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My name is Linda Draper and I'm asking for your vote. In the thirty years I've lived in Oroville, I've seen downtown steadily decline. We have a gem of a city with unique historical sites and a beautiful river, yet we have many challenges. My areas of concern include:

**Repair the budget and public safety:** The City has a deficit of \$1.1 million. We must stop overspending and use the funds we have more efficiently. Public safety is also crucial; we need a fully staffed police and fire department. Every resident and business is entitled to protection of their lives and property.

**Fair water rates:** Many residents pay the highest costs for water in the county. I've spoken before the California Public Utilities Commission against the latest rate increase, and I'm also a founding member of L.O.W.R. (Lower Oroville Water Rates). We are striving to find a solution to this problem.

**Protect businesses:** Local businesses are dealing with issues ranging from high water costs to lack of parking. We must support them while creating a climate that encourages new businesses to open. We also need manageable economic development that will bring new jobs.