

December 30, 2009

To: District 8 Residents and Associations

Fr: Tom Paramo, District 8 Commissioner
City of San Jose Neighborhoods Commission

Dear Evergreen Residents and Neighborhood Associations of District 8.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am a native San Josean and have resided in the Evergreen area since 1992. I am one of three commissioners selected by the residents of District 8 (Evergreen) back in the spring of 2008. Confirmation and swearing in of all commissioners took place in the fall of 2009. I and my fellow two commissioners, Matthew Wahlin and Neetu Dhaliwal, were selected by caucus to represent you and District 8's best interest to the San Jose City Council via the newly formed Neighborhoods Commission. The Commission has a total of 30 commissioners, 3 per city district. One of the main goals of the commission is to provide outreach to the citizens of San Jose. As your commissioner, I would like to ensure that your concerns and input will be represented to the city council. In order to do this, I would like to visit you and your association. I would like to come and listen to your neighborhood's concerns and issues. Also, as we all know, budgets are tight and 2010 will be very challenging. The city will be facing a \$96 million deficit and budget priorities will be analyzed starting this January. I, along with my fellow District 8 commissioners Matthew Wahlin and Neetu Dhaliwal, want to ensure that Evergreen residents' input is part of that budget discussion.

I have listed my contact information below for your convenience. Please contact me if you would like to have me visit your association's meeting. Email me if you have issues or questions. You may also place me on your group's email list, that way I can stay current with your neighborhood's issues. Finally, a calendar of your association's meetings would be helpful in my scheduling of attending neighborhood groups in District 8. I sincerely hope to hear from you and thank you for your hard work making District 8 and Evergreen one of the best places to live.

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