

Mayor and Council Offices Memorandum

Date:

April 20, 2021

To:

Mayor and City Council

From:

Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

Subject: Adjournment of the April 20, 2021 City Council Meeting

Please adjourn the April 20, 2021 Council meeting in memory of the following individuals:

Lucille O'Dea Ratermann, Mother of Andy Ratermann, Board Member of the Santa Clara Unified School District

- Lucille O'Dea Ratermann was born in Sacramento on May 22, 1927, to William Joseph O'Dea and Elizabeth Mary O'Dea.
- Lucille met her husband, Andrew Ratermann, at the Newman Club at the Cathedral of Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento in 1946, and they were married in 1948.
- Lucille and Andrew loved to dance and travel, often capturing the world in their sketchbooks. As an accomplished artist, Lucille leaves a legacy of "Artful Creations" in oil, watercolor, and pastel.
- Just as Lucille brought scenes to life on canvas, she also brought color and joy to the lives of all those she knew.
- She served as a chairperson of the Red Cross in Florence, South Carolina. She also taught children at both St. Anthony Catholic Church in Florence, South Carolina and St. Victor Catholic Church in San Jose, CA.
- Lucille was always dedicated to her family and will be remembered as she was in life: reading tea leaves, singing an Irish ditty, and taking care of others.
- Lucille O'Dea Ratermann passed away on the morning of March 26, 2021, in Lincoln, California, at the age of 93.
- She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew, to whom she was happily married for 67 years. She was also predeceased by her sisters, Katherine Lambert, Charlotte Montgomery, and Annie Odbert.
- She is survived by two sons and their families, Andrew (Caren) and his two children, Andrew and Katie; and George (Dawn) and their children, Mary and (Nic) Carter (and their children Rhye and Avila Carter), William, Marie, and Molly. She is also survived by her sister, Jane Cook.
- She will deeply missed by all who had the good fortune of knowing her.

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Joel Zuzzman, Long-Term Santa Clara Resident

- Joel Zussman was born on May 6, 1947.
- Originally from New York, Joel was a long-term Santa Clara resident.
- Joel graduated from City University of New York and retired from the Air Force after a career in electronics.
- Joel loved to bowl at Homestead Bowl; he played for two leagues and served as secretary. Even after he couldn't bowl anymore, he was always there to help his bowling teammates and was always happy to help them with computer issues.
- Joel was a frequent visitor to the Reed Street Dog Park and Marsalli Dog Park with his wonderful fur baby, Chewy. He was always up for a chat with a smile on his face and always had a positive disposition.
- Joel was a true friend to many but none more than to his friend of 20 years, Frank Chambers. Joel and Frank became good comrades as Frank was formerly with the U.S. Coast Guard. They supported each other through life's ups and downs over those 20 years.
- They shared similar health issues and would talk about how they cheated death so many times. Frank shared how Joel always had a great sense of humor and loved to socialize.
- Joel Zuzzman passed away on April 4, 2021. He was predeceased by his beloved wife MaryAnn.
- He is survived by his daughter, Caroline Zuzzman, her husband Charles, and beloved grandchildren Rachel and Little Charlie. He was a cherished and special friend to many, especially to his dear friend Frank Chambers.

Chih Chin Sun Chu, Mother of Kansen Chu, Former California State Assemblymember for District 25

- Chih Chin was born in Lujiang, Anhui Province, China on October 15, 1921, as the second child of Yu Ren Sun and Chi Lan Pan, the younger sister of Chih Ming Sun, and the older sister of Chih Ree Sun.
- She finished high school while escaping the Japanese invasion of Eastern and Central China with her siblings in the late 1930's. She eventually graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from Yun Nan University in Kunming near the end of the Sino-Japanese War.

- Chih Chin was married to Cheh Chu, a Nationalist Chinese Air Force officer on May 5, 1946, in Nanjing, China. The couple and their eldest son Chaosheng retreated to Taiwan with the military in December 1948.
- Chih Chin was a dedicated wife and mother of four who looked after the well-being of the entire family and inspired higher education and strong moral integrity in her children's upbringing.
- Chih Chin immigrated to the United States with her entire family during the 1970's and had since been a loyal U.S. citizen and California state resident.
- Chih Chin Sun Chu passed away on April 9, 2021, in her home in San Jose at the age of 99. She is survived by her loving children Chaosheng, Wensen, Kansen, and Jimmy Chu; grandchildren Jennifer, Wesley, Karen, Ann, Valerie, Walter, and Ellen Chu; and six great grandchildren. She was an inspiration to all who knew her.