



May 23, 2016

Dear Antioch Resident,

This letter is to provide you with a brief update on the City's recent activities and to encourage you to use the City website or email me for additional information when you need it.

The City Council adopted a two-year operating budget last June for fiscal years 2015/16 and 2016/17. The Council will be reviewing mid-term budget updates on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Of note, the Council has allocated 100% of the Measure C (additional 1/2 cent sales tax) revenue to the Police Department and Code Enforcement since its inception and that will continue. The total number of sworn police officers hired since Measure C was passed through April 30, 2016 was 36. Due to retirements and other separations, however, the net change in staffing level for sworn police positions was 11 for that period, bringing the total number of sworn police to 93. Code enforcement staff has also been increased by three positions, with two people hired in April to focus 100% on cleaning up illegal dumping, graffiti and other blighting conditions.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be two local measures on the ballot. Measure E was placed on the ballot by the California Grand Casino in Pacheco through the initiative process and has to do with reducing the number of Card Rooms allowed in the City of Antioch from two to one and other restrictions. The City Council authorized the Mayor to submit an Argument Against Measure E, which is included in the official ballot materials. More information can be found on the County Elections Office website and the City of Antioch website:

[http://www.cocovote.us/wp-content/uploads/Approved\\_Measure-E\\_4-20-16.pdf](http://www.cocovote.us/wp-content/uploads/Approved_Measure-E_4-20-16.pdf)

<http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/CityCouncil/2016/agendas/020916/020916.pdf>

Measure G, which was placed on the ballot by the City Council, would change the City Treasurer position from elected to appointed. Few cities have elected Treasurers these days, as Finance Departments perform all the functions formerly performed by elected Treasurers and independent annual audits are required. The sitting elected City Treasurer supports eliminating the position and expense, and signed the Argument in Favor of Measure G. If Measure G passes, it will save the City between \$20,400 and \$30,500 each year with no impact on City operations. More information can be found on the County Elections Office website and the City of Antioch website:

[http://www.cocovote.us/wp-content/uploads/Approval\\_Measure-G\\_4-6-16.pdf](http://www.cocovote.us/wp-content/uploads/Approval_Measure-G_4-6-16.pdf)

<http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/agendas/CityCouncil/2016/agendas/022316/022316.pdf>

The City is creating and promoting economic development opportunities, seeking new businesses and helping existing businesses expand. Recent activity includes:

**Groceries:**

- 27,000 sq.ft. Smart & Final Extra! Supermarket at Somersville Towne Center.
- Buchanan Crossings Shopping Center anchored by CVS and Grocery Outlet.
- Delta Fresh Foods revitalized the 14,000 sq.ft. vacant Fresh & Easy on Lone Tree.
- Wal-Mart Expansion added over 33,000 of additional sq.ft. of grocery area.

**Restaurants:**

- Hurricane Grill & Wings on Lone Tree.
- Taco Bell on A Street in a new, aesthetically modern building.
- Denny's on Lone Tree, newly remodeled "Heritage" design.
- Pete's Restaurant & Brewhouse on Hillcrest, a complete renovation and upgrade.
- Southern Café II, a lovely new restaurant and bar venue in Rivertown.
- Burgers Plus is back in business on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Rivertown.
- Plates Eclectic Cuisine on 2nd St. in Rivertown will open soon.
- Everett & Jones BBQ has signed a letter of intent to lease the old Humphrey's Restaurant building at the Marina.

**Other Highlights:**

- AAA relocated to Slatten Ranch Shopping Center on Lone Tree.
- City Sports Health Club, with pool, sauna, and trainers on Lone Tree.
- Contra Costa Health Services opened a new facility on Country Hills.
- A medical group has purchased the CVS office building on Deer Valley Rd.
- Somersville Town Center, under new management, is improving the center.
- Several housing developers are processing entitlements and permits.
- State Route 4 improvements will be completed this summer.
- The new BART station at Hillcrest is scheduled to open by May of 2018.

In addition, the City is launching the "Rivertown Revitalization." We are in negotiations with City Ventures to develop several City-owned Rivertown sites in the near future. We envision Downtown "Rivertown" as a reinvigorated, diverse and vibrant village with Wi-Fi, cafés, shops, restaurants, small businesses, event and entertainment offerings. It will be a creative mix of in-fill residential, retail and restaurant development in a pedestrian-friendly transit-oriented thriving village environment. Waldie Plaza will be updated and upgraded to accommodate more outdoor events and festivals. New development will complement and enhance the existing neighborhood fabric. Rivertown infill housing on City-owned sites will be high-quality market-rate for-sale homes to bring more evening and weekend customers to the doorsteps of Rivertown businesses and entertainment venues.

The future of Antioch is bright. We are well positioned to take advantage of economic expansion in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. For the first time in a long time, we are marketing our City, with the tagline: **Antioch - business and family friendly – Come grow with us!** We are the Gateway to the Delta, with boating, hunting, fishing and the cooling delta breezes being major attractions for visitors and residents. Our golf courses, water park and other City and regional parks enhance the quality of life in Antioch. Our housing and commercial space is relatively economical compared with cities closer to San Francisco and Silicon Valley.

The City Council and City staff are dedicated to making Antioch the best community we can, and we want to hear from you, our residents. You can connect with the City Council at any Council meeting or by email. I also encourage you to contact me directly to share your thoughts or to ask any questions. I can be reached at [sduran@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:sduran@ci.antioch.ca.us). As always, I appreciate your input.

Sincerely,



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