



Date: November 1, 2022

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

Subject: Adjournment of the November 1, 2022 City Council and Special Stadium Authority Meeting

Please adjourn the November 1, 2022 City Council and Authorities Concurrent and Special Stadium Authority meeting in memory of:

John D. Chaves, Resident (read by Councilmember Chahal)

- John D. Chaves, the son of Jose Salvador Chaves and Elvira do Nascimento Paixão, was born on February 12th 1928, in a small village in Northern Portugal called Beselga, near the city of Viseu.
- In the late 1940s, soon after serving in the Portuguese Army, John moved to Angola, Southwestern coast of Africa, to begin a new life. On January 8, 1956, he married, Vivelina Maria Branco da Rocha Salvador.
- He was a small business owner with a retail store run by him and his wife. He also ran a trucking business. On occasion he would use his trucks for volunteer use and donate truckloads of sand and cement for local causes.
- On August 6, 1975, the long civil war conflict came to John's hometown. That same day he and his family joined a convoy of refugees headed south to Nova Lisboa, a city where the International Red Cross was transporting war refugees to safety. Soon after, they were on a TWA flight to Portugal.
- On August 6, 1976, the family's saga as war refugees ended when they landed at Los Angeles airport and began their new journey of rebuilding their lives in this foreign country which they grew to love.

- John was a man of strong character rooted in family moral values and instilled the importance of integrity, respect, responsibility, honesty, hard work, cooperation, generosity, compassion, bravery, gratitude, kindness and humor.
- John loved life and living and especially enjoyed his neighborhood on Berna Street, here in Santa Clara where he would talk to his neighbors. May he rest in peace.