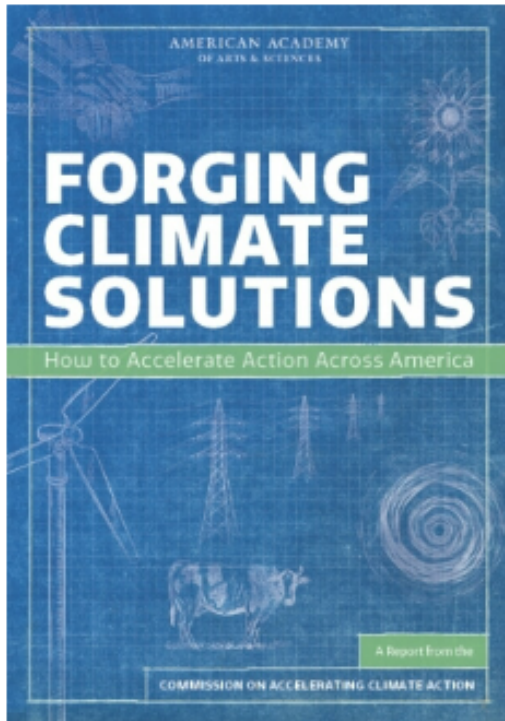


## Council Report from Councilmember John Uy November 14, 2023

### I. Council Report: Virtual Report Launch by the Commission on Accelerating Climate Action on October 24, 2023



It is with great enthusiasm and a profound sense of responsibility that I share with you the insights and inspiration derived from a recent event that I had the privilege to attend. On October 24, 2023, I participated in the Virtual Report Launch hosted by the Commission on Accelerating Climate Action of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The report, titled "*Forging Climate Solutions: How to Accelerate Action Across America*," presents a comprehensive blueprint for addressing the urgent issue of climate change in our nation.

The report launch featured prominent experts and thought leaders in the field of climate action, and it was a momentous occasion where we gathered to reflect on their work in crafting this visionary plan. I am proud to bring this report to the forefront, with the intent of making it resonate deeply with our beloved City of Del Rey Oaks.

### **Understanding the Challenge**

Momentum for climate action is growing across the United States, but this momentum has yet to be translated into consistent and effective policies. Climate change threatens communities, including ours, in ways that demand an immediate and unified response. This report addresses the vital need for a whole-of-society approach to tackle the climate crisis, one that respects justice, pragmatism, and accountability.

### **Five Key Strategies**

The report outlines five critical strategies for accelerating climate action, and I believe these strategies can guide our local efforts in Del Rey Oaks:

#### **1. Prioritize Equity, Fairness, and Justice in Climate Action**

- RECOMMENDATION 1.1: Prioritize investment in our community, particularly those most vulnerable to climate change impacts.

- RECOMMENDATION 1.2: Build our community's capacity for climate action by engaging diverse voices and removing barriers.
- RECOMMENDATION 1.3: Integrate the knowledge and wisdom of our frontline communities and indigenous perspectives into our climate efforts.

## **2. Engage and Educate Diverse Communities**

- RECOMMENDATION 2.1: Empower diverse and trusted messengers to communicate the urgency of climate change.
- RECOMMENDATION 2.2: Celebrate and support concrete commitments to climate action in our local government, businesses, community groups, and NGOs.
- RECOMMENDATION 2.3: Counter climate misinformation and expand access to climate education in our schools and throughout our community.

## **3. Mobilize Investment**

- RECOMMENDATION 3.1: Innovate and evaluate policies that advance clean technologies.
- RECOMMENDATION 3.2: Correct historical underinvestment in marginalized communities by leveraging infrastructure modernization.
- RECOMMENDATION 3.3: Incentivize the retirement of high-emission facilities and vulnerable infrastructure, ensuring a cleaner and more resilient future.
- RECOMMENDATION 3.4: Streamline permitting processes and enhance corporate transparency in assessing climate-related risks.
- RECOMMENDATION 3.5: Strengthen corporate accountability in measuring and disclosing climate-related risks.

## **4. Deploy Diverse Options for Controlling Emissions**

- RECOMMENDATION 4.1: Implement a fair carbon price to drive demand for low-emission technologies.
- RECOMMENDATION 4.2: Collaborate with international allies to align trade rules in favor of emissions reductions.
- RECOMMENDATION 4.3: Focus on controlling non-CO2 greenhouse gases and climate-warming aerosols for the well-being of our community.
- RECOMMENDATION 4.4: Encourage local farmers and landowners to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance carbon sequestration.
- RECOMMENDATION 4.5: Support nature-based climate solutions, promoting a sustainable and resilient environment.

