

Wendy Wood

Subject: FW: Commissioner Resignation for Science, Technology and Innovation Commission

Dear Mayor Tran,

It is my deepest regret to inform you that I will be stepping down as Commissioner on the Science, Technology and Innovation Commission. My last day to participate on the Commission will be on Monday, May 17, 2021. It was a great honor to be an active participant on this very important commission but also to make history for being the first woman of color since the committee was founded in 1994. Unfortunately, we will be moving out of Milpitas but we will be close by to stay connected with our friends and enjoy our favorite places within the City of Milpitas that we have cherished and relied upon for the past 15 years.

Digital access is an important cause to help minimize the digital divide and to promote better outcomes for our marginalized communities. It was an honor to participate in a great cause. Also, I am very fortunate to work closely with my colleague, Commission Kevin Le, on developing a criteria to establish community wifi with a digital inclusion perspective for the City of Milpitas community. During my time, both Commissioner Le and I were able to foster collaboration within City departments and outside partners such as Milpitas Unified School District and Milpitas Chamber of Commerce to share their perspective of areas of need for students and business community within City of Milpitas. Being a new commissioner, I was fortunate to be mentored by City staff, Mike Luu and Daniel Nam.

I have been able to leverage my years of experience in working on planning and building community wifi projects for City of San Jose in partnership with East Side Union High School District. I have shared San Jose's lessons learned with City staff so that they can benefit in creating greater impact while ensuring this service will remain sustainable. I have expressed to City staff to continue to be a resource even though I will not be able to participate on the Commission.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Commissioner.

Sincerely,
Rajani Nair