



**Item # 2D Neighborhood  
University  
Relations Committee  
(NURC) - Restructuring**

**December 2, 2024**



# NURC Background

- **Established in 1990** to review student housing issues (formerly Student Housing Committee).
- **June 2006**, Council combined the Santa Clara University/City Liaison Committee and the NURC due to their similar topics and established a meeting process. The NURC was a standing committee, meeting once a year, with a Task Force to address issues relating to the NURC, meeting two to four times a year and reporting to the NURC.
- The new NURC established **a forum for on-going communication and problem solving among City officials, neighborhoods, property owners and Santa Clara University officials and students.**
- **June 23, 2009**, NURC established a schedule of 3 meetings per year (October /November, February and April/May) to allow for more time for dialogue.



# Team 300

- Established in 2016
- An “Internal Team” to deal with enforcement issues in the University area that meets monthly to coordinate, exchange information, and problem solve issues that arise.
- This team is comprised of staff from:
  - Planning Code Enforcement
  - Public Works Streets Division (trash/recycling)
  - Police Department
  - SCU Security
  - SCU Off-Campus Student Life staff
  - Property Managers
  - Old Quad Residents Association Representative



# **NURC Structure**

## **Current Committee make up includes:**

- Three Councilmembers
- with University staff and residents in attendance

## **Other university-community collaborations (San Luis Obispo County & Newton, MA) have Committee comprised of:**

- Resident
- University staff
- University student
- Local government officials



# Potential Restructure

## **A proposed Restructure of NURC Committee could include:**

- Two City Council members (versus the three members now)
- One neighborhood representative
- One Santa Clara University representative
- One appointed Santa Clara University student



# Oversight

- Currently Community Development Department provides primary staff support and serve in an advisory role to the NURC. There had not been City Manager Office participation in several years.
- Going forward, oversight of the Committee will be provided by the City Manager's Office, Reena Brilliot Director of Economic Development & Sustainability.
- Continued participation and coordination with all current Departments that participate including Community Development (Planning & Code Enforcement Divisions) and Police.



# Referral Items Process

- Currently NURC functions as a collaboration forum with no venue for referral items for staff research or work.
- Referral requests can be vetted by the full City Council after assessed for the impact to staff resources or budget. Such referral requests from NURC can be proposed to be considered through the Council's annual Priority Setting Process.



**Feedback?**



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