



## District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

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### *Meeting Minutes*

*September 1, 2016 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM*

**Village Square Library (4001 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose)**

**Members present;** Josh Barousse, Steve Bennette, Sherry Gilmore, Kent Girabaldi, Derek Grasty, Marilyn Leonard, Sophie Maestras, Paul Perreira, Tony Qin, Burton Smith, Pat Waite, Glen Wetzell, Jim Zito

**Guests present;** Lorena Chavez, Pattie Cortese, Jordan Eldridge, Dominic Longarini, Craig Mann, Lara McCabe, Lan Nguyen, Rex Randles, Sandi Randles, John Varela

1. **Call to Order** – @ 7:08pm

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion to accept by Steve Bennette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry Gilmore (passed)

3. **Guest Speaker**

John Varela, District 1 Board Member and Vice Chair made a presentation of the Water District's quarterly newsletter. Residents conserved 27% in 2015. Target conservation for 2016 is 20%. District is focusing on expanding storage capability. There is a tour of the water recycling facility scheduled for 9/17/16 from 9:00 – 12:30. Attendance is limited to 50 people.

4. **School District Updates**

a) Evergreen Valley College: Henry Yong, President discussed the improvements made possible by bond measures passed by voters in 1998, 2004, and 2010; one such improvement was the new Math/Science/Social Science building that opened this week. Enrollment for the current semester is up 4% over last year. 650 full time students participated in a "very successful summer program." Presentation concluded with the video "Right Now," composed by a EVC student.

b) Evergreen School District: Dan Deguara, Assistant Superintendent, discussed the district's goal of collaborating with other members of the East Side Alliance to create college and career ready students. Also summarized the results of the recent strategic planning retreat attended by forty community members. The team developed five objectives for the district: 1) retain existing students and attract new ones to the district, 2) provide equitable educational resources and facilities to all students, 3) enhance the use of integration and technology by teachers, students and families, 4) achieve financial stability and sustainability for the district, and 5) attract and retain teachers and staff, especially those with special ed credentials. Mr. Deguara also presented the district's "Report to the Community." During a brief Q&A session, he discussed the pilot program for full day kindergarten, indicated that the district is fully staffed but always looking for special ed teachers, and that the district lacked the critical mass for an independent autism program, so it refers such students to the county.

c) East Side Union High School District: Glenn Vander Zee, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services presented the "Graduate Profile of East Side," the characteristics the district strives to instill in all graduates. Per the East Side Alliance objectives, the district wants graduates "ready for college, ready for career." Desired outcomes are students who are communicators,

critical thinkers, collaborators, creators, community members and powered with a plan. Mr. Vander Zee also discussed the Spartan/East Side Promise, where all graduates completing the A-G requirements are guaranteed acceptance into San Jose State University.

**5. Statements by candidates for school district boards** (listed in order of presentation)

a) Evergreen School District

Tony Qin  
Bonny Mace (read by Jim Zito)  
Lila Welch (read by daughter Brittany)

b) East Side Union High School District

Pattie Cortese  
Lan Nguyen  
Derek Grasty  
Lorena Chavez

c) San Jose/Evergreen Community College District

Rex Randles  
Craig Mann

**6. Police Department Update:** Sergeant Steve Guggiana noted that there were thirty residential burglaries in the Foothill Division in the prior month, down significantly. District Paul had 10 residential burglaries.

**7. President's Report:** Marilyn Leonard informed the meeting that the next meeting would be the October candidates' forum. The meeting will be held at Grace Church, 2650 Aborn Road (across the street from the Evergreen Library). It will begin at 6:00 with a thirty-minute presentation on the various ballot initiatives by the League of Women Voters. Separate, moderated forums featuring candidates for State Senate, State Assembly and City Council will follow.

**8. Reports from Government Offices and Commissions**

a) Mayor Liccardo presented information regarding Measure F, the San Jose pension reform initiative on the November ballot. The Mayor indicated that he could not advocate for or against the measure, as this meeting is in a city facility. He discussed the savings of Measure F versus those in Measure B, and distributed a graph of the trend in SJPD staffing. There followed a general discussion of the status of SJPD officers and staffing.

b) San Jose City Council: Day in the Park will be on October 1, from 10:00am – 3:00pm at Lake Cunningham Park.

c) State Assembly: Domenic Longarini, Field Representative for Assemblyperson Campos, summarized some of the bills passed late in the session that are awaiting signature by Governor Brown: an emergency housing bill, an equal pay bill, and after school program funding for low income families.

**8. Other business** - including comments from the public: none

**9. Adjourn @ 9:00pm**