



Date: November 17, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

Subject: Adjournment of the November 17, 2020 City Council Meeting

Please adjourn the November 17, 2020 City Council meeting in memory of the following individuals:

John Fontana, Former Planning Commissioner and Life-Long Resident of Santa Clara

- John Fontana was born in Santa Clara, California on October 10, 1923.
- John attended Santa Clara High School and graduated from San Jose Technical High School in 1943. He then graduated from San Jose State in 1950 with a BA degree in law enforcement.
- John met his wife of 66 years, Delphine, in October of 1950, and they were married at St. Clare Church on October 5, 1952.
- John enlisted in the US Army and served in World War II and the Korean War. He remained in the Army Reserves as a Colonel until his retirement as in October 1983.
- After active duty he worked as a Deputy Sheriff for Santa Clara County. John worked for Transport Indemnity for 15 years before becoming self-employed in 1965 as an Insurance Adjuster/Investigator.
- John also served on the Santa Clara Planning Commission from 1964 through 1975.
- John spent his leisure time gardening, golfing, and taking much pride in his beautiful yard. He especially enjoyed his azaleas and a good Manhattan.
- John Fontana passed away peacefully in his home October 31, 2020.
- He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Delphine along with siblings, Emilio, Emma, and Angelina. John is survived by his son Steven (Lisa), daughter Stefani and grandchildren Scott (Nicole), Kevin (Morgan) and great granddaughter Kennedy, sisters-in-law Marlene Vaughn and Marilyn Fernandes, and many nieces and nephews.

Ray Augustine Russo, Sr., Long-Term Santa Clara Resident and Former Head Groundskeeper at Santa Clara City Hall

- Ray Augustine Russo was born on August 7, 1929, in San Jose, California. He was the only child of John and Mary Russo, immigrants to the United States from Tricarico, Italy.
- Growing up amidst the orchards of Almaden, Ray was an active and athletic child. He eventually took his talent to the football field for Campbell High School.
- After graduating from Campbell High, Ray proudly served his country by enlisting in the United States Navy.
- While home on leave, Ray met the love of his life, Carmen Marchese, at a local grocery store. They continued their courtship even while he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan.
- On April 19, 1953, Ray and Carmen were married and remained lovingly devoted to each other for the next 67 years.
- For over 40 of those years, Ray and Carmen lived on the family ranch in Santa Clara. Their son, Ray Russo Jr. was born in 1960 and their daughter Camille was born in 1962.
- A devoted husband and father, Ray Sr. shared a passion for cars with his son and fishing off the pier in Santa Cruz with his family.
- Not only was Ray an extraordinary husband and father, he was also a well-respected, hardworking man.
- During his golden years, Ray enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, Tyler and Jacqueline Filizetti. He shared his love of sports with Tyler, attending all of Tyler's ice hockey and baseball games and watching many 49er games with him.
- Ray passed away on November 4, 2020, with his loving wife by his side. Ray is survived by his wife, Carmen Russo; his daughter, Camille Filizetti and son-in-law Joseph Filizetti; his son, Ray Russo Jr.; and his grandchildren Tyler and Jacqueline Filizetti.