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## CITY COUNCILMEMBER

### District 6 Newsletter

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Dear Neighbors,

Have you seen the video circulating on Facebook where a man wakes up covered in holiday wrapping paper and tears it off his face, then tears the wrapping paper off his wife's face smiling widely at the prospect of just being alive? He continues to unwrap “presents” around the house including his kids, the light switch, the water faucet, the shower, his breakfast, a briefcase, and his car – all while expressing gratitude for having all these things we so often take for granted. The message reminded me to be thankful for what I have and know that I am blessed to live in a city and community where my family and I have clean water, electricity, jobs, caring neighbors, and each other.

Sometimes I find it hard to be grateful in a culture of excess, but I've slowly come to recognize the gifts that are already present around me. This holiday season, I'm reminding myself that I have enough and I also have enough to share – one of the hardest lessons to learn in the sandbox growing up. It's my choice to love what I have and be willing to share it with others.

If you want to join me in practicing the joy of giving to your community, here's a list of local charities that can be helped tremendously through volunteer time and/or donations:

- To help the communities affected by the Camp Fire:  
<https://www.sacbee.com/news/state/california/fires/article221440915.html>
- Second Harvest Food Bank:  
<https://www.shfb.org/>
- Shop with a Cop:  
<http://www.shopwithacopsv.com/>
- The Thrift Box:  
<http://thriftbox.org/>
- Red Cross:  
<https://www.redcross.org/>
- To help make choosing an organization easier, review the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) Annual Giving Guide:  
<https://www.svcn.org/giving-guide>

In the spirit of the holidays, I'd like to wish you and your family joy and contentment in this season of (hopefully) more giving than getting!

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 "DeW". The letters are bold and cursive, with a thick stroke.