



## **DEVORA “DEV” DAVIS** **CITY COUNCILMEMBER**

### **District 6 Newsletter** **May 2019**

Dear Neighbors,

As a city of over 1 million people, the need to keep our residents safe through enforcement of building and health codes is very important. But the ability for our limited code enforcement staff to “patrol” the city for code violations is a challenge. That’s why our code enforcement department depends on our residents to help monitor code compliance. Compliance to ordinances can seem daunting at times. The San Jose Municipal Code is updated regularly and contains rules applied primarily to private property including:

- Abandoned shopping carts on public property
- Blight (graffiti, broken windows, littered yards, etc.)
- Building code violations
- Construction without permits
- Garbage and recycling containers set out too early
- Hazardous property conditions
- Housing conditions that violate safe, sanitary standards
- Illegal dumping
- Inoperable vehicles
- Parking on unpaved surfaces or lawns
- Paving over yards
- Signs that don’t comply with code or lack a permit
- Smoking in establishments that are open to the public
- Vegetation that is overgrown
- Zoning violations

To read the entire Municipal Code or portions of it, go here:

[https://library.municode.com/ca/san\\_jose/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/ca/san_jose/codes/code_of_ordinances)

Municipal codes are created to promote and maintain a safe and a desirable living and working environment. They’re not there to get back at a neighbor, harass other residents, or seek revenge.

When you report a potential violation to the Code Enforcement Department, either online at:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/FormCenter/Code-Enforcement-21/Code-Service-Requests-213> or in person on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall or by phone at (408) 535-7770, you will be required to share your contact

information but your identity will be kept confidential. Once you have submitted a concern, you can check on the status here: <http://www.sanJoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=3361>.

I'll continue to work with Code Enforcement to help strengthen their ability to address your concerns in a timely manner. Code Enforcement managers are available to speak at your neighborhood association or Home Owner's meetings to educate you and your neighbors on their services. Please contact my office and speak to Nohely Izquierdo for help in arranging a Code Enforcement presentation.

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).

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deu". The letters are stylized and connected, with a large "D" and a smaller "eu" following it.