



Date: May 26, 2020
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council
Subject: Adjournment of the May 26, 2020 City Council Meeting

Please adjourn the May 26, 2020 City Council meeting in memory of the following individuals:

Bernardino R. Laroya, Long-Term Santa Clara Resident

- Bernardino R. Laroya was a 44-year resident of Santa Clara. He immigrated to California from the Philippines as a teenager and later served 8 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, and fought in the Vietnam War.
- After his service, he moved his young family to a new neighborhood in North Santa Clara to work at General Radio in the heart of Silicon Valley in 1976.
- After his retirement as a machinist, Bernardino frequented the Santa Clara Senior Center gym most weekday mornings.
- Bernardino was known by family and friends in the neighborhood as a mild-mannered and hard-working family man.
- Bernardino resided in Santa Clara until his passing on April 15, 2020 at the age of 79. He left behind his wife of 57 years, Florie, his two sons and three grandchildren.

Sam Gil, Life-Long Santa Clara Resident

- Sam "Sammy" Gil was born on January 21, 1932.
- Sammy was a barber at Sam and Roy's Barber Shop in Franklin Square for close to 50 years.
- He was married to Bertha, his childhood sweetheart, for what would have been 69 years on May 27, 2020.
- A favorite saying Sammy heard in Spain was "It is better to be, than seem to be."
- Sammy passed away peacefully on May 14, 2020 and is survived by his beloved children Barry and Bruce, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Raphael Roman Jimenez, Long Time Santa Clara Resident

- Rafael Roman Jimenez was born on March 1, 1923.
- Rafael served in the US Marines and was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.
- Those close to Raphael knew him as a kind and caring individual who loved his family deeply.
- He passed away with his family and friends at his side on May 18, 2020.

Sahm Joushanpoosh, Beloved Team Member and Founding Member of A Slice of New York Workers Cooperative

- Sahm Joushanpoosh was raised in San Jose and was a union butcher for 12 years before joining A Slice of New York in 2015.
- He was immediately able to translate his skills, work ethic, love of life, and larger-than-life personality to the pizza community. The Stevens Creek shop in Santa Clara was his home.
- Sahm became a Founding Member of the A Slice of New York Workers co-op, served on the first Board of Directors as the Chair, was a member of the Culture and Accountability Committee, and did initial orientation for new trainees.
- We've also seen Sahm here in Council Chambers, particularly during last year's study session on worker cooperatives.
- On Sunday, May 24 at the age of 37, he lost his battle to liver and kidney failure, unrelated to COVID-19. However, because of the coronavirus pandemic, hospital visits were not allowed.
- His immediate family was able to see him during his final days, and his A Slice of New York crew were able to share encouraging words on speakerphone as his trusted friend and colleague was at his side the evening before he passed.
- Sahm will be greatly missed by his team, as well as his regular customers who he knew by name.