## **5. Ensure Adaptation at All Levels of Society**

- RECOMMENDATION 5.1: Invest in comprehensive adaptation plans by collaborating with federal, state, and local entities, ensuring justice-centered voices are heard.
- RECOMMENDATION 5.2: Enhance coordination and accessibility of existing climate resources and investments.
- RECOMMENDATION 5.3: Diversify our portfolio of adaptation options, protecting our community against specific threats and building resilience.

- RECOMMENDATION 5.4: Identify and eliminate perverse incentives that hinder our ability to understand and respond to climate-related risks.

## **Embracing the Challenge**

The Commission's recommendations provide a clear path for cities to address the climate crisis while promoting justice, equity, and environmental sustainability. I urge our community to embrace this challenge with open arms, knowing that it will bring us closer to a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable future.

The time for action is now, and the future of Del Rey Oaks, our beloved city, depends on our collective commitment to these principles. Let us heed the call of the Commission and build a united front to protect our environment and secure a brighter future for all residents of Del Rey Oaks.

I look forward to engaging with you, our valued residents, to discuss how we can apply these recommendations to our local context and move forward together on this important journey. You can access and read the report in detail at <https://www.amacad.org/climate>.

## **II. Council Report: Regular Meeting of the DRO City Council on October 24, 2023**

### **A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation**

I have the privilege to share with you the profound and heartwarming moments we experienced during our last regular City Council meeting on October 24, 2023. In that meeting, the City Council, with the leadership of Mayor Scott Donaldson, came together to issue a proclamation in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Councilmember Bill Ragsdale-Cronin read the proclamation.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month has been recognized annually throughout October, and it holds immense significance for our community, as it reminds us of the challenges and triumphs of countless individuals in Del Rey Oaks who have faced or continue to battle breast cancer. I am delighted to convey the essence of this proclamation and what it means for our beautiful city.



**Understanding the Proclamation**



The proclamation issued by the City Council for Breast Cancer Awareness Month serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing battle against breast cancer and the importance of early detection and support for those affected by this disease. We recognize that breast cancer remains one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers among women, touching the lives of mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends in our community.

It's essential to acknowledge the historical significance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which began in 1985 as a partnership between the American Cancer Society and Imperial Chemical Industries Pharmaceuticals (AstraZeneca). This collaboration laid the foundation for the global awareness campaign we see today.

**Honoring Those Affected**

More than statistics, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a time to honor and show our unwavering support for the survivors, fighters, and families touched by breast cancer. It is an opportunity for us to come together, provide strength and love, and acknowledge the courage and resilience of those who have faced this formidable adversary.

**A Call to Action**

I believe that this proclamation is not just a piece of paper but a call to action. It calls on all of us to embrace the spirit of unity and compassion that makes Del Rey Oaks the exceptional place it is. We stand together to support those in our community who need it most, to ensure that no one faces the challenges of breast cancer alone.



As your Councilman, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering commitment to making our community a beacon of hope and support. The unity and love that define Del Rey Oaks shine even brighter during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Let us remember that the spirit of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is not confined to the month of October. It should resonate in our actions throughout the year, reminding us to be vigilant, compassionate, and supportive of those in need. Together, we can make a difference, not only for those battling breast cancer but for the entire Del Rey Oaks community.

## B. LGBTQ+ History Month Proclamation



It is with immense pride and heartfelt warmth that I reflect upon a significant moment in our last regular City Council meeting on October 24, 2023. During that meeting, the City Council came together to issue another proclamation in honor of LGBTQ+ History Month. As an LGBTQ+ elected official, it was my honor and privilege to read this proclamation on behalf of our City Council.

This proclamation holds a special place in my heart, as it represents not just a declaration but a commitment to celebrating and embracing the diversity that makes our community truly remarkable. I

want to share the essence of this proclamation with you and express why it resonates deeply with the City of Del Rey Oaks.

