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Dear San Rafael Neighbor,

San Rafael Neighborhoods Association (SRNA) invites your membership, once again, for 2017!

As you know from past years' experience SRNA membership is a small investment giving a large return.

In 2016 SRNA neighbors trained with the Pasadena Fire Department earning CERT/FEMA certification for neighborhood disaster relief. We formally opposed "Arroyo/neighborhood creep" by AEG's approaching music festival in the Central Arroyo. We successfully pressured Rep. Adam Schiff to remove San Rafael residential neighborhoods from legislation creating the agency-regulated Rim of the Valley National Recreation Area. We continued to focus on cargo data related to the port and rail alternatives to regional trucking through the 710 tunnel. We officially supported a hillside zoning appeal, requesting an improved process for identifying and protecting views and privacy in the San Rafael hillsides. We monitored/reported progress in the reconstruction of the La Loma Bridge and reached out to the FAA for evolving drone policy. We worked successfully with immediate neighbors to solve serious traffic/safety challenges at San Rafael School. We initiated proposals for city policy regulating the business of "home sharing" in residential neighborhoods. And, once again, we hosted National Night Out in August, putting neighbors and the city's police and fire departments together for a social evening strengthening safety bonds in San Rafael's neighborhoods.

We urge you not only to join SRNA for 2017 but to consider a small bit of time to help us out in the following neighborhood activities:

- Engaging your block in a *Map Your Neighborhood plan* for emergency preparedness
- Tracking debate over *local regulation of the "home sharing" business*
- Attending meetings where changes to the San Rafael hillside overlay are discussed
- Opposing the 710 tunnel and planning a future for Caltrans homes at the surface route
- Participating with stakeholder interest in planning the future of San Rafael School

The enclosed membership form allows you to indicate one or more those issues for which you may have an interest.

We thank you for your support and look forward to 2017, another year where neighbors have a voice!

Sincerely,

Mary Dee Romney

President SRNA Board of Directors