



# City of San José Neighborhoods Commission

District 1— Franklin Nguyen  
District 1— Gary Cunningham  
District 2—  
District 2— Perry Henry  
District 3—

District 3 – Richard Wong  
District 4 –  
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District 5 – Jewell Buchanan  
District 5 –

District 6 – Jim Carter (C)  
District 6 – Olivia Navarro  
District 7 –  
District 7 – Jonathan Velazquez  
District 8 – Nichole Edraos (VC)

District 8 –  
District 9 – Michael Young  
District 9 – Terry Martin  
District 10 – Richard Giammona  
District 10 – Nick Labosky

Commission Staff: Olympia Williams

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## SPECIAL NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION MEETING

6:30p.m. – 8 p.m.

October 14, 2020

Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82966357763>

### I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San José convened at 6:35 p.m. online. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Present Commissioners: Cunningham, Henry, Wong, Carter, Navarro, Young, and Martin.

Absent Commissioners: Nguyen, Buchanan, Velazquez, Edraos, and Giammona.

Staff: Kari Davisson, Deputy Director Rachel Roberts (Code Enforcement), SJFD Chief Sapien, Erica Ray

### II. Orders of the Day – None.

### III. Public Record – None.

### IV. Public Comment

- Suzanne Morrone, resident, shared concerns over issues with the Alviso area.
- Olivia Navarro, Neighborhoods Commissioner, suggested working with Santa Clara County and the surrounding cities to align their fireworks policies.
- Antonie Ettare, resident, wanted to know what was learned from this report
- Michael Young, Neighborhoods Commissioner, suggested SJPD conduct “buy and arrest” of illegal fireworks in the days leading up to July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- James Carter, Neighborhoods Commissioner, was curious whether there were any nationwide collaborative efforts in regards to illegal fireworks.
- Christina Morrill, resident, expressed concerned towards the effectiveness of penalties and fines for individuals who get caught using illegal fireworks.
- Susan Price, resident, expressed concern for personal safety while reporting illegal fireworks, the need for better publicity of the reporting tool, and possibly fining property owners.
- Karen Claras, resident, expressed concern for personal safety while reporting illegal fireworks and suggested more investigators and bomb squad personnel.

- Terry Martin, Neighborhoods Commissioner, discussed how in past years the number of illegal fireworks has been in decline, but this year is an anomaly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Richard Wong, Neighborhoods Commissioner, wanted to know if SJFD was working with CERT.

**V. Consent Calendar** – None.

**VI. Reports and Information Only** – None.

**VII. Old Business** – None.

**VIII. New Business**

A. San Jose Fire Department – Fireworks Report Update – Chief Robert Sapien, San Jose Fire Department

Deputy Chief Hector Estrada (SJFD) and Captain Michael Kihmm (SJPD) provided an update to the Fireworks Report.

Action: Discussion only.

**IX. Adjournment**

The Neighborhoods Commission meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.