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Valley Water and national weather service urge the community to prepare for winter storms

Valley Water, the County of Santa Clara, and the City of San José held a news conference featuring a winter outlook forecast discussion by the National Weather Service and an outline of the joint flood emergency preparedness efforts Nov. 13.

Last winter, Valley Water partnered with the County of Santa Clara and local cities to help residents stay safe by distributing 140,000 free filled sandbags. Valley Water stated that it's committed to working with local agencies and the community to help everyone be aware, be ready and be safe during extreme weather events.

Valley Water is urging residents to prepare for an uncertain winter by finding out if their home or business is at high risk of flooding, locating free sandbag distribution centers and signing up for Santa Clara County's emergency alert system.

Willow Glen native Mulcahy new D6 councilmember

By William Bellou
Publisher

Real estate investor Michael Mulcahy is the new San Jose District 6 councilmember representing Willow Glen.

Mulcahy took the lead on election night ahead of his opponent Olivia Navarro, an insurance agent and political adviser.

Both candidates were vying for an open seat with Councilmember Dev Davis terming out in December.

District 6 encompasses Willow Glen, The Alameda and parts of downtown.

"The results are indicative of the campaign we ran and we'll see how the night plays out," Mulcahy told San José Spotlight on election night. "I'm super proud of the campaign we ran, and this is exactly the kind of celebration I was looking forward to having."

Mulcahy held his election night party tucked away on the outskirts of Willow Glen at Hapa's Brewing Company, where supporters and campaign staffers chatted away either waiting to greet Mulcahy, or lining up for the Mexican-themed catering bar.

His wife Kimberly Mulcahy took the stage to announce the initial election results around 8:15 p.m. and supporters erupted in applause as Michael Mulcahy stood in the back among colleagues.

Mulcahy, a native of San Jose, prominent Willow Glen real estate managing partner and former mayoral candidate, like Davis,



San Jose City Council District 6 candidate **Mike Mulcahy** feels good about the race on election night. Photo by Vicente Vera, San José Spotlight

will give the council a pro-business voice on the dais. His family company SDS NexGen Partners has invested in myriad properties along Lincoln Avenue in downtown Willow Glen, including the Garden Theater, helping to revamp the Willow Glen area.

He also has a part ownership in several Willow Glen restaurants including The Table and Lamella Tavern, and rents to longtime outposts like Aqui, he said. Mulcahy also oversaw redevelopment of the former Sun Garden tomato cannery on Monterey Road,

which his family owned since the 1940s before it shut down. The area is now the Sun Garden shopping center.

Motivated to help grow the affordable housing stock, Mulcahy said he wants to collaborate with other councilmembers to incentivize developers to build in San Jose.

"We have to increase our ability to have people be able to afford to live in this community by creating more jobs, high-wage jobs, as much as we can," Mulcahy told San José Spotlight.

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Mr. Carlos received hygiene kits from **Parth Gaba** at Comunidade Vida e Pa, Lisbon, Portugal for their homeless donation drive.

WeKare mission to assist homeless and low-income students

Provides kits filled with hygiene products

By William Bellou
Publisher

Parth Gaba, a dedicated high school student at Valley Christian Schools, is making waves with his non-profit initiative, WeKare.

Founded with the mission to assist homeless and low-income students, WeKare provides essential kits filled with hygiene prod-



WeKare founder **Parth Gaba**

ucts, first aid supplies, and school materials to those in need.

Recognizing the challenges faced by many of his peers, Parth was inspired to take action. "I saw students struggling not only with their studies but also with basic necessities," he said. "WeKare was born from the desire to make a tangible difference in their lives."

The WeKare kits have proven to be a lifeline for countless individuals. Each kit includes items such as soap, toothbrushes, band-aids, notebooks, and pens, ensuring that students have the resources necessary to thrive both academically and personally. So far, Parth has donated over 20,000 items, making a significant impact in the community.

Since its inception, Parth has been tireless in his efforts to expand WeKare's reach.

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IN MEMORY

Jack Andrew Lindberg
February 11, 1931 to October 14, 2024
Willow Glen

Jack Andrew Lindberg born February 11, 1931 died peacefully on October 14, 2024.

