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District 10 - Six Month Review

Dear Neighbor,

Another six months has quickly passed us by and I have prepared for you an update on what I and my staff have been working on for you over this period of time. As of January of this year, when Mayor Liccardo took office, he assigned several new responsibilities to me. He appointed me as chair of the [City Council's Community and Economic Development Committee](#) (CED), and as a member of the [Rules and Open Government Committee](#) (Rules), and the [Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee](#) (PSFSS). He also appointed me to serve as the non-voting City Council representative on both the [Police and Fire Departments](#) and [Federated Employees' Retirement Plans Boards of Administration](#). All of these assignments add up to a lot more reading, study, and work for me and my busy staff!

Aside from all of the new committee responsibilities I have been fulfilling in the first half of the year, I continue to serve on the board of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and the Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Budget priorities

Among significant accomplishments for the first half of the year were those enacted as part of this year's budget cycle. I was very active in the budget process to ensure that the interests of District 10 residents were strongly represented. I supported Mayor Liccardo's public safety priorities, including increased funding for crime prevention, gang prevention and intervention, the hiring of 22 additional Community Service Officers, and improving the City's ability to respond to the homelessness crisis. With the help of strong resident advocates, I secured additional funding in the 2015-2016 City Budget to ensure that our major streets are properly maintained. I advocated for opening our libraries six days per week, and I committed \$60,000 from the District 10 office budget to the opening of Almaden Lake Park and Trail on Mondays.

Policy Initiatives

Major policy initiatives that I championed and that are now included on the priority list of items that the City staff will be working on in coming months include revisions to the Illegal Fireworks Ordinance to allow for the issuance of administrative citations against those who shoot off illegal fireworks and endanger themselves and others, as well as our property. Numerous District 10 constituents have expressed concerns over illegal fireworks. I share your concerns and have responded by proposing this new ordinance.

It was also in response to resident concerns over illegal fireworks that I began the July 4th Fun Festival and Fireworks event at Almaden Lake. By encouraging people to attend a great public fireworks show, we hope to reduce the usage of illegal fireworks in our community.

Another policy priority which I have been promoting is the Riparian Corridor Policy. This policy is now assigned to City staff to develop. When complete, the policy should provide more clarity for those concerned with the well-being of habitat areas along our waterways and more certainty for developers with property near these important wildlife corridors.

In the area of Community and Economic Development, [I submitted a memo to CED](#) asking Planning and Housing Department staff to meet with mobile home park owners in an effort to ensure broad input as the City develops an updated citywide mobile home park policy. I feel it is important that the voices of both park residents and park owners are heard clearly as new policies are formulated, and City staff incorporated my request into their outreach plan.

A challenge that I worked on with CalTrans was the excessive amount of time it was taking to get graffiti cleaned up on structures in the CalTrans right-of-way. I actively lobbied CalTrans to adopt the same service provider for graffiti abatement that is used by the City of San Jose – GPC. In the first half of the year, GPC began working for CalTrans and we have seen a dramatic reduction in the time it takes for the graffiti to be removed along Highways 85 and 87.

As an advocate for education, I worked with the YMCA and provided grant funding to them so that they could expand their fantastic after school programs to other schools. They are now serving Del Roble Elementary with a new homework center program.

Finally, I am happy to report that my efforts in working with community members and Library staff to have the computers in the children's areas of our libraries outfitted with anti-pornography filters is progressing. Two types of software were piloted and staff is now moving toward full implementation.

In addition to these policy efforts, here is a listing of many of the events that the District 10 office participated in or put on as a sponsor, organizer, or co-sponsor in the first six months of the year:

- Community Safety Meeting at Bret Harte Middle School to address the spike in crime that the Almaden Valley experienced during the winter months. The overflow crowd was extraordinary, and the message was clear that District 10 residents were engaged in ensuring that we have a safe community in which to live and raise our children. With the support of the community I was successful in getting

additional resources directed to the District to achieve significant reductions in property crime.

- Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk: over 500 seniors and friends enjoyed another fun morning of exercise, entertainment, and door prize drawings!
- Vietnamese Flag Raising: co-hosted this well-attended event with the City's newest Councilmember at the time, Tam Nguyen. Former Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen was the gracious MC and the event brought together many people from across San Jose.
- At Mayor Liccardo's first State of the City Address, honored the achievement of Pioneer High School's award-winning Robotics Team.
- Participated as a speaker in the Silicon Valley Chinese Technology & Business Association's Smart Cities summit.
- Tartan Day – Scottish Flag Raising event with pipes and drums and Scottish dancers.
- Great American Litter Pick-Up where about two hundred volunteers from throughout District 10 came out to do a “spring cleaning” of litter hot-spots around the District as well as special service projects.
- Planting of 10 trees at Los Alamitos Elementary School which involved: cooperation with the school, funding and planting of trees by the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors (SCCOAR), additional planting labor from neighbors of Los Alamitos and Los Alamitos staff, guidance from Our City Forest, and a commitment to tree care for three years by the Kiwanis Club of Almaden Valley.
- Connecting Shadowbrook with Our City Forest to facilitate the planting of 17 trees. The Shadowbrook neighbors purchased the trees and provided the labor to plant them.
- Proposition 47 Forum co-hosted with Senator Jim Beall, Assemblymembers Mark Stone and Evan Low, and featuring representatives from the State Legislative Analyst's Office and the Santa Clara County corrections department.
- Traveled to China (using personal funds) on the inaugural flight of Hainan Airlines 787 Dreamliner service direct from San Jose to Beijing to promote visits to San Jose by tourists and business travelers from China.

It was a productive six months, and the work has continued into July with our July 4th Fun Festival and Fireworks at Almaden Lake and several City Council Closed Session meetings as we worked to negotiate a deal to settle the dispute between the City and its unions over voter-approved reforms of Measure B. It is a pleasure to serve the great residents of District 10 and I look forward to continuing to promote the interests of District 10 residents and the residents of San Jose, as a whole, in the months ahead!

We also rolled out a new District 10 website in the first six months of the year – check it out at www.sjd10.com!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Each year, National Night Out continues to be a tremendous success throughout District 10. I am hoping that with some advanced notice, more neighborhoods will join the effort and host their own events! National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 4th and I encourage you all to consider participating. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with National Night Out, it is held each year to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, to build neighborhood camaraderie, and to send a message to criminals to let them know that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. We encourage you and your neighbors to spend some time outside, get to know one another, and make your presence known in the neighborhood. [If you'd like to learn more about hosting an event in your community click here.](#)

In addition, I love attending your neighborhood events! It gives me a great opportunity to meet your neighbors in a casual setting. If you'd like me to stop by your get-together, contact Jose Salcido in my office at jose.salcido@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910. I look forward to seeing you at National Night Out on August 4th!

ROTARY CLUB OF ALMADEN VALLEY FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

The Rotary Club of Almaden Valley is hosting a fantastic football fundraiser on Saturday, August 1st at 4:30pm! This is the 41st Annual Silicon Valley Youth Classic Charlie Wedermeyer All Star Football Game. This event as typically been held at schools in the area, but this is the first time it will be held at Levi's Stadium, which will make for a very exciting event! The tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for 18 and under. In addition, players from the San Francisco 49ers will be there to practice after the game! For more information or to purchase your tickets, visit www.santaclaraallstar.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding what you've read in this newsletter, please feel free to contact me at 408-535-4910 or email my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov. You can also check out my [Facebook](#) page or follow me on [Twitter](#). Continue reading for more important announcements and upcoming events throughout District 10 and the City of San Jose.

Sincerely,

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