



Date: January 13, 2026
To: Mayor and Council
From: Mayor & Council Office
Subject: Adjournment of the January 13, 2026, Council & Authorities Concurrent Meeting

Adjournment

To be read by Mayor Gillmor

Please adjourn the January 13, 2026, meeting in memory of Raymond G. Gamma.

- Raymond G. Gamma of Santa Clara passed away on January 4, 2026.
- A Santa Clara native, son of Portuguese emigrants from Madeira Island, Raymond grew up on Scott & Monroe Streets, attended Fremont Grammar School, Santa Clara Intermediate School and graduated from Santa Clara High School Class of 1947.
- Raymond then enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve and from 1947 to June 1950, served in the U.S. Air Force January 1951; served in Korea in 1953, and was honorably discharged in 1955.
- He served with dedication for 8 years in the City of Santa Clara Fire Department, over 9 years as Deputy Fire Marshal in the Santa Clara County Fire Marshal's Office, he went on to serve in the Fire Department with the cities of Fremont and Daly City, and then eleven more years with Stanford University Fire service before retiring in 1994.
- Raymond also served as a local volunteer in many organizations such as
 - Veterans of Foreign Wars
 - Santa Clara Veterans' Memorial Committee
 - Portuguese Heritage Society of California
 - Elks Lodge 2347
 - Santa Clara Police Activities League, including serving as president in 1982
 - Agnews State Hospital Advisory Board, recipient of the Austen Warburton Service Award from the Mission City Community Fund
 - Parks & Recreation Commission
 - Member of American Legion Post 419
 - Santa Clara Sister Cities Association



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- In 2014, Raymond served as the City of Santa Clara's official tree lighter at its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.
 - In 2016, the City Council passed a resolution declaring and renaming the Reed Street Dog Park the "Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park."
 - Mr. Gamma was recognized for his amazing accomplishments as a tireless public servant throughout his residency in Santa Clara. He made ongoing community wide contributions over a lifetime that helped inspire residents and visitors to engage in self-giving public service.