Wordsmith, child whisperer, backpacking pioneer, gardener extraordinaire, crossword puzzle ace, BBQing expert, music lover, exercise enthusiast, photographer, writer, oenophile, fisherman, and a forever faithful Dodger/Rams fan. Jack enjoyed the humor and wisdom of Peanuts, the Far Side and Calvin & Hobbs. His inspiration Yeats and Auden.



Jack was born and raised during the 'golden days' of Los Angeles, CA. Days spent 'sledding' down hills sitting on a license plate atop a roller skate. Hanging out with buddies until the streetlights came on. Body surfing. Beach volleyball. And a tan that inspired his appreciation for sunscreen years later.

He attended Loyola High School and Loyola University of Los Angeles. An education that cultivated his curiosity and life-long passion for discovery and learning. Jack credited his 4 years studying Latin as a competitive advantage across disciplines including his crossword puzzle prowess.

After graduation Jack honorably served as USAF officer stationed at Parks AFB in Dublin, CA.

Jack's career began as a systems engineer in 1956 at IBM in the emerging field of computer science. True to IBM's 'I've been moved' Jack, Sue and their young family moved seven times before happily settling in San Jose, Ca in 1968.

Jack widowed in 1971 married Dorothy Casey (Bunks) and together blended two families of five for a total of ten children. Their Kirkmont Drive home was a hub of energy and organized chaos. Love in action even when tempers were hot, and dinner was cold; days were long, and patience was short. He and Bunks raised their family with love, humor and lots of Hearty Burgundy.

In 1989 Jack retired from his software development career at CDC/Ceridian. He spent his next 34 years checking items off his Bucket List focused on enjoying adventures and travel with family, friends, and his adored grands and great grandchildren.

Celebrating their Dad/Pops, Grandpa/Papa, Grandpa-the-Great's magnificent life are his children with his wife Sue, mother of Lisa (Gary) Ted, Tom (Bridget) Peter (Maureen) and Mick (Courtney). And born of his heart Dorothy's children with her first husband Jerry Casey: Sally (Tim), Clayt (Barb) John (Jean), Ellen (Rick), Sue (Tim). And his 26 treasured grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren with four on the way.

Jack joins his loved ones in Heaven including his first wife Sue (1971), wife Dorothy (2022), son, Clayt Casey, parents Patricia and Andrew Lindberg, brother Morgan Lindberg and his partner Carol Bandelin, daughter-in-law Barbara Casey, son-in-law Gary Bonfield and many cherished relatives and friends.

Jack's generosity of spirit, love of family, gusto for adventure and celebrating the good life live on!

DONATIONS: Los Angeles Dodgers Community Foundation <https://dodgersfoundation.givingfuel.com/los-angeles-dodgers-foundation>

SERVICE: A Celebration of Jack's Life will be held December 14, at 1pm at St. Christopher's Church, 2278 Booksin Avenue, San Jose. Reception to follow in Healy Hall.

Joana Marie Flood
April 13, 1943 - Oct. 23, 2024
Resident of San Jose

Joana Marie Flood passed away on October 23, 2024, in San Jose, California, at the age of 81. Joana was known for her compassion, empathy, and strong-willed nature, always prioritizing the needs of others before her own.



Joana is survived by her daughter, Barbara Lentz; son, Robert Flood; grandson, Benjamin Lentz; sister, Mary Castillo (Richard); nieces, Camille Leach (Jon) and Kate Weisend (Nik); great aunt to Edda and Soren Weisend, and Daphane Leach. Godmother to, Michelle Madruga, and Michael Guerra, and leaves behind many cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents Peter and Anne Guerra.

A passionate gardener, Joana found joy and peace in tending to her plants, nurturing them to thrive just as she nurtured her relationships.

