



## *Memorandum*

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** COUNCILMEMBER PERALEZ

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** October 22, 2020

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Approved by:

Date: 10/22/2020

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**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RENAMING A PUBLIC AREA OR  
FACILITY IN MEMORIAM OF RICHARD DOYLE - CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CITY  
ATTORNEY**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Direct the City Manager and staff to work with the family of Richard “Rick” Doyle to identify an appropriate public facility to be named in his memory for 29 years of public service as City Attorney for the City of San José.

### **BACKGROUND**

This past year San José lost a great public servant, Richard “Rick” Doyle. During his long tenure with the City of San José, Rick served our community by thoughtfully counseling our local government officials, including three mayoral administrations, through both stable and turbulent times.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to work with him will always keep Rick in high regard for his leadership, collaboration and his love and knowledge for the law. In a recent San José Spotlight Op-Ed<sup>1</sup>, it was suggested that the City name a public facility after our former City Attorney. I whole-heartedly agree that Rick deserves that honor and believe my Council colleagues would agree. However, as we ask staff to look at the

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<sup>1</sup> <https://sanjosespotlight.com/staedler-consideration-for-the-death-of-rick-doyle/>

possibilities of this, it is only appropriate that this should be done in consultation with his family.

While City Council Policy 7-5 outlines the criteria of waiting several years after one's passing before naming public facilities, I believe City Attorney Doyle deserves to have that consideration sooner, as a reflection for all that he has done and for his dedication to the City of San José and its residents.