### **Celebrating Courage and Contribution**

The proclamation recognizes that the path towards LGBTQ+ equality and liberation has been paved by courageous individuals who have fought for the right to love and be loved. These brave souls, with their unwavering determination, have made remarkable contributions to society by advancing the causes of diversity, inclusion, equity, and respect. Their legacy deserves recognition, and this proclamation pays homage to their indomitable spirit.

### **Educating, Accepting, and Advancing**

LGBTQ+ History Month is a celebration and commemoration of those who have championed equal rights and services for the LGBTQ+ community. It serves as an educational platform, promoting a culture of acceptance and inclusivity while advancing the cause of equality for all. In Del Rey Oaks, we take immense pride in our diverse community and our unwavering commitment to equality for individuals of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

**Our Commitment to Inclusivity**

As part of Del Rey Oaks' core values, we collaborate with community partners to create safe spaces where LGBTQ+ individuals and their families can receive culturally sensitive services. Our mission is to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists, recognizing the multitude of identities that make each of us unique. We envision a world that is safe, inclusive, and accepting, allowing all members of society to live openly and truthfully.

**A City of Love and Acceptance**



As your Councilman, I am deeply moved by the outpouring of support we witnessed during the proclamation reading. It was heartwarming to see LGBTQ+ individuals from our community, as well as countless allies, including my own parents, attending the meeting. The love, respect, and understanding we share as a community are a testament to the inclusive spirit that defines Del Rey Oaks.

In summary, the proclamation in honor of LGBTQ+ History Month represents a commitment to creating a city where love, acceptance, and inclusivity reign supreme. It stands as a symbol of our dedication to celebrating the unique identities that make our community special while reaffirming our commitment to equality and understanding. It reminds us that, in Del Rey Oaks, we stand together in the spirit of love and acceptance.

I express my sincere gratitude to our community for its unwavering support and call upon all residents of Del Rey Oaks to carry forward this spirit of inclusivity and love throughout the year. Together, we will continue to make our city a shining beacon of acceptance and respect for all.



### C. Filipino-American History Month Proclamation



I am filled with immense pride and joy as I reflect on a poignant moment during our last regular City Council meeting on October 24, 2023. In that gathering, the City Council came together to issue a proclamation in honor of Filipino-American History Month, and it was my great honor and privilege as a Filipino-American elected official to read this proclamation on behalf of our vibrant Del Rey Oaks community. This evening, we were also graced by the support and attendance of officers and members of the **Pilipino-American Solidarity Alliance (PASA)** organization from our community.

### **Recognizing a Rich History**

The proclamation begins by acknowledging a historical event that dates back to October 18, 1587, when the first "Luzones Indios," as Filipinos were known in those days, arrived in Morro Bay, California. These pioneering individuals set foot on American soil more than a century before the Mayflower voyage, and their journey represents the beginning of a remarkable Filipino-American legacy in our nation.

### **The Waves of Immigration**

Between 1906 and 1935, the first substantial wave of Filipino immigration to the United States commenced. Filipinos were recruited to work in various industries, including agriculture, canneries, and sugarcane plantations. Their dedication to hard work and their contributions to American society laid the foundation for a vibrant and thriving Filipino-American community.





The proclamation highlights the heroic efforts of approximately 200,000 Filipino soldiers, including thousands from California, who fought during World War II under United States command. These brave individuals were instrumental in preserving the liberty of both our nation and the Philippines, demonstrating the unwavering commitment of Filipino Americans to the values of freedom and justice.

**The Filipino-American Communities in Navy Towns**

Between 1941 and 1959, a second wave of Filipino immigration brought nurses, students, fiancées of World War II military personnel, veterans, and many Filipinos who had served in the United States Navy. These individuals settled in Navy towns, creating thriving Filipino-American communities that continue to thrive and enrich the cultural tapestry of our great nation.



**Contributions to Medicine and Beyond**

In 1965, the third wave of Filipino immigration began after the Immigration and Nationality Act abolished "national origins" as the basis for immigration. This pivotal change allowed much-needed Filipino medical professionals to come to the United States, playing a crucial role in the healthcare field and beyond.



**Filipino-American History Month Recognition**

October was first recognized as Filipino American History Month by the U.S. Congress in 2009. During this month, we celebrate the lasting and significant contributions of Filipino Americans to our city and our nation. They serve as educators and artists, politicians and laborers,



veterans and judges. Every day, Filipino Americans continue to enrich our cultural, economic, intellectual, social, spiritual, and political lives.

