

TOWN OF

Sunnyvale

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The State of Our Town

As we enter 2018, it's appropriate to reflect upon the progress, prosperity and needs of the Town of Sunnyvale during the past year. As always, we must candidly evaluate the risks and opportunities that should be addressed within this year.

As I've noted many times, we are blessed to live in a community where every citizen and stakeholder is committed to maintaining Sunnyvale's special quality of life. At the top of our list of blessings is our Sunnyvale ISD as they continue their decades long legacy of creating quality educational outcomes for the young people of our community. SISD is the driver that brings many to Sunnyvale (including Cindy, our girls, and me in 1993) and provides the base for increasing property values. Another blessing is the strong and qualified members of the Town's Boards and Commissions. The diversity of experience and viewpoints of these Boards provides an environment for innovative solutions to Town challenges as their independent thinking and action ensures that the decisions for our Town are not in the hands of just a few.

During 2017, your Town Council and Staff addressed and resolved several long-standing issues while meeting new challenges with energy and a commitment to maintaining Sunnyvale's special qualities. As I've indicated in previous updates, our backgrounds and individual perspectives may vary greatly, but we all share a commitment to always work with a focus on community improvement and unity.

Some of those accomplishments and achievements during the past year include –

- Completed and approved a new Comprehensive Plan for Sunnyvale while authorizing a Master Drainage Study that will provide guidance for resolving current drainage deficiencies while providing an outline for planning for future development as our Town continues to grow.
- Continued the strategic upgrade and improvement of our roadways including Long Creek, portions of Jobson, Town East and T.C. Lupton.
- Improvements and enhancements to our Town's public safety initiatives including the purchase of a new ambulance, communication system upgrades and the expansion of our community wide siren warning system.
- Enhancements at Vineyard and Town Center parks thanks to the dedication and focus of the 4-B Development Corporation. 4-B and the Town also purchased a portion of the tract at Jobson and Tripp Road for future public use in the long term.
- Continuing expansion and improvement of Town water and sewer services as several new lines were placed into service and the new Town water tower was completed with the anticipation of

placing it in service within the first quarter of this year.

- Strengthening of the Town's economic development efforts as we approved a significant new restaurant/retail project on the southeast corner of Collins and US80 as well as a major expansion of Lineage Logistics. Launch of activity at Sunnyvale Centre has also started through the Town approval process. The spirit of partnership and collaboration, again, prevailed between Council, 4-A and 4-B Corporations as we reviewed and captured these new non-residential projects for Sunnyvale.

Opportunities for Sunnyvale in 2018 include –

- Finally completing plans for the expansion of Collins Road. This expansion is lagging to schedule and we must confirm project costs once again as to not shock and negatively impact the taxpayers of Sunnyvale.
- Turning up activity and positive outcomes for economic development. Led by our new Economic Development Director – Traci Anderson - our strategies for capture of new non-residential stakeholders must be reinforced while maintaining respect and consideration for existing residents and businesses. The collaborative effort between Staff, Council, 4-A and 4-B Corporations must maintain aggressive positions on attracting new businesses to our Town that create sustained value and enhance our community's quality of life.
- Reviewing and deciding on the deployment of a new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Sunnyvale. This UDO has been slowly moving towards approval for over one year. Resident concerns have arisen and the Council and I must carefully weigh these concerns as we attempt to harmonize and add consistency to Town ordinances and regulations.
- Continuation of roadway repairs and enhancements with North Collins and Barnes Bridge as the primary projects for this year.

Certainly, there are risks that continue –

- Council, Staff and Citizens must remain aligned and committed to the long standing strategies, land use plans, ordinances and community expectations that have been the standards of Sunnyvale for over six decades. Density management and quality growth remain the essence of our future success.
- Growth brings increased needs for infrastructure – roads, water, and public safety – and we must ensure that our planning for the expansion of our infrastructure is done in a manner that minimizes impact on the taxpayers of Sunnyvale. This is a large challenge for the Council and Staff that we must address during this next year.

In summary, the state of our precious Town is strong. I'm confident that it will remain strong and vibrant as long as Sunnyvale citizens remain involved in our decision-making processes and continue to passionately and creatively express their ideas and concerns as we all work together to keep it a very special place to live for our families and neighbors. As your Mayor, I look forward to continuing to serve and represent you through the next five months.



Sunnyvale FFA
5th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Bake-Off

Saturday, February 10th

Noon - 3 p.m. at High School Cafeteria

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