# City Accomplishments Snapshot of 2015

## City Manager's Office

- Downtown WiFi
- Digital signage at City Hall
- Barbara Lee Wellness Center Completion
- Labor Negotiations nearing completion
- Medical Cannabis Initial Dispensary awarded to Harborside San Leandro
- Community Workforce Agreement Implemented

## **Community Development**

- New Businesses 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Chipotle, Ulta Beauty, DSW Shoes, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Ecopia, Sculpteo, Eat Club
- Progress on Major Projects Tech Campus, Marea Alta, Shoreline
- Resolution of RDA Issues \$9 million for Eden Rd, Doolittle Dr, MacArthur Blvd and Hays St Streetscape Improvements, \$2 million General Fund Ioan repayment, Award of Finding of Completion and Approval of Long Range Property Management Plan
- Advanced Planning Initiatives Advanced Housing Element Adopted and General Plan draft released
- Expansion of Services LINKS Shuttle service doubled and SLUSD connected to Lit San Leandro

## **Engineering and Transportation**

- Completed street sealing and street overlay and rehabilitation projects to maintain our roadways
- Expanded the Fiber Conduit System to the Shoreline in anticipation of future development and School District collaboration and improved system redundancy with a new loop connection between City Hall and the Main Library

- Rehabilitated City buildings with the repair and update of the Police Department HVAC and repair of the window storefront at the Marina Community Center
- Enhanced City's Downtown with the addition of new garage signage and West Juana Streetscape Improvements
- Improved active transportation environment with the installation of Rectangular Rapidly Flashing Beacon pedestrian signage for the Marina Community Center pedestrian crosswalk and completion of the Bicycle Striping and Signing for the San Leandro Bicycle Network East

#### **Finance**

- Paid CalPERS City's pension obligation in July to save \$90k in interest charges which accrue at a 7.5% rate
- Launched the PULL Program (Prioritizing Unfunded Liability Liquidation)
- Received GFOA awards for financial reporting excellence for our CAFR and Budget
- Completed audits conducted by the Department of Justice and CalPERS without needing to pay additional funds to the federal or State government
- Implemented Measure HH, expected to generate \$300 million over next 30 years

#### **Public Works**

- Maintained operational regulatory compliance during the Water Pollution Control Plant's \$54 million rehabilitation project
- Began citywide audit for identification of future energy and water efficiency projects
- Implemented mandatory recycling for all commercial businesses
- Held first Household Hazardous Waste event with participation by over 400 households
- Reconstruction and ADA upgrades at the San Leandro Ball Park locker rooms and restrooms

#### **ACFD**

Insurance service office (ISO) - department rating = 2 (1 is the highest)

- 2015 CY San Leandro total emergency responses = 9,845
- Mud boat paid for by Port of Oakland. Can operate in one inch of water. In service by March 2016. Housed at FS 10 - 2194 Williams Street. A second Mud boat (received from Dept. of Homeland Security grant) should be in service by summer. Will be housed at FS 11 - 14903 Catalina
- Promotions/hiring:
- 1 deputy chief
- 4 division Chiefs
- 6 battalion Chiefs
- 23 captains
- 10 engineers
- 28 entry level firefighters

#### **Police**

- Provide quality public safety service and grow our partnership with the community to keep San Leandro safe
- Overall crime is down
- Council approved rescue vehicle in partnership with other local agencies
- Awarded an ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) grant for education and enforcement on sales/ distribution of alcohol
- Maintain and enhance San Leandro's infrastructure
  - 1. Completing Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan
  - 2. Enhanced disaster preparedness and animal shelters during disaster
  - 3. Implemented virtual EOC
  - 4. South-Office building project
- Support and implement programs, activities and strengthen communication that enhances the quality of life and wellness, celebrates the arts and diversity and promotes civic pride
  - 1. CIT program (Crisis Intervention Training) dealing with mental health completed 40 hours of training for 20% of department