### **A Taste of Filipino Culture**



In addition to the proclamation reading during the City Council meeting, we took a moment to celebrate all the proclamations and the people in attendance representing these proclamations. As a Filipino-American, I had the honor of sharing a piece of our vibrant culture with our fellow residents. I brought lumpia (Filipino spring rolls) and pancit (Filipino stir-fried noodles) for everyone to enjoy, offering a taste of our rich culinary heritage.

Filipino lumpia, also known as "Filipino spring rolls," are typically made with a mixture of meat, vegetables, and seasonings wrapped in a thin egg-based wrapper. They are a cherished Filipino dish, loved by many people, and they are often served as an appetizer or snack, symbolizing the diversity and delicious flavors of our Filipino culture.



Pancit, a classic Filipino recipe, is a quick and easy stir-fried rice noodle dish with a savory sauce, meat, and vegetables. It is a beloved staple in Filipino households, representing the rich history and fusion of flavors that define Filipino cuisine.



### **Embracing Diversity and Heritage**

The proclamation in honor of Filipino-American History Month is not just a declaration; it is a celebration of the diverse cultures that make up our beloved Del Rey Oaks. It is a reminder that our city thrives on the contributions of people from all walks of life, and it is a testament to the vibrant tapestry of cultures that enrich our community.

I express my deepest gratitude to our residents for embracing and celebrating the diverse cultures that make Del Rey Oaks a special place to live. Let us continue to cherish and honor the Filipino-American heritage and the rich contributions of all our residents.

Let us remember that it is our diversity that makes us stronger and more resilient. Together, we can continue to build a city that is a shining example of unity, understanding, and celebration of heritage.



D. Presentation of United Way Monterey County

I am delighted to share with you an exciting presentation that took place during our last regular City Council meeting on October 24, 2023. In this meeting, we had the privilege of hosting a presentation by the United Way Monterey County, focusing on the invaluable resource known as 2-1-1.

**An Introduction to 2-1-1**

2-1-1, often referred to as a "lifesaver" for our community, is a free service available 24/7 that connects individuals to vital information about health and human services available right here in our community. It's akin to having a 9-1-1 for non-emergency needs. This service is a testament to the power of coming together to provide support and assistance to those in need.

What sets 2-1-1 apart is not just its helpfulness but its inclusivity. With call specialists proficient in over 150 languages, it ensures that language is not a barrier to accessing the help and resources you require. It is a lifeline that truly reflects the rich diversity of our community.

**A Lifesaver During Disasters**



Get Connected. Get Help.™

# United Way Monterey County's Role in: Connecting Community with Resources

UWMC's 211 Monterey County is a referral helpline connecting our community with local services since 2009.

**It's free, confidential, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in over 225 languages. Trained specialists will match your needs to local services.**



### Get information on:

- Food
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- Immigration services
- Income & employment
- Legal assistance
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- Tutoring
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If you're experiencing an emergency, please dial 9-1-1. If you or someone you know is thinking of suicide or in a mental health crisis, please dial 9-8-8 to reach a trained, supportive person who can help.

In times of crisis or disaster, 2-1-1 stands as a reliable ally. They provide incident-specific information, including road closures and shelter locations, ensuring that you and your loved ones are well-informed and safe during challenging times.

### How to Access 2-1-1

Accessing this incredible resource is straightforward and user-friendly, ensuring that everyone can benefit from its services:

**By Phone:** Simply dial 2-1-1 from your landline or cell phone. If you are outside Monterey County, there is a toll-free number (833-814-1211) or local numbers (831-886-0290 or 831-417-7090) to assist you.

**By Text:** You can send a text with your zip code to 898-211 to receive the information you need.

**Online:** Explore their extensive database at [www.211montereycounty.org](http://www.211montereycounty.org) to find the resources and assistance that best suit your needs.

### A Community United

I encourage each one of us to spread the word about this invaluable resource. Share this information, talk to your friends and neighbors, and make sure that


everyone in Monterey County knows about this lifeline. In times of need, 2-1-1 is here to guide you to the help you deserve.

The presentation by the United Way Monterey County highlighted the extraordinary impact this service can have on our community. It is a true testament to the strength of our unity and the compassion that defines the residents of Del Rey Oaks.

Let us embrace this exceptional resource and make it known far and wide within our community. 2-1-1 is not just a service; it is a lifeline that has the power to transform lives and provide hope in times of need.