Family and friends attended a Memorial Mass November 11 at St. Christopher Church, 2278 Booksin Avenue, San Jose.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Joana Flood's name to the National Scleroderma Foundation, P.O. Box 411533, Boston, MA 02241-1533. scleroderma.org

Lupe C. Santamaria
90 years

Resident of Willow Glen

A resident of Willow Glen, Lupe C. Santamaria entered the gates of heaven on Monday October 28, 2024. A week after her 90th birthday, Lupe was reunited in heaven with her high school sweetheart and loving husband of 63 years, Gerardo Santamaria.



Born in Texas to a large family of 7, Lupe migrated to Buttonwillow, California as a young girl and developed her tireless and dedicated work ethic as a migrant worker, traveling and farm laboring with her family up and down the Central Valley. Her family finally settled in San Jose when Lupe was a young teenager, and one of her first jobs was a live-in nanny for prominent Willow Glen physician Dr. O'Brian and his family in the Palm Haven neighborhood. This experience changed her life, especially since Lupe fell in love with the Palm Haven neighborhood and dreamed about owning a home there. A few years later, while working part time at a San Jose Candy Factory, Lupe had a most "sweet" encounter with a handsome young co-worker named Gerardo Santamaria, a recent immigrant from Mexico. The two fell in love and soon married.

Gerardo studied and worked very hard to become a successful engineer for Lockheed Missiles and Space, Co., helping to design the Hubble Space Telescope and Milstar Satellites, this successful 30 year career enabled him to fulfill Lupe's dream of owning a home in Palm Haven. The two "sweet" love birds, Lupe and Gerardo, together also fulfilled

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★ **December 14, 2024** ★

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Mulcahy

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José Spotlight. “I do not think that we can tax our way out of the situation.

San Jose resident Navarro was the South Bay Labor Council’s pick, and also describes herself as the Democratic Party candidate. She has led groups within the Democratic Party that include the Chicano Latino Caucus, Stonewall LGBTQ+ Democratic Club and Movimiento Democratic Coalition. Navarro said she would bring her experience in uniting labor and business groups to City Hall.

Mulcahy has raised \$598,635 in contributions. Olivia Navarro has raised \$101,279, with \$5,000 in loans.



Michael Mulcahy’s watch party drew an excited crowd as he leads in San Jose District 6 city council race. *Photo by Vicente Vera.*

Second Harvest planning for future

Food bank again looking for new headquarters site

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

Silicon Valley’s non-profit food bank, Second Harvest, is again pursuing the construction of a modern headquarters and warehouse in San Jose after shuttering its warehouse facility due to an increase in rent.

The decision to establish a new headquarters was made after Second Harvest prevailed in a lawsuit that had sought to derail the project. Santa Clara County court dismissed the lawsuit with prejudice in June, 2023.

Organizacion Comunidad de Alviso, a South Bay group headed up by local activist Mark Espinosa, had claimed in its lawsuit filed in 2022 that city officials acted improperly when they approved the food bank’s proposed warehouse in north San Jose.

Second Harvest can now proceed with its headquarters and warehouse plans — although the project may well be revised.



“We are making progress on our new unified headquarters,” said Diane Baker Hayward, a spokesperson for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley.

The proposed headquarters, office and warehouse complex would be built at 4553 and 4563 North First St.

The revamped plans for a new headquarters emerge at a time when Second Harvest has decided to shut its warehouse at 528 Brennan St. in San Jose because it was facing a rent hike there. The nonprofit has been using the warehouse for volunteer production shifts and to store equipment, supplies and food.

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Celebrini family has a strong connection to local hockey community

Exciting news for Willow Glen High School hockey fans.

Did you know that the Celebrini family, who moved to the Bay Area six years ago, has a strong connection to our local hockey community?

Rick Celebrini (inset), the Golden State Warriors' director of sports medicine and performance, credits former San Jose Sharks defenseman Brent Burns with helping his family make the move from Vancouver to California.

Before making the move, Celebrini wanted to ensure his two

oldest sons, Aiden and Macklin, could continue their hockey development in a top-notch program.

Burns, whose son Jagger was already part of the Jr. Sharks program, gave Celebrini the reassurance he needed. The Celebrini family eventually settled in San Jose, near Sharks Ice, where the boys spent a year developing their skills before moving on to Minnesota.

