



SAN RAFAEL  
NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Neighbor,

San Rafael Neighborhoods Association (SRNA) **invites your participation** in neighborhood activation, once again, for 2019.

Membership with SRNA is a small investment in the larger stage under the dome of city hall, where neighborhood voices debate competing interests to maintain **1) quality of life, and 2) residential property values.**

With the 710 tunnel extension and the Avenue 64 route no longer a Caltrans threat to both, ongoing issues continue to challenge neighborhood equilibrium:

- Design and financing of **Colorado Street Bridge** suicide prevention modifications
- Removal of restrooms from the **Desiderio Park** design beneath the bridge
- City acceptance of **Habitat for Humanity** homeowners as residents rather than “guests”
- Shrub and dead tree clearance to reduce fire risk in the **Lower Arroyo**
- Financing and scheduling of trail construction recommended by the **Arroyo Advisory Group**
- **Gold Line grade separation** at California Blvd. and related mobility proposals
- State regulatory encroachment on once **sacrosanct local zoning issues**
- Line item budget accounting for **occupancy tax** to the city from Short Term Rentals (Airbnb)
- Allocation of new sales tax revenue to **neighborhood infrastructure projects, per Measure I**
- Safety response to a reported 20% uptick in **District 6 burglaries**
- Ongoing funding support for **San Rafael Elementary School** traffic mitigation

All of these issues can be addressed and shaped through **local neighbor resolve** to work with staff and city council.

***We urge you not only to join SRNA for 2019 but to consider a small bit of time to contribute your opinion on the above issues that most surely will be part of our lives in 2019.***

If your schedule makes it difficult to participate, join us for the benefit of email news, neighborhood notifications and sharing of views.

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

***We thank you for your support and look forward to 2019, another year where neighbors have a contributing voice!***

Sincerely,

*Mary Dee Romney*

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President  
SRNA Board of Directors