As your Councilman, I am immensely grateful for the dedication of organizations like the United Way Monterey County and the creation of services like 2-1-1 that truly exemplify the spirit of community support.

Let us continue to stand together, share the knowledge, and ensure that Del Rey Oaks remains a place where help is always just a phone call or text message away.



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El 211 Monterey County de United Way Monterey County es una línea de ayuda de referencia que conecta el condado de Monterey con servicios desde 2009.

**Es un servicio gratuito, confidencial, y disponible 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana, en más de 225 idiomas. Personal capacitado le ayudara a encontrar los servicios que necesita en su área local. Especialistas capacitados adaptarán sus necesidades a los servicios locales.**

**Obtenga información sobre:**

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Si tiene una emergencia, marque al 9-1-1. Si usted o alguien que conoce está pensando en suicidarse o en una crisis de salud mental, marque 9-8-8 para comunicarse con una persona capacitada que pueda ayudar.

## E. Presentation by the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST)

I am thrilled to share with you one of the presentations that took place during our last regular City Council meeting on October 24, 2023. The presentation was on the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), an essential service that plays a pivotal role in our community and the broader Monterey County.



### **The MST Presentation**

During the presentation, MST showcased its services and, in particular, highlighted the significance of the three MST bus stops within our very own Del Rey Oaks. The statistics shared during the presentation offered insight into the substantial number of rides these stops facilitate. This, in itself, is a testament to the role MST plays in our daily lives. One major update from the presentation was that ***MST buses can now***

***accept credit cards and Apple Pay as modes of payment.*** This contactless fare payment mode is the first project of its kind in the State of California, in the County of Monterey, and in a small urban/rural area. You don't have to worry about not bringing cash to ride.

### **My Personal Gratitude**

As your Councilman, I cannot help but express my deep gratitude for MST. This service is not just a mode of transportation; it is a lifeline that connects our community to opportunities, services, and experiences. Personally, I have a special connection to MST. When I was new to the Monterey Peninsula, MST was my trusted companion. Like many immigrants who arrived in a new land, I, too, depended on robust public transportation to navigate my way when I couldn't yet afford to own a car.

### **A Beacon of Hope for Immigrants**

MST has been a beacon of hope for immigrants like myself. It offers a reliable means of getting to work, to schools, to vital services, and to all the destinations that form the tapestry of our lives. It is not merely a mode of transport; it is a gateway to opportunity and a symbol of inclusivity.

### **The Value of Public Transportation**

Public transportation, represented by MST, stands as a cornerstone of our community. It reflects the values of accessibility, affordability, and sustainability. It is a reminder that we are all connected and that, together, we can achieve more and reach greater heights.

In conclusion, the presentation by MST in our last City Council meeting serves as a reminder of the vital role this service plays in our lives. It is a lifeline for many, a connection for all, and a source of endless possibilities. As your Councilman, I celebrate the impact of MST on our community and acknowledge its importance in the lives of so many, including my own.

Let us continue to support and utilize the services provided by MST, ensuring that it remains a resource that enriches the lives of our residents and fosters a strong sense of unity.

#### F. Proposed Comprehensive Tobacco Retailer License Ordinance and Establishing a Smoke-Free Public Place Ordinance

It is with great enthusiasm and a strong sense of purpose that I share my thoughts and stand in unwavering support of the proposed Comprehensive Tobacco Retailer License Ordinance and the establishment of a Smoke-Free Public Place Ordinance.

#### **A Vision for a Healthier Community**

During the meeting, we stood on the precipice of a momentous opportunity. It is a chance for us to take a significant stride towards creating a community that is healthier, safer, and more inclusive for all our residents. Our involvement in the Peninsula Cities work of Blue Zone Projects is emblematic of our collective commitment to fostering a community where every individual, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to lead a long and healthy life.

The "Tobacco Policy" of the Blue Zones Project encourages us to create an environment where smoking, vaping, and the use of nicotine are less desirable, accessible, and acceptable. It is a blueprint that aligns seamlessly with the objectives of the ordinances we were considering in this meeting.



#### **The Comprehensive Tobacco Retailer License Ordinance**

The Comprehensive Tobacco Retailer License Ordinance, a mirror of the County's regulations, is a paramount step towards reducing secondhand smoke exposure, including aerosol from e-cigarettes and smoke from marijuana. It sets the stage for stringent compliance with essential tobacco control laws and business standards.