Aiden and Macklin Celebrini Aiden and Macklin, now 19 and 18, respectively, have gone on to achieve great success, with Aiden committing to Boston University and Macklin playing for the Sharks.



Gaba

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WeKare's reach. He has made significant donations not only locally but also internationally, impacting lives in ten countries and 23 cities around the globe. "It's important to remember that the challenges of poverty and lack of resources are global issues,"

Parth remarked. "I want to help as many people as possible, regardless of where they are."

To fund his mission, Parth has organized various fundraising activities, including lemonade stands and dog-sitting services. His entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to community service have allowed him to raise essential funds to support WeKare's initiatives.

In collaboration with District 8 Council Member, Domingo Candelas, Parth is planning to make monthly donations at Welch Park in San Jose, furthering his commitment to local outreach. "This partnership will help us reach more families in need and ensure that our donations have a lasting impact," he stated.

Parth has also partnered with Family Giving Tree and the Evergreen School District to provide school supplies for lower-income families, ensuring that students have the tools they need to succeed academically. Additionally, he has worked with CityTeam to donate hygiene kits directly to homeless encampments in the area. "Every little bit helps," he said. "We want to provide comfort and dignity to those facing hardship."

Collaborating with Joy of sharing Norcal for Philippines donation of school supplies, WeKare got noticed by the department of education at Doliman Elementary School "Parth embodies the spirit of service," said one faculty member. "His initiative is a shining example of how young people can lead positive change."

As WeKare continues to grow, Parth remains focused on inspiring others to get involved. "I want to show that anyone can make a difference, no matter their age or background," he said. "Together, we can create a brighter future for all students."

For more information on WeKare and how to support its mission, visit wekareforyou.org.



Parth delivered 1,200 School supply kits to **Jennifer Cullenbine**, President at Back-to-School drive at Family Giving Tree, Milpitas. These kits were included in backpacks prepared for elementary school kids.



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Santamaria

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Lupe's second and most precious dream of having a large family like the one she came from. Together they raised a large family of 5 boys and 2 girls in their Palm Haven Home, where Lupe continued to live throughout her entire life. While raising her kids, Lupe also began a 30 year career working for the Del Monte food processing company in San Jose, as well as part-time work as a crossing guard for the San Jose Unified School District. She always greeted the school children with a smile and made sure they safely crossed the streets as if they were her own children. A deeply religious woman, Lupe was very involved with the Sacred Heart Catholic of Jesus Parish and community in Willow Glen. Feeling blessed by the graces of God in her own life, as well as the kindness and compassion shown to her by various church members when she was in need, Lupe dedicated her entire life to giving back to the needy in her community.

Lupe was instrumental in helping her best friend Louise Benson to start and run "Martha's Kitchen", a non-profit "soup kitchen" in 1981 at Sacred Heart Church, which continues today and serves over 230,000 meals each month.

In addition, for over 20 years,

Lupe, with the help of her family, dedicated countless hours to run a Thanksgiving and Christmas food, clothing and toy drive out of her home. With an ocean of love and compassion which seemed to flow from her every single day of her life, Lupe made sure that every family on her list received holiday baskets of joy, especially the children who she made sure received brand new wrapped toys. Spreading her love and talents with the youth in her community was something Lupe treasured. She was an active volunteer during the 1970's for the Gardner Community Summer Youth and Lunch Program at Biebrach Park, and even sponsored and taught a Head Start pre-school program in her back yard for several years. And her joy for cooking was shared with the neighborhood teenage girls as she often hosted Saturday afternoon cooking classes in her home. For all of her philanthropic efforts, Lupe was honored several times with certificates from the City of San Jose. While Lupe spread her love and compassion throughout the community, she undoubtedly shared her deepest and most sacred love for her true joys in her life, her husband, her 7 children, and 5 grandchildren. A day did not go by her entire life without showering her family with unconditional love, compassion, and of course, the most delicious homemade meals for which

she was famous. Lupe was a most dedicated and loving wife, mother and grandmother, such precious roles that she treasured and lived for. In fact, a tradition Lupe and her husband were really proud of was hosting the UCLA Cross-Country team every year for brunch whenever their youngest son and his team competed at nearby Stanford University. Her delicious enchiladas and Halloween treats were always a hit among the UCLA runners and famed Olympic coach Bob Larsen. In fact, this motivated the Bruins runners to train harder as they had to run fast enough to make the traveling squad for this coveted brunch!

