

Mayor and Council Offices

Memorandum

Date: February 22, 2022

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

Subject: Adjournment of the February 22, 2022 City Council and Stadium Authority Meeting

Please adjourn the February 22, 2022 City Council and Stadium Authority meeting in memory of the following individuals:

Jean Kirby, Santa Clara Resident and Former Great America Theme Park and North Valley Baptist School Employee

- Jean Magaling Kirby was born June 7, 1971, in Bagna Malolos Bulacan, the Philippines, to Virgilio and Corazon Magaling. She was the oldest of four sisters, Alma, Catherine, and Connie.
- Although the family didn't have much materially, her parents instilled a great love of family and a strong work ethic that would serve Jean well throughout her life. Jean graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce.
- Jean immigrated to the United States in 1991 where she met her husband William, and they were married on May 13, 1995.
- Jean became a Naturalized U.S. Citizen in 2006.
- Jean was devoted member of the North Valley Baptist Church where she served in the church nursery and was a faithful choir member. In whatever capacity she could serve, she did so with all her heart.
- Jean worked as a staff accountant at Great America Theme Park for seventeen years before becoming a staff member at North Valley Baptist Schools in Santa Clara.
- Jean's heart was immediately knitted to the school, its students, and its faculty and one of her greatest joys was working alongside North Valley Baptist Schools staff.
- Jean will always be remembered by her friends and family for her warm smile and sweet spirit, always ready to lend a helping hand.
- Jean lost a courageous 15-year battle to cancer and passed away on January 11th.
- Jean is survived by her husband William and four children, Lauren Nicole, Jessica Lynn, and Ethan Michael.

Gerri K. Gamma, Santa Clara Resident, and former City of Santa Clara Cultural Commission member. (Request from Councilmember Chahal to Read)

- Gerri K. Gamma was born on September 18, 1934 in Walla Walla, Washington to Edward and Lorna Roach. She was the oldest of three other siblings, William, David, and Jacklyn.
- In 1953, Gerri, along with her mother and siblings, moved to Santa Clara.
- Gerri and her husband Ray were married on April 17, 1954.
- Gerri was a lifetime member of the Santa Clara American Legion Auxiliary, a member of Santa Clara Woman's Club, the Cupertino Woman's Club, the Santa Clara Sister Cities, and served as a member of the City of Santa Clara Cultural Commission.
- Gerri has touched everyone's life in a positive way and will be missed by all who knew her.
- Her husband Ray sums it up by saying that she was an extraordinary person and should be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for putting up with him for 68 years, 10 months, and 29 days.
- Gerri passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.
- Gerri is survived by her husband Ray, two sons, Richard Martin and Raymond Craig, a retired City of Santa Clara Fire Inspector, Daughter-in-law Tami and three granddaughters, Tiffany, Breanna, and Hailey.