



## ***News Release***

**Office of Vice Mayor Rose Herrera**

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### **Vice Mayor Rose Herrera Commemorates National POW/MIA Recognition Day by Raising the POW/MIA Flag in City Hall Plaza**

**SAN JOSE, CA** – Recognizing the significance of flying the POW/MIA flag and in response to requests from San Jose Veteran's Groups, Vice Mayor Rose Herrera hosted a flag raising on Friday, September 18, 2015 to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Members from American Legion Post 419 performed the flag ceremony. Bugler Boyd Green provided the bugle call.

As an Air Force Veteran, and the only veteran on the 11 member City Council, Vice Mayor Herrera won support from her council colleagues to fly the POW/MIA flag at City Hall 365 days a year. Today's flag raising marks the first day that the POW/MIA flag will be flown continuously at City Hall (San Jose being the first large city in California to fly the flag at City Hall 365).

"As a Veteran, I understand the importance of remembering and honoring those soldiers who never came home from war or conflict," states Vice Mayor Herrera, "The principle of leaving no one behind — no matter the cost — is deeply embedded in the U.S. military and for our Veterans who did come home and the families who still grieve over POW/MIA victims, flying this flag provides some amount of consolation."

The event was attended by San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, Councilmembers Ash Kalra, Magdalena Carrasco, and Johnny Khamis. Veteran's groups who attended include The United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, Veteran's Supportive Agency, American Legion Posts 380, 419, 642, 809, District 13, American Legion Riders, Blue Star Moms, Disabled American Veterans of America Chapter 11, San Jose Vietnam War Memorial Foundation, Scottish

American Military Society - Post 1921, Scottish American Military Society - Region 16, Society of 40 & 8 (40/8), Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, United States Volunteers, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 344, Veterans Support Services, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 201 and Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 201.

The POW/MIA flag will be flown directly beneath the American flag in accordance with the U.S. Flag code 189. Recognition of National League of Families POW/MIA flag:

The National League of Families POW/MIA flag is hereby recognized officially and designated as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation.

### **Description of the POW/MIA Flag**

The flag is black, bearing in the center, in black and white, the emblem of the League. The emblem is a white disk bearing in black silhouette the bust of a man, watch tower with a guard holding a rifle, and a strand of barbed wire; above the disk are the white letters POW and MIA framing a white 5-pointed star; below the disk is a black and white wreath above the white motto YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

### **About Vice Mayor Rose Herrera**

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. She currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Rules and Open Government Committee and a member of the Community and Economic Development Committee, which she previously chaired, as well as the Transportation and Environment Committee, for which she is a previous Vice Chair. She also is a board member for the Capitol Corridor Joint Power Authority, Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee, Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency (governing and implementation boards), and Work2Future. Vice Mayor Herrera Chairs the League of California Cities statewide Transportation, Communication, and Public Works Committee. She serves on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors, Governance Committee, Downtown East Valley Policy Advisory Board, and as VTA Congestion Management and Planning Chair. For more information, please visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/>.

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