- 2. Enhanced services downtown with adding 2 part-time PST's and one additional officer- partnership with Business Improvement District
- Maintain and support a strong positive relationship between the City, schools and the educational community
  - 1. Implementing GREAT (Gang resistance education) Programming
  - 2. Implemented recess with the COPS
  - 3. Liaison officer assigned to each school
- Additional Community communications efforts by police
- Obtained a Weibo social media grant for Chinese Community from COPS office 75,000
- Hosted a Youth Summit in partnership with REACH in Nov 2015

## Library

- Awarded 6<sup>th</sup> Big Read Grant
- Early Literacy and Kindergarten Readiness Programs

The Main Library offers an average of 20 storytimes per month, serving an average of 1245 community members. Storytimes are held in English and Spanish, with offerings for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and families.

The Library is in year three of a neighborhood partnership grant funding Spanish language storytimes & preschool play & learn programs for the community. The 2016 grant component adds parent education, as well as kindergarten readiness toys and prompts at library branches.

Family Entertainment Programs

The San Leandro Main Library and Manor Branch Library continue to offer monthly educational and entertainment programs for families, exposing 1500+kids and families annually to a wide array of performances, including music shows, puppet shows, cultural history, live theater, science, live animals, and more.

Highlights from 2015 included the History of Hambone Body Music, a family science program from the American Chemical Society that allowed kids to make

liquid nitrogen ice cream, a Star Wars themed storytime featuring a storm trooper from 501<sup>st</sup> legion, and live animal show with a kangaroo and an alligator!

# Teen Programs

Our weekly Dub Club for grades 5 to 12 is offered every Wednesday when school is in session. We have 40-80 teens attend each week for studying, snacks, gaming, and fun.

Together with the Recreation Department's Youth Advisory Council (YAC), the Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) organized and runs San Leandro's Got Talent, a talent show showcasing San Leandro teens. The February 2015 event raised more than \$3,000 for teen services in San Leandro.

The year-round teen volunteer program offers work experience to 230+ teens annually, including volunteer throughout the school year and summer.

In addition, teen services offered monthly programs for teens, including DIY crafts, a Teen Amazing Race, an SAT workshop, and a book-to-movie marathon in honor of Teen Read Week.

#### **Recreation and Human Services**

- Completing the stakeholder engagement process and initiating the Siempre Verde Park rehabilitation.
- Kicked-off the City's Domestic Violence Task Force to identify and curb domestic violence issues in San Leandro.
- Cherry Festival (106th annual). A record 25,000 attendees participated in the 2015 Festival.
- Funding for San Leandro warming shelter (for homeless) and outreach is supplemented with an additional \$100,000 by Alameda County.
- Arts Commission kicks-off its first meeting and a San Leandro Public Arts Master Plan RFP is issued in 2015.

# **City Attorney**

• Successfully negotiated settlement of a potential claim by the City against Siemens Building Industries, Inc. for \$4,000,000 paid back to the City's sewer enterprise fund related to the construction and maintenance of an energy cogeneration system at the City's water pollution control plant.

- Assisted staff and the City Council with advice and counsel and the successful vetting, interview, and selection of the City's first medical cannabis dispensary permittee, Harborside San Leandro.
- Provided advice and counsel to staff, and drafted the City's first Community
  Workforce Agreement with the Alameda Building and Construction Trades
  Council, to ensure that City projects over \$1,000,000 would employ tradespeople
  and City residents.
- Provided litigation defense, advice and counsel to staff on eventual settlement and dismissal of the City's lawsuit against the Department of Finance to preserve over \$2,000,000 in loan funds, and over \$9,000,000 in enforceable obligations to fund streets, roads and other infrastructure throughout the City.
- Provided effective legal advice and counsel to the City Council, the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustments, other citizen legislative and advisory bodies, and staff on major City projects, including the General Plan Update, the General Plan Update EIR, updates to the massage regulations ordinance, the Zoning Code, and the Shoreline Development Project EIR