

MAYOR JEFF GEE  
VICE MAYOR LISSETTE ESPINOZA-GARNICA

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CAÑADA COLLEGE  
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REDWOOD CITY, CA

CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Saturday, February 11, 2023  
9:00 AM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Gee called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – All Councilmembers were present. Mayor Gee attended virtually.

Staff present: City Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz, City Attorney Veronica Ramirez, City Clerk Pamela Aguilar, Assistant City Manager Alex Khojikian, Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director Michelle Poché Flaherty.

3. **WELCOME BY MAYOR GEE**

Mayor Gee welcomed everyone to the special meeting/workshop and expressed appreciation to staff and Cañada College for setting up the off-site meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. The following members of the public spoke:
  - Isabel Pardo
  - Nestor Florence
  - Daniel Moreno
  - Brian Shields
  - Erica Wong
  - Chris Robel
  - Cathy Baird
  - Pat Willard
  - Paul Bocanegra

5. **DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL GROUP NORMS TO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS**

Mayor Gee introduced facilitators, Laura Bowen and Jaelyn Edwards of Viva Social Impact, who facilitated the session. Following an ice-breaker activity, the City Council discussed its Group Norms.

The City Council took a short break.

## **6. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

### **Priorities Sharing**

Each Council Member briefly shared their preferred areas/priorities of focus while Facilitators Laura Bowen and Jaelyn Edwards assisted in grouping the priorities into the City Council's three existing strategic areas – Housing, Transportation, and Children and Youth.

### **Work Plan & Budget Update**

City Manager Stevenson Diaz gave a presentation, provided a work plan and budget update, and discussed how the strategic plan is incorporated into the City's operations. The Council held discussion on its priorities.

Mayor Gee provided the City Council with a proposed format for the upcoming State of the City address on March 20, 2023.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gee made closing remarks and adjourned the special meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Pamela Aguilar, CMC  
City Clerk