

## **Summary of Jim's Accomplishments 1981-1993**

### **Housing**

#### **Housing Task Force**

Jim served as a member of the City's Housing Task Force which developed the City's housing policy and a strategy for addressing San Jose's long-term housing needs.

#### **Vivente II**

Jim helped secure funding and community support for a housing project for the mentally and physically disabled in his Council District.

#### **Morrone Gardens**

Jim received community support for a senior citizen housing project funded by the San Jose Rotary Club and the County Housing Authority by working to mitigate nearby neighbors' concerns and improve this project in his Council District.

### **Child Care**

#### **Child Care Task Force**

Jim served as Co-Chair of the Child Care task force which developed the City's policy on children, the Child Care Commission, and measures which eased restrictions for family day care providers to increase the availability and quality of child care. Subsequent to the Task Force Report, Jim helped push for the establishment of an Office on Child Care.

#### **Camden Child Care Center**

Jim worked with the City and the Cambrian Kiwanis Club to institute a drop-in child care center at Camden Lifetime Activities Center, a City-wide recreation facility located in Council District Nine. The Kiwanis have, to date, contributed \$1000 plus donated labor to the Center.

#### **Child Care Commission**

Jim serves as the Council-appointed Liaison to the City's Child Care Commission.

#### **Office on Child Care**

Jim successfully worked to obtain City Council support for a mid-year budget augmentation which allowed the City's Office on Child Care to hire an additional staff member, an Analyst who works with the Office director. The office has since performed a City-wide employee needs survey, as well as sponsoring conferences, faires, and other informational events for the child care community. In 1993, Jim worked to restore proposed cuts to the office. Jim has attended every activity sponsored by the Office for the community, and assisted in such activities as planning for the Day of the Working Parent (1993).

## **Parks and Recreation**

### **Camden Lifetime Activities Center & Park**

Jim worked with the City and private developers to preserve 10 acres of a former high school site for open space and a community recreation facility. He worked with the neighboring community to develop the mission for the facility, which is lifetime health and wellness. The Center houses the City's ONLY municipal gym, an extensive weight room, a dance studio and classrooms for exercise and wellness programs, and a drop-in youth center. [See also "Camden Child Care Center" above and "Camden Youth Drop-in Center" below.]

### **Houge Park**

Jim worked with the neighborhood and the City to preserve a former school site as a neighborhood park, par course, and community center. This past November, Jim worked with a community group on a joint city/community tree planting at the park. More than 85 trees were planted.

### **Kirk Community Center**

Jim worked to develop a comprehensive community center and park on a closed school site. Kirk serves as the main community center for District Nine and houses many popular programs, including dramatic arts for children, summer sports camps, and senior activities. The Center also houses the City's therapeutic recreation program for the disabled.

### **Doerr Park**

Jim obtained funds through the City budget process for renovation of this neighborhood park (\$200,000). He also worked with the neighbors to receive a grant from the City for a joint City and community-sponsored tree planting project.

### **Play Equipment at Athenour School**

Due to construction of Route 85, which divided Branham High and Athenour Elementary schools and reduced the open space area for the elementary school, Jim worked with the Traffic Authority to build a new state-of-the-art playground, par course, and picnic area and install new landscaping. The Traffic Authority spent \$122,000 on this project.

### **Skateboard park**

Jim worked with the San Jose Youth Commission in 1989 to prepare a report evaluating alternatives for skateboarding in San Jose. Subsequently, he is working to develop a skateboard park in his Council district.

### **Guadalupe River South**

Jim is working to develop a landscaped river trail along Reach 12 of the Guadalupe River in his Council District, for the enjoyment of pedestrians and bicyclists, and residents of a nearby retirement home by providing open space in a parks deficient area.

## **Transportation**

### **County Transportation Agency Sexual Harassment Policy**

At Jim's request, he was appointed to lead an Ad Hoc Committee of the County Transportation Commission to evaluate and improve the County policy on sexual harassment. The committee's work changed the County's practice in training employees and addressing specific problems in the workplace, with the goal of reducing the number of incidents of sexual harassment.

### **Chair, NLC T&C Committee**

Jim was appointed by the Chair of the National League of Cities to be Chairman of the NLC Transportation and Communications Steering Committee for a one-year term. He led the group in developing policies for cities in the areas of transportation and telecommunications.

### **Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act**

As Chair of the National League of Cities Transportation and Communications Steering Committee, Jim lobbied Congress on behalf of the nation's municipalities for passage of the surface transportation reauthorization act. Millions of dollars are directed for Santa Clara County transportation projects in the bill. Jim was invited by President Bush to attend the bill signing in Dallas, Texas in December 1991. Jim attended and got rained on, along with Bush!