This ordinance will serve a vital role in limiting access to and availability of smoking, vaping, and tobacco products, thereby safeguarding the health and well-being of our residents. By adopting this ordinance with modifications that are unique to Del Rey Oaks, we not only join a broader countywide effort but also reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the health and safety of our community.

**The Smoke-Free Public Place Ordinance**

The establishment of a Smoke-Free Public Place Ordinance is a measure that has demonstrated its potential to save lives. Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable deaths in California, as highlighted by the Monterey County Health Department. Secondhand smoke is a grave health hazard, and it is incumbent upon us to protect our community from this preventable danger.

The U.S. Surgeon General has unequivocally stated that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. It is, therefore, imperative that we take steps to reduce such exposure and preserve the well-being of our residents.

**Leading by Example**

Numerous California communities have shown commendable leadership by passing tobacco-free laws and regulations that encompass outdoor areas such as parks, recreational facilities, beaches, restaurant and bar patios, and public events. More than 235 California cities and counties had adopted outdoor secondhand smoke ordinances by January 2019.

The proposed Smoke-Free Public Place Ordinance, based on a model ordinance that can be tailored to our local needs, has the potential to significantly reduce exposure to secondhand smoke. By doing so, it will be a beacon of hope and protection for our residents, promoting health and well-being within our community.

**A Call for Unified Action**

In conclusion, I totally support these ordinances and implore the City Council to provide positive direction to our staff regarding these proposed ordinances and come up with a more finalized version of the ordinances in the next months for us to approve. In doing so, we are taking a resolute stand against the severe health risks posed by tobacco. Furthermore, we are reaffirming our dedication to creating a healthier, safer, and more inclusive Del Rey Oaks.



### **III. Council Report: Grant Writing 101 Webinar in partnership with the Office of Senator Catherine Blakespear on October 26, 2023**

I am delighted to share an enriching experience that I had the privilege of attending and which I believe holds the promise of opening new doors of opportunity for our beloved city.

On October 26, I had the honor of participating in the Grant Writing 101 Webinar in partnership with the Office of Senator Catherine Blakespear. This insightful event was a profound opportunity to delve into the world of grant writing with a sincere intent to identify potential funding sources to further our city's initiatives and projects.



#### **The Quest for Funding**

As your dedicated Councilman, one of my primary goals is to continually seek new avenues for enhancing the well-being and prosperity of Del Rey Oaks. I recognize that our city operates within financial constraints, and our budgetary resources are not always commensurate with the scope of our aspirations. In this context, my quest has always been to find innovative ways to bring additional financial support to our community.

#### **The Value of Grants**

Grants are not just financial resources; they are powerful tools that can empower us to turn our collective dreams into tangible realities. They provide the financial backing to execute projects, initiatives, and programs that may otherwise remain unrealized. This webinar has been a crucial step in equipping us with the knowledge and skills to tap into these vital resources.

#### **Learning from the Webinar**

The Grant Writing 101 Webinar was a valuable source of information and guidance. It offered insights into the intricacies of grant writing, providing a comprehensive understanding of the process, resources, and strategies required to embark on this journey. I was particularly impressed by the emphasis on crafting compelling narratives and building strong cases for the projects we hold dear.





## My Commitment to Del Rey Oaks



My commitment to Del Rey Oaks and its residents is unwavering. I believe in the potential of our city and the limitless possibilities it holds. The pursuit of grants aligns seamlessly with our vision to enhance the quality of life for all who call Del Rey Oaks home.

### A Pledge to Progress

I wish to pledge to you, our cherished DRO residents, my commitment to the cause of seeking grants that can fund projects that uplift our community. Together, we will explore these opportunities, secure the necessary resources, and work tirelessly to manifest our collective aspirations.

The Grant Writing 101 Webinar was not merely an event; it was a catalyst for change. It has ignited a spark of hope and promise that will illuminate our path as we continue to strive for the betterment of Del Rey Oaks.

## IV. Council Report: KSBW TV Appearance on October 28, 2023

In a heartwarming celebration of our vibrant culture, I had the honor and privilege of being invited by KSBW to participate in their special feature, showcasing the rich tapestry of our Filipino-American community here in the beautiful Monterey Peninsula.



