



DEVORA “DEV” DAVIS CITY COUNCILMEMBER

District 6 Newsletter May 2018

Dear Neighbors,

We have an opportunity to add affordable housing in our city in the form of secondary units (also known as granny units, Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs). Both the city and the **State of California** are making it easier for residents to take advantage of the space they have on their property to provide a small living space for either a family member or a rental unit that can create extra income for the property owner. I am completely supportive of these types of units and I encourage anyone interested in creating a secondary unit to check out the very useful information page on the San Jose City Planning **website**.

While there is currently an **ordinance** in place for secondary units in San Jose, planning staff are working on a 2018 Secondary Unit Ordinance Update and sought input from residents during spring community meetings, one of which took place in District 6 on March 29th at the Willow Glen Community Center. Some of the updates they are considering would include lot size, setbacks, height, and parking exemptions.

If you’re interested in providing feedback, I encourage you to attend the public hearings on zoning code updates for secondary units on May 9, 2018 at the Planning Commission meeting and May 22, 2018, during the City Council meeting.

Addressing the housing shortage is a multi-pronged approach. Secondary units are one of the important tools we have to increase the housing inventory on land that has been historically single family residences. They are perfect for aging in place residences for older adults, a landing spot for newly college graduated adult children, and a source of additional income through a rental unit.

If you have any questions or input regarding secondary units, I’d like to hear from you either by contacting my office or by attending the council meeting on May 22nd.

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,