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## **CITY COUNCILMEMBER**

### **District 6 Newsletter**

### **August 2017**

Dear Neighbors,

As fast as my first six months in office flew by, I'm sure my next six months serving District 6 residents will be just as quick. That's why I've made a list of tasks for the rest of 2017 that include short and long-term goals.

Over the next six months, we will be working on creating events that help unify the residents of District 6 and build community relationships. Taking advantage of our beautiful summer evening weather, our first Movie Night in the Rose Garden will premiere on Saturday, September 23rd with a small resource fair at 7:00 p.m. and the movie starting at 8:30 p.m. We want your input on which movie will be shown on September 23rd. Look for a survey message on Nextdoor titled: "Roses and Reels: Movie Night at the Rose Garden - Saturday, Sept. 23rd: Movie Poll Open Now" The voting will be closed end-of-day on August 11, 2017. I'm looking forward to everyone joining us for this fun, family-friendly event! Expect to see more details coming soon.

Thank you to all who either hosted a National Night Out event or attended one of the many parties, BBQs, and get-togethers on the night of Tuesday, August 1st! My staff and I visited a total of 20 events and met some fantastic people getting to know their neighbors, some of whom were meeting for the first time and some for whom the gathering was a reunion. It's my goal to triple the amount of National Night Out events next year in District 6 so that we have more neighbors getting together to strengthen our community.

Strengthening our community also involves bringing businesses to our city that add tremendous value through the addition of jobs and increased tax revenue – vital to our ability to pay for city services like road maintenance, public safety, parks, and libraries. Google recently acquired over a dozen private properties in the Diridon area and is negotiating for several city-owned properties in the same area. Some people may not know that Google is planning on up to 8 million square feet with 20,000 jobs along with housing, retail, and other public spaces.

We are at the very beginning of a long process and there are no conceptual plans yet for the development, but we are working on a robust community engagement process which will provide a voice for the residents of District 6. Google has committed to an open dialogue and input from residents as the project planning moves forward. My goal and commitment is to be a very active leader in assisting Google in developing the best project for both their needs and the needs of the community.

Developing leadership within our city is a top priority of mine and it starts with our youth. District 6 has a new Youth Commissioner, Chris Zazueta, who will be actively recruiting his peers to join him as members of the D6 Youth Advisory Committee (otherwise known as the YAC) to meet and discuss issues pertinent to their community and age group. As a council, we appreciate the input provided to us from the Youth Commission and understand that the decisions we make today affect the city we pass on to our youth tomorrow. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the YAC, please contact Betty Ramirez for

more information at [betty.ramirez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:betty.ramirez@sanjoseca.gov) or by calling her at 408-793-5559. You can also visit the Youth Commission website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=3080>.

Additional goals over the next six months include working with the results of the Historical Survey to look at implementing the [Earthquake Brace and Bolt Program](#) to access state funding to help strengthen foundations of homes which [qualify under certain conditions](#).

Additionally, I will be working on increasing and strengthening our [Community Emergency Response Teams \(CERT\)](#) trainings throughout the city to better prepare our community for natural and man-made disasters.

If you have other ideas for future goals, please feel free to send them my way.

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](mailto:district6@sanjoseca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dev". The letters are stylized and connected, with a large, looped 'D' and a cursive 'ev'.