



Date: February 9, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

Subject: Adjournment of the February 9, 2021 City Council and Special Stadium Authority Meeting

Please adjourn the February 9, 2021 City Council and Special Stadium Authority meeting in memory of the following individuals:

Bessie A. Vizzusi-Gruhlke, Long Term Santa Clara Resident and Former Senior Advisory Commissioner

- Bessie Vizzusi-Gruhlke was born on October 26, 1919.
- Bessie had a great love for the City of Santa Clara. She resided on Sunlite Drive for decades in a home she shared with her second husband Robert Gruhlke.
- Bessie showed her dedication to the City by volunteering at the Santa Clara Senior Center in many different capacities.
- She was a member of the Senior Advisory Commission from 1995-2005 where she championed the expansion and renovation of the largest Senior Center in Santa Clara Valley.
- She was an active member of the Santa Clara Women's League which supports Santa Clara seniors to live independently in their own homes with support from Senior Center staff and volunteers.
- She was a long time Senior Center volunteer who always worked her shift at the snack bar and shared her rich historical knowledge and wonderful stories, to all who stopped by for a cup of coffee.
- Recognizing her work in the community, she was honored as a Holiday Tree Lighter by the City Council.
- Through the Santa Cruz Community Foundation, Bessie routinely made donations to the Santa Clara Senior Center in support of their various programs including Health and Wellness, Care Management, Fitness Center, and Wood Shop.
- Bessie Vizzusi-Gruhlke passed away on January 12, 2021, at the age of 101. She was preceded in death by her first husband Peter Vizzusi and her second husband Bob Gruhlke. She is survived by her son Peter Vizzusi, Jr.
- Bessie was a joy to work with and enjoyed the company of fellow seniors and Women's League members. She always had a smile on her face and a wonderful story to share. She'll be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Alice Kay Gold Alder, Long Term Santa Clara Resident and Former Substitute Teacher with the Santa Clara Unified School District

- Alice Kay Gold Alder was born in Ogden, Utah on April 22, 1943.
- Shortly after her birth, her family moved to Virginia, where she spent most of her youth in Abingdon, Virginia.
- Alice graduated from Abingdon High School in 1961 and began her study in Medical Technology at Utah State University.
- She married Boyd Alder in 1965 and they moved to the Washington DC area where Alice completed a one-year internship at Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, Virginia. She received her diploma from Utah State University.
- Later that year, she and Boyd moved to Santa Clara, California, where she worked at Stanford and Kaiser hospitals as a medical technologist. Alice then took a break from her career to raise her family of three boys (Daniel, Douglas, and Chris) and two daughters (Renae Holbrook and Kim Bond).
- Alice was a substitute teacher for many years with the Santa Clara Unified School District.
- She was a very active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, having served in several capacities, where she used her talents to help others.
- Alice Alder passed away at her home on January 31, 2021, after fighting cancer for 4 years. She is survived by her husband, Boyd, her 5 children, and 20 grandchildren.