, we can make a positive change.

Peter Kraut