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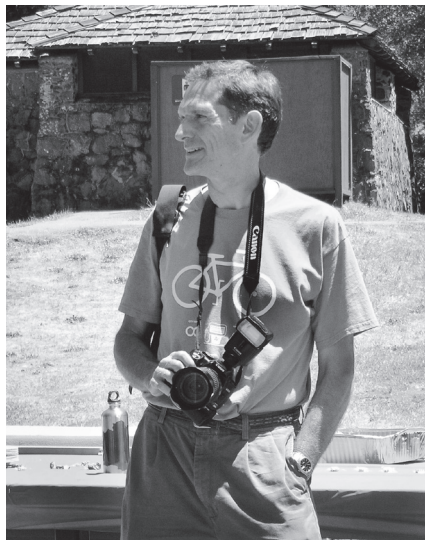
Albany City Council, 2012–2016
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(left) At the start of last May's 134 mile, 14,000-vertical-foot Bad Little Brother ride in Sonoma County.
(right) Hard at work during a UC Berkeley College of Chemistry annual picnic. I'm the editor, writer and
photographer for our website and alumni magazine.

Council accomplishments

The last four years have been good ones for the council. The Albany Bulb is once again safe to enjoy. The mixed-use project at University Village is well underway.

We have started work on our new public works center and will soon begin work on Pierce St. Park. We have repaired sidewalks throughout the city and have installed traffic calming features on the streets south of El Cerrito Plaza.

Our general plan is finished, the council has improved cell phone coverage and has put an end to the excessive level of medical and other benefits that the previous council had created for themselves. We have negotiated fair and reasonable agreements with our police and fire fighters.

This council has placed two important measures on the November ballot that I favor — Measure P1, a parcel tax to fund sidewalk repairs for 10 years, and Measure N1, which will allow the the City Council to update parking standards to encourage affordable housing development.

Two other measures, Q1 and R1, are housekeeping amendments to modernize our city charter language. These are uncontroversial and also deserve your support.

I do not support Measure O1, the soda tax, or Measure S1, which will end our very reasonable term limits for the school board. The city council is not interested in ending term limits for itself. I discuss my reasons on my website.

I also encourage you to vote for Measure A1, Alameda County's bond measure to support affordable housing.

Like the rest of Alameda County and much of the Bay Area, Albany is in the midst of an affordable housing crisis and will be for many years. Although the council will tackle many smaller problems during the next four years, housing — and how to maintain Albany's unpretentious, family-oriented, middle-class identity — will be the issue that dominates and influences all the others.

As a council member, I believe the best way to do my job is by maintaining my independence. I am a registered non-partisan voter, and I only accept endorsements from individuals I respect inside our borders. The only "stakeholders" I care about are the 18,000 Albany residents I swore to serve in my oath of office.