As the son of a third-generation family farmer, I was raised to respect a strong work ethic and to value community. Today, my wife, two sons and I are grateful to call Ripon our home, where we can live out those values and maintain strong ties to our family and the agricultural community.

I am a graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, with a B.S. degree in BioResource and Agricultural Engineering, and am employed locally as a registered civil engineer, specializing in agricultural and civil projects.

As an engineer, I make pragmatic decisions on a daily basis that improve infrastructure for private and municipal clients and their communities. As your current city councilman, I utilize the same approach to ensure that our city continues to thrive and maintains its small-town values.

Having seen, firsthand, surrounding cities struggle with mismanaged development and over-extended public services, I know the value of thoughtful, well-planned growth and the benefit of well-funded and supported police and fire departments. If re-elected, I will continue to prioritize public safety, fiscal responsibility and bringing new businesses and job opportunities to our community.

To keep Ripon a safe, family-friendly city, re-elect Daniel de Graaf.