



**Date:** April 6, 2021  
**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council  
**Subject:** Adjournment of the April 6, 2021 City Council Meeting

Please adjourn the April 6, 2021 Council and Authorities Concurrent meeting in memory of the following individual:

**Donald Herbelin, Long-Term Santa Clara Resident**

- Donald "Don" Herbelin was born in Los Angeles on November 22, 1938, the son of a pharmacist and WWII veteran and a first-generation Italian American homemaker. He was the oldest of three siblings.
- Don began serving his community with the 163<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Group of the California Air National Guard, stationed at the Ontario National Guard base.
- Don married Suzanne Brush in March 1965, and saw his family grow to include four children and six grandchildren.
- He served as an active citizen in Santa Clara for over 40 years. Upon moving to Santa Clara, Don worked as a Teamsters truck driver for over 30 years and was a long-time parishioner at St. Lawrence the Martyr Catholic Church.
- Don enjoyed a variety of activities as an adult, ranging from firing the starting pistol at swim meets to shooting actual pistols at the firing range, to fishing in the Sacramento River Delta.
- After retiring, Don pursued civic interests and attended Santa Clara City Council meetings.
- Don was a staunch supporter of Bay Area sports teams and was an even greater fan of his grandchildren.
- Just as he had done for his own children, Don cheered his six grandchildren in all their endeavors, whether they played sports or musical instruments, debated, or competed in other academic activities.
- When his wife joined him in retirement in 2017, Don moved to Sacramento County to be closer to his children and grandchildren.
- Don continued his civic engagement with the City of Elk Grove, participating in the Elk Grove Police Department's Citizens Academy and kept up his social engagement with

his retirement community.

- Don also developed a new hobby in retirement - photography, to chronicle both the activities of his grandchildren and his travels with his wife.
- Donald Herbelin passed away on March 8, 2021, at the age of 82. He will be fondly remembered by his family, friends, and all who knew him.