## Our Diverse and Enriching Community

Our community is a testament to the beauty of diversity and the incredible stories of success that stem from it. As your Filipino-American Councilman, I consider it my honor and responsibility to shine a light on the inspiring individuals and traditions that define our heritage.

In this special KSBW feature, we had the pleasure of meeting "The Lumpia Lady." She is more than a culinary artisan; she is a symbol of passion and dedication to preserving our traditions and sharing a piece of our culture with all who have the privilege of savoring her delicious lumpia.



## Empowering Our Community



My commitment to our community goes beyond the confines of my role as a councilman. It extends to empowering each and every member of our community. Our shared experiences, triumphs, struggles, and dreams contribute to the magnificent tapestry of our history.

Let us take this opportunity to remember that every Filipino and individual in our community holds the potential to achieve greatness in any field they choose. We are a resilient and strong community, capable of reaching new heights and making a positive impact.

## A Call for Unity and Inspiration

Let us join together in celebrating our culture and achievements. Let's continue to support, uplift, and inspire one another.

As Filipino American History Month draws to a close on October 31st, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our diverse and remarkable community. Together, we are an embodiment of unity, strength, and the potential to achieve greatness.

**V. Council Report: Halloween Message on October 31, 2023**

I write this report to reflect on the enchanting celebration of Halloween, a night that brought our community together in a spirit of fun, togetherness, and childlike wonder.

**Halloween: A Celebration of Joy and Unity**

As your Councilman, I was overjoyed to witness our city come alive on Halloween night. The laughter of children dressed in their most imaginative costumes, the warm glow of jack-o'-lanterns, and the sense of neighborly camaraderie filled the air. Halloween is a night when we can all be children at heart once more, basking in the joy of creativity and adventure.

**Safety First: A Shared Commitment**

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our community for keeping safety at the forefront of our Halloween celebrations. As we embarked on our trick- or-treating journeys and gathered with family and friends, we were vigilant in ensuring the safety of our little ghouls and goblins. Together, we made Halloween not only a night of delights but also one of safety and cherished memories for everyone.



## A Community in Full Bloom



The shared joy of Halloween was beautifully captured in the costumes, decorations, tricks, and treats that we all exchanged. Our social media feeds came alive with the vibrant spirit of Halloween, reflecting the unity and enthusiasm of our community. This was a true testament to our togetherness and the sense of belonging that defines Del Rey Oaks.

Halloween is not just about costumes and treats; it is a celebration of the warmth of family, the joy of friendship, and the unity of our community. From my family to yours, we hope that your Halloween was filled with sweet treats, thrilling tricks, and, most importantly, the warmth of togetherness.

### A Fa-BOO-lous Halloween

As we bid farewell to Halloween 2023, I want to express my deepest appreciation to our community. You have once again demonstrated that Del Rey Oaks is a place where celebration and unity go hand in hand. Our Halloween celebrations were truly fa-BOO-lous, embodying the spirit of our wonderful city.

In closing, I want to say thank you to each and every one of you for making this Halloween a memorable and enchanting experience. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment to the safety and well-being of our community are truly commendable.

Let us continue to carry this spirit of unity and celebration into the days and weeks ahead. Del Rey Oaks is not just a city; it's a community that thrives on the bonds we share. Together, we are creating a brighter, more joyous future.

## **V. Council Report: Native American Heritage Month Message on November 1, 2023**

As we embrace the month of November, let us join together in celebrating the rich tapestry of Native American heritage. This month is a powerful reminder of the resilience, wisdom, and enduring traditions of the indigenous peoples who have called this land home for countless generations.

Native American Heritage Month provides us with a precious opportunity to honor and learn from the vibrant cultures, languages, and histories that have shaped our nation. Let us remember that diversity is our strength, and it is through understanding and appreciation of one another that we continue to grow and progress as a community.

May this whole month of November serve as a time for reflection, education, and unity. Let us come together to uplift the voices and stories of Native Americans, and to honor their contributions to our shared history. By acknowledging the past, we can forge a brighter future together, built on a foundation of respect, understanding, and cooperation.

Join me in celebrating Native American Heritage Month, and let it inspire us to work toward a more inclusive and harmonious world for all. Together, we can build a brighter and more equitable future. 🌍👏



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**NATIVE AMERICAN  
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Also commonly known as **American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month**, this month of November is a time to acknowledge our Native community's important contributions, and to celebrate and honor their diverse cultures, traditions, and histories.

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