

## **Council Report from Vice Mayor John Uy December 17, 2024**

### **I. Council Report: Regular Meeting of the DRO City Council on November 19, 2024**

It is with great gratitude that I present to you the highlights from the November 19, 2024, City Council regular meeting. As your Vice Mayor, I am deeply committed to fostering transparency, collaboration, and progress for our beloved city. Below are the key discussions and decisions that took place:

#### **Presentations**

David Stoldt, General Manager of MRWMD

David provided an overview of the 2024-2025 water allocation process, emphasizing the challenges and opportunities ahead. This topic is vital for Del Rey Oaks as we navigate sustainable water use in the face of limited resources. I encourage all residents to engage in discussions about conservation and water planning to ensure a resilient future.

#### **Old Business**

Short-Term Rental Program and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)

We received a comprehensive update from Staff on the Short-Term Rental Program and the successful passage of Measure R. The measure will increase TOT revenue by up to 4%, enabling the city to invest in tools to better manage and regulate short-term rentals. At the moment, the TOT will be raised to 12% from 10%, but the Council may raise it to 14% in the future if it sees fit. This will ensure a balance between welcoming visitors and preserving the character of our neighborhoods.

#### **New Business**

Rosita Road Emergency Repair Project

The Council unanimously approved awarding the contract for the Rosita Road Emergency Repair Project to Coastal Paving and Excavating. This \$410,410 project will address significant damages caused by last winter's storms. With Federal Highway Administration grant funds covering a substantial portion, this repair will ensure safety and accessibility for all residents.

#### **Looking Ahead**

We are excited to reconvene on December 17, 2024, for our next City Council meeting. As we approach the end of the year, I encourage everyone to stay engaged, attend meetings, and share your perspectives. Together, we can continue to build a future that honors our past and embraces new opportunities.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Vice Mayor. I am deeply inspired by the resilience, kindness, and vision of our community. Let us move forward with hope and determination.

## **II. Council Report: Thanksgiving Message of Vice Mayor John Uy on November 28, 2024**



Dear Del Rey Oaks Community,

This Thanksgiving, I want to share how grateful I am to be part of such a wonderful community. Del Rey Oaks is more than just a city—it's a family where kindness, resilience, and togetherness thrive. Each of you contributes to making our home such a special place.

This year, we've seen how much we can accomplish when we come together. From small acts of kindness to big community efforts, you've shown what it means to truly care for one another. It's this spirit that makes me proud to serve as your Vice Mayor.

As we gather around our tables, let's take a moment to count our blessings and extend a helping hand to those who may need it. I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with warmth, joy, and the company of those you hold dear.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones. Thank you for making our community so special.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
John Uy  
Vice Mayor, Del Rey Oaks

### **III. Council Report: Celebration of Life and Memorial Ash Scattering of DRO Councilmember Bill Ragsdale-Cronin – November 29, 2024**

It is with a heavy yet grateful heart that I share the experience of representing the City of Del Rey Oaks at the Celebration of Life and Memorial Ash Scattering for our beloved Councilmember Bill Ragsdale-Cronin on November 29, 2024, at Bass Lake, California. This solemn yet inspiring event was a testament to the remarkable life and legacy of Big Bill, as he was fondly known.

The ceremony brought together family, friends, and members of the many communities Bill touched. It was a gathering that reflected the depth of his impact and the wide circles of connection he nurtured throughout his life. I had the profound honor of reading an article written by Councilmember Kim Shirley for *The Acorn*, beautifully chronicling Bill's contributions to our city and beyond. Kim's words eloquently captured Bill's passion for community, his steadfast dedication, and the joy he found in building connections.

As the event progressed, I was deeply humbled to participate in the ash scattering ceremony. Standing at the edge of the serene Bass Lake, I sprinkled Bill's ashes into the water, symbolizing his return to nature and the everlasting flow of life. Before scattering the ashes, I delivered a heartfelt message on behalf of the City Council and the people of Del Rey Oaks, expressing our deepest gratitude. I thanked Bill for his unwavering dedication to our community, his





tireless efforts to improve the lives of others, and his ability to inspire and unite us. His work and spirit have truly left Del Rey Oaks better than it was before.





This experience reminded me of the profound importance of service and the enduring impact one person can have. Bill's life exemplified the values we cherish in Del Rey Oaks: kindness, collaboration, and an unyielding commitment to community. His legacy will continue to guide us as we strive to honor his memory through our work and our shared vision for the future.

Let us carry forward Bill's spirit by supporting one another and fostering the sense of belonging that he worked so hard to cultivate. In our moments of reflection and action, may we remember Big Bill and his boundless dedication to the people he served.

**IV. Council Report: Message of Vice Mayor John Uy for the Holiday Season – December 10, 2024**



Dear Del Rey Oaks Community,

As the holiday season unfolds, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for being part of such a vibrant and caring community. This time of year reminds us of the simple yet profound joys that bring us together—family, friends, and the shared spirit of goodwill.

May your holidays be filled with moments of laughter, warmth, and love. Let's cherish the blessings we've enjoyed and carry forward the hope and optimism that the new year brings.

Whether you're celebrating with loved ones or finding quiet moments of reflection, know that you are part of a community that values and supports you.

Wishing you and your family a season of peace, joy, and inspiration. Happy Holidays and thank you so much for making Del Rey Oaks such a wonderful place!

With warmest wishes,  
John Uy  
Vice Mayor, Del Rey Oaks

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