

Mayor and Council Offices Memorandum

Date:

September 29, 2020

To:

Mayor and City Council

From:

Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

Subject: Adjournment of the September 29, 2020 City Council Meeting

Please adjourn the September 29, 2020 City Council meeting in memory of the following individuals:

Richard James (Rick) Wittmayer, son of founder of Stan's Donut Shop and Long-Term Santa Clara Resident

- Rick Wittmayer was born on October 14, 1952 to Stanford (Stan) and Tina Wittmayer.
- He worked faithfully at Stan's Donut Shop alongside his father, Stan, where he loved giving something special to the community of Santa Clara.
- Rick made his family so proud with his dedication to our country and time spent in the Army. He always talked about picking pineapples in Hawaii while in the service.
- His biggest loves were God, his family including his two daughters, his parents, and his eight siblings; music, and golf (where he scored 2 holes in one at one of his favorite hangouts, Pruneridge Golf Course).
- Rick also had a special bond with his French Bulldog, Baggz, who he treated as his son.
- As an avid gamer, Rick, loved playing video with his best friend, Tyler Bernath, for over 15 years. At 65, he started a YouTube channel called Gaming in Your 60s, where he would give gaming tutorials.
- Rick passed away on August 21, 2020 at the age of 67.
- He is survived by his daughters, Nicole and Carly, who were the lights of his life.

Linda Jeanne Eserini, Long-Term Santa Clara Resident and Former Member of the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

- Linda Eserini was born on October 2, 1948 in McCook, Nebraska to Bill and Dorothy Squires.
- She relocated with her family to California when she was very young.
- At the age of 20, Linda met her husband William "Bill" Eserini and married him in Reno three (3) months later.

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- Linda was an active member of the Santa Clara United Methodist Church, the Italian Catholic Federation, the Santa Clara Elks Club, the Red Hat Society, and the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association.
- Linda passed away on September 5, 2020.
- She is survived by her husband of 51 years Bill, her sons Mathew and Andrew, and her grandchildren Beverly and Joseph. She will be greatly missed by all whose lives were touched by her love and kindness.

Barbara Kolb, Long-Term Santa Clara Resident

- Barbara Kolb was born on June 19, 1924 in Spokane, Washington and grew up in Glendale and Oakland, California.
- A classic World War II love story, Barbara met Bill Kolb at a USO (United Service Organizations) dance at the Alameda Naval Air Station. A marriage proposal in a rowboat on Lake Merritt was followed by a wedding and honeymoon bus trip to the California state capitol, Sacramento.
- Thus, began a marriage of 58 years, a family with ten children, and truly everlasting love.
- Barbara was a loving and supportive mother, who supported her children's personal endeavors and
 was an active parent volunteer with the Santa Clara Swim Club throughout the 1960s and 1970s, and
 the Santa Clara Junior Theater through the 1970s and 1980s.
- She was an amazing role model of civic responsibility as she worked on local, state, congressional, and presidential campaigns.
- Barbara donated to a variety of charities to protect children, Native Americans, endangered animals, and the environment, as well as to support Special Olympics, cancer research, and political candidates.
- Throughout her 96-years, Barbara was ever-curious. An avid reader, in addition to countless novels, she read the newspaper every morning to stay informed and active in her community, country, and the world.
- Barbara passed away on September 9, 2020 at the age of 96.
- She is survived by her children, Mary Gilbert, Kathy Imwalle, Claudia Thomas, Peggy Aaron, Glenn Kolb, Amy Tucker, Pam Treder, Debbie Viloria, Suzy Andrade and Leslie McCoy, her nine sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, fifteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, countless nieces, nephews and several 'honorary children'.