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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 17, 2022

L.1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET AND FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

PROCEDURES:

- a. Open Public Hearing, take testimony; and
- b. Continue Public Hearing to June 7, 2022

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Dear Council, City Manager, and Staff,

I regret I cannot join you in person tonight, so I would like to join you by mail to welcome Supervisor Mitchell to our city. I am looking forward to us getting to know each other and working together.

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Budget

Parks and Community Gardens

Of course, I support funding parks and future Community Gardens to make up for what has been missing in past years. The first Community Garden in Alta Vista Park is a pilot project and will be small because of lack of space. There will be many more applications for the 26 space than can be filled, so residents in Districts 3, 4, or 5 look to the city to help find suitable space and funding for more public garden sites in their neighborhoods. I have been asking since 2017. Council people in D-3,4, and 5 were unresponsive in the past.

Permanent Low Income Housing

The Pallet Shelters are a good first step. Now is time to move forward to find funding and sites for very low income permanent housing.

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Harbor Amenities

We are on the right track. Let us move forward to seek plan and funding for major improvements, guided by resident input.

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Electric Charging

Let's do it!

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Charter

Our city will be transformed by re-thinking our charter. As it is now it is failing to serve the Public's interests. Our former city, for example, had the council members take turns being mayor. This one difference took hard politics and drama out of City Hall.

There are many more things we can change to make our government more responsive to its citizens. I will seek to discuss some ideas with Community Services, City Manager, and my councilman, in person.

Thank all of you, always, for all you do on our behalf.

I am grateful.

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