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Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and Councilmember Johnny Khamis Light up the New Year for Peace

SAN JOSE, CA – Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and Councilmember Johnny Khamis will gather with residents and faith leaders to celebrate new lights around the Evergreen Village Square as a symbol of hope for Peace in the New Year. “Lighting up the New Year for Peace,” will be the theme of a very special event tomorrow on Friday, January 15, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Village Square (near Aborn and Ruby Ave.).

“After the terrorist attacks around the world, and closer to home in San Bernardino, I felt a need to bring our community together as San Joseans and Americans -- to show our solidarity and support for all faith communities, celebrate our way of life, and our commitment to peace,” states Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, “San Jose represents a cross section of America, with members of almost every faith, as well as immigrants from many different countries and cultures living and working together.”

Councilmember Khamis added, “I am happy to live in a country where we have respect for one another’s cultures and it is my hope that we continue to respect one another despite the serious challenges we face - we are stronger when we stand together.”

Summerhill Homes has generously donated the beautiful lights that hang over the entrances to the square. Four, all-year strings of lights will be lit during a countdown by event attendees and guests along with a display of their chromatic color changing ability.

The Silver Creek High School Acapella Choir will open the event performing songs that invite Peace and Harmony to the community with representatives from various faith communities sharing their hope for peace in the community including the Sikh Gurdwara, the Evergreen Mosque, the Evergreen Valley Church, and the Faith Re-Entry Collaborative. The night will end with a Sing-along of “Let There Be Peace on Earth” and “Let it Be.”

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 as a member of the Community and Economic Development Committee, which she previously chaired, and 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, go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/>.

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