Lupe is survived by her 7 children (Margie, Jerry, Fernando, Frank, Albert, Esther Victor) 5 grandchildren (Kristina, Joseph, Fernando, Elena and Anthony), son and daughter-in law (David McConnell and Margarita Santamaria, and siblings (Anita Torres and Art Carrasco). Lupe will be deeply missed by her family and friends, but her most powerful spirit of love and compassion will continue to glow within us all forever!

A rosary for Lupe Santamaria was held on Tuesday November 19 at the Oak Hill Funeral Home and Memorial Park. The following morning, a mass was held in Lupe's honor at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Willow Glen.

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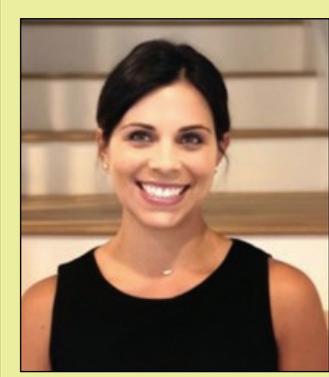
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30th anniversary of holidays at the Ainsley House

From Nov. 14 - Dec. 22, the Ainsley House and Holiday Boutique will be open Thursdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Ainsley House was built in the style of an English Tudor Cotswold cottage in 1925 and serves as an arts and crafts house in Campbell, California.

The Ainsley House is thrilled to welcome visitors this holiday season with a variety of festive events for the whole family.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of celebrating the holidays at the Ainsley House, and the theme, "Holiday Heritage," will highlight the ancestral and cultural traditions of the decorators. Each room will be adorned to reflect these unique heritages, making the Ainsley House a magical and unforgettable experience

There's something for everyone to enjoy! Join us for a range of holiday celebrations, including Holiday Teas & Tours, the Holiday Boutique, Evening Open Houses, and Photos with Santa,



as the Ainsley House spreads holiday cheer.

The Ainsley House invites the community to enjoy a festive holiday season with a variety of events and activities. From November 14 through December 22, the Ainsley House and Holiday Boutique will be open to the public Thursdays through Sundays from 11 AM to 3 PM. Please note that the Ainsley House will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Visitors can explore the beautifully decorated house at their own pace with self-guided tours.

Admission is \$12 for adults (ages 18-64), \$10 for seniors (65+), and \$8 for youth (ages 7-17). Museum members receive free admission.

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Holiday teas and tours at the See *AINSLEY HOUSE*, next page

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San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra announces its 24-25 season opener concert

The Philharmonic Orchestra Performs Rossini, Bériot, Massenet and Smetana

The San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, presents its 2024-25 Season Opener Concert to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024, 7:30 pm, at the Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose, CA 95116.

The orchestra will open with Rossini's sprightly and percussive La Gazza Ladra Overture (The Thieving Magpie), along with Massenet's most highly regarded work for orchestra, the Ballet Suite from Le Cid, and close

with Smetana's exciting Three Dances from The Bartered Bride.

This concert will also feature a winner from the 2024 Young Artists' Competition, proudly sponsored by the San Jose Symphony Foundation*. Outstanding young soloist, Angela Liu, violinist, will perform Bériot's Scène de Ballet for Violin and Orchestra.

Angela Liu is a high school senior at Pacific Grove High School and has been playing violin with the San Jose Youth Symphony since 2018 and is currently in her third year with the Philharmonic Orchestra.

The San Jose Youth Symphony (SJYS) is one of the oldest and finest youth orchestras on the West Coast of the U.S. Founded over seven decades

ago as part of the former San Jose Symphony, SJYS has a rich tradition of musical performance and education.

The musicians of SJYS, all school-age youth, are chosen from more than 650 applicants through our annual auditions. The SJYS comprises 13 distinct performing ensembles: two full orchestras, a chamber orchestra, two flute choirs, two string ensembles, as well as winds, brass, harp, saxophone, percussion, and jazz ensembles.

