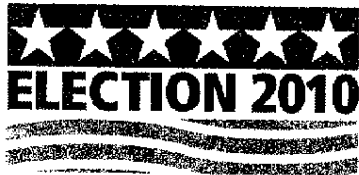


Larson's passion for his community is palpable

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David Larson isn't afraid to gush.

As he stood in the Project Play playground at Mahany Regional Park in Roseville recently, he commented on the neat cushioned-rubber ground surface, described the sensory toys that kids can touch and expressed gratitude to the two local families instrumental in the development of this uni-

versal playground.

This adaptive playground is accessible to all children, including those with mental and physical disabilities.

While city parks must meet minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, this park far exceeds those standards. Project Play features three planned parks throughout the city and Larson volunteered on the project's commit-



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City council candidate David Larson visits with Zoie Digne at the Project Play playground at Mahany Regional Park in Roseville. Larson considers the universal playground — accessible to all children — one of the most important examples of his civic involvement.

tee, helping obtain resources and acting as a community advocate.

"That was amazing," he said. Larson, 46, is running as a

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candidate for Roseville City Council. He's up against five other people to fill two vacant seats. The election takes place Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Larson, a Roseville planning commissioner, says if he is elected, he will work to strengthen the local economy, protect and enhance public

safety, manage growth, reduce traffic congestion, increase availability of higher education opportunities, expand outreach programs for seniors and establish a "future community leaders" mentoring program.

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He and his wife moved to Roseville from San Jose in 2001 for the quality of

life here. He left a lucrative job as a field sales representative for a software company to start a business from scratch.

working as an agent Farmers Insurance.

In those early years Larson worked long to make his business successful. The whole though, he also dedicated himself to giving back the community. His day after starting insurance agency, joined the Roseville Chamber of Comm

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