



# City of Santa Clara

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Mayor and Council Offices

## Memorandum

**Date:** September 17, 2019

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

**Subject:** Adjournment of the September 17, 2019 City Council Meeting

Please adjourn the September 17, 2019 City Council meeting in memory of the following individuals:

### **Philip Tom, longtime Santa Clara resident**

- Philip Tom was born in Honolulu Hawaii on January 12, 1936.
- He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 through 1959 and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 through 1968 where he served a year in Vietnam during the war.
- Mr. Tom was married in 1965, and moved to Santa Clara in 1969, where he raised his family and lived until his death until his death.
- He was employed by several different airlines during the years following his time in the military. After working a year at Underwriters Laboratories, he joined Lockheed Missiles and Space Company and continued there until he retired in 1998 at the age of 62.
- Mr. Tom raised four children and spent much of his spare time woodworking and tinkering with cars.
- During retirement he helped to raise his grandchildren, supported children around the world through various charities, and enjoyed spending time with his wife.
- Mr. Tom passed away on September 4, 2019.

### **Former Santa Clara Mayor and Councilmember James Viso**

- James Viso was born in San Jose, California on February 14, 1930. The son of the late Charles S. and Jessie D. Viso, he grew up in Santa Clara, California and graduated from Lincoln High School.
- His first job was bagging groceries in his parents' Santa Clara store. Mr. Viso went on to own some of the region's most respected businesses, including James J. Viso Engineering, Inc., and El Camino Self Storage.
- He played numerous key roles in the evolution of the Santa Clara community. Through the years, Mr. Viso served the City of Santa Clara as Mayor and City Councilmember. He was active on the Santa Clara University Board of Fellows, and he instrumental in the development of California's Great America theme park.
- Mr. Viso passed away on September 11, 2019; he was preceded in death by the love of his life, Vincee Viso, whom he married in 1949, and is survived by his:
  - Son and daughter-in-law Charles and Cherry Lou Viso of San Jose

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- Daughter Maggie Smith of Reno, Nevada
- Daughter and son-in-law Jessica Viso-Kull and Kirk Kull of Santa Clara
- Daughter Vanessa Viso of Morgan Hill
- Son and daughter-in-law Joseph and Lisa Viso of San Jose
- Son Jason Viso of Honolulu, Hawaii
- 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren

**Cc: City Clerk**