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Ainsley House

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Ainsley House in downtown Campbell will take place November 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15.

The Campbell Museum Foundation's annual Holiday Teas and Tours fundraiser will take place on December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15. Guests will enjoy finger sandwiches, champagne, a special Ainsley blend tea, and delicious treats in the Carriage House, followed by a self-guided tour of the Ainsley House. Seating begins at 12 p.m., and admission is \$65 for the general public and \$60 for museum members. Proceeds support exhibits, education programs, and preservation efforts at the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House. Reservations are required and can be made at www.campbellmuseums.com. Reservations Open October 16.

Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Ainsley House on Saturday, November 23, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Families can meet Santa in the festive Sunporch room, with reservations available in one-hour time slots: 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, and 11 AM-12 PM. While waiting for their turn, guests can enjoy hot chocolate and participate in holiday crafts. Admission is \$20 per family, and reservations can be made at www.campbellmuseums.com.

The Ainsley House will host two special evening Open House events on Thursday, December 19, and Sunday, December 22, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. These events provide a wonderful opportunity to experience the house's holiday decorations at night, accompanied by live music in the living room and light refreshments in the Carriage House. Admission is \$15 for the general public, \$10 for museum members, and free for children 17 and under. Tickets will be available at the Carriage House on the evening of each event.

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New limit on student smartphone use in California schools July 2026

Gov. Gavin Newsom recently signed controversial legislation requiring California school districts to limit student smartphone use during the school day by July 2026.

The Phone-Free School Act — AB 3216 — makes California the fifth state to require all public schools to restrict student phone use on school grounds.

“We know that excessive smartphone use increases anxiety, depression and other mental health issues — but we have the power to intervene,” Newsom said in a statement. “This new law will help students focus on academics, social development and the world in front of them — not their screens — when they’re in school.”

The governor’s office said the new law will involve “significant stakeholder participation” to ensure schools’ policies are responsive to communities’ “needs and desires.”

The law says students must be allowed to use their phones in emergencies or when permitted by a teacher, administrator or doctor. Students can also use their phones if their individualized education program requires it.

Some schools in California have already limited the use of cell phones. San Mateo High School became a phone-free campus in 2019, and Los Angeles Unified School District voted earlier this summer to ban students’ use of phones beginning in 2025.



Opera on stage

Musetta (**Melissa Sonhi**) takes center stage in Opera San José’s production of “La Bohème” now through Dec. 1 at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose. *Photo credit: David Allen*



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Reflecting on election results need not divide local populace

By Matt Mahan

I know many of us are reflecting upon and worried about the level of division in our nation after this election. Whether you were happy with the results, terrified by them or sitting somewhere in between, I want to remind you of one important thing:

Here at the local level, we have more that unites us than divides us. We all want the same thing for our city and our families — we want a safe, clean San Jose. We want to see an end to homelessness and an increase in economic vibrancy. We want to live in a city with opportunities for our kids and accountability for results from our government.

That’s what I’ll be focused on these next four years — delivering results that will positively impact your everyday lives. I think we all know there will be

argument, distraction and half-baked ideas floated at higher levels of government. I want to make a promise to you now — I will not get distracted by what’s going on in D.C. I will stand up for the needs of our city, when necessary, but I will not play partisan games with your lives. I will not abandon our revolution of common sense or our mission to create the city we all want to live in.

We have a lot to celebrate here at the local level. We have a new Congressman who knows our city well and will fight for our interests in D.C. We have new council members who are ready to dedicate themselves to getting our city back to basics. And with the overwhelming passage of Prop 36, we have new tools that our judges can use to hold people accountable for accessing the addiction treatment they need to turn their lives around.

No matter your views, the most powerful thing we can do is come together with the understanding that we will never agree on everything, but we can agree on enough to move forward a shared vision for the future.

I hope you join us at an upcoming community clean-up to hear from your neighbors and help create the change you want to see.



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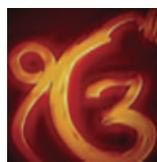
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