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Dear Neighbors,

If 2017 taught us something, it's that our community must be prepared for the next disaster (natural or otherwise). Research shows that neighborhoods where people know each other are most resilient after a disaster. That's why I will be encouraging Map Your Neighborhood Trainings throughout District 6 in 2018. Part of the program is about knowing your neighbors and whom you can depend on and who needs special help in the event of an emergency. The Map Your Neighborhood Program aims to help communities identify the location of useful materials in their neighborhoods, like natural gas and propane tanks, which residents have useful skills for emergency response, and residents who have specific needs that must be attended to in an emergency.

Disasters can strike at any time. It's time for our city to be prepared – before something catastrophic occurs – not afterward. Our first responders - fire personnel, police, and paramedics - may be overwhelmed during a large emergency event and unable to respond to every call for assistance. This is where the Map Your Neighborhood Program can help. Neighbors who go through the program become helpers, not victims, during a crisis.

If you want to get an idea of how Map Your Neighborhood works, here's a [link to a video tutorial](#). If you're interested in leading the effort in your neighborhood, please contact my office and we'll help get you started!

On December 1st, my colleagues and I attended a special study session that presented the risks and threats to the City of San Jose and the role of elected and appointed officials during an emergency or disaster. We learned that a very important part of emergency preparedness includes the ability to recover from a disaster. Read the Emergency Management memo [here](#).

In response to the study session, it will be one of my priorities in 2018 to help strengthen our community's resiliency to disasters. I will be working with other council colleagues to rebuild the support for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in San Jose. To learn more about CERT, click [here](#). The goal is to conduct 24 sessions over the next two years.

I invite all of you to become involved in some way to help prepare our neighborhoods.

We're here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 408-535-4906 or district6@sanjoseca.gov.

Sincerely,