### **Chair, LCC Transportation and Public Works Policy Committee**

Jim served two one-year terms as Chairman of the League of California Cities Transportation and Public Works Committee. He led the committee in developing policy for state and municipal legislation on these issues.

### **Paratransit Coordinating Council**

Jim has served since 1987 as Chair of the Santa Clara County Paratransit Coordinating Council which oversees programs operated by cities and non-profit agencies which provide transportation services to the frail elderly and disabled. As Chair, he oversees implementation of ADA requirements pertaining to transportation.

### **Traffic Authority**

Jim worked in 1984 to develop the concept of Measure A, the one-half cent sales tax for transportation projects approved by the voters in June 1984. Santa Clara County became the first "self-help" county in the state with Measure A's passage, choosing to tax itself to improve transportation in the area. The Traffic Authority will raise and spend over one billion dollars on freeway improvement, widening, and building activities in the County in a ten-year period. Projects include construction of Route 85, widening of Route 101 and upgrading of Route 237. Jim served as Vice Chair from 1985 to 1990, and has served as

Chair since 1990. All Traffic Authority projects have come in on-time and under budget.

Jim worked with a consortium to develop a new mechanism to raise funds for transportation upon the expiration of Measure A in 1995, which passed in November 1992. He serves on its governing board (LTA).

#### Route 87

Jim proposed the concept of this project, and enlisted City support for the northern portion of 87, to connect with the southern portion of Route 87. Jim has served as Chair of the Route 87 Task Force, which oversees the upgrading of Guadalupe Parkway from 101 to Coleman into a full freeway. Responsibilities have included design and leveraging of funding. The City, Redevelopment Agency and Caltrans are funding this project. He has been Chair since 1986.

#### Guadalupe Corridor

Jim served on the Guadalupe Corridor Joint Powers Board responsible for the development of the light rail system in Santa Clara County. He worked with City and County officials to build the 22-mile light rail system which runs from Santa Clara to South San Jose serving commuters, visitors, students, and recreational users. [See also next item regarding Jim's efforts to expand light rail system.]

#### County Transportation Commission

From 1981 to 1992, among numerous projects, Jim worked to plan future expansion of the light rail system to Mountain View and Sunnyvale, the West Valley, and the East Side. Jim also served on a committee looking to expand service to San Jose State University.

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Jim worked as Vice Chair of the County's rail master plan effort to strategize the County's transportation system into the next century. They held public meetings, and identified the future rail projects to improve mass transportation in the County.

#### Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Jim has served as the representative of Santa Clara County cities to the regional transportation authority since 1986. He has worked closely with the grant allocation committee, most recently as chair, and has directed funding to the County for transportation projects, including San Jose's traffic signal synchronization program which has reduced traffic-back-up, congestion and pollutant emissions, and has improved traffic flow.

#### Congestion Management Agency.

Jim was appointed to the Governor's Transportation Summit Working Group (1989) which drafted the legislation which became Propositions 108/111 and 116. Jim worked hard for state-wide passage of these propositions which raised gasoline taxes and issued transportation

bonds for critical transportation projects, and instituted a regional planning mechanism for the evaluation of land use projects which have impacts across jurisdictions. This legislation led to the creation of the Congestion Management Agency, of which Jim is a member.

#### County Expressway bicycle lanes

Jim worked closely with area bicycle associations to repeal the County's prohibition of bike use on County expressways in San Jose.

#### CRASH Board

Jim serves on the Northern California Board of Directors of CRASH, Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways, which lobbies at the state and federal levels for increased truck regulations and improved highway safety.

#### Caltrain

As member of the Joint Powers Board, Jim led negotiations to acquire the right of way from Southern Pacific to preserve the Peninsula Caltrain commute services. He has worked with the Board to hire a new service to run the train, and worked to extend service to Gilroy.

#### **Historic Preservation**

##### Greenawalt House preservation & move

Jim worked to preserve this historic (built in 1877) farm house in his District which was near the right of way of Route 85. He worked with the City and Traffic Authority, and the home's owners (since 1939) to forge a deal whereby the house was moved to the City's Historical Museum, and preserved for the use of future generations.

#### Roundhouse

Jim is currently working with a private organization of railroad enthusiasts to preserve the 1893 Southern Pacific Roundhouse. The Roundhouse's use was to rotate trains before locomotives had the technology to move backwards. It is one of only four remaining roundhouses in the state, and the last one to have been in use.

#### **Neighborhood Services**

##### Cambrian library

Jim obtained City funds for the expansion of District Nine's sole neighborhood library in the mid-1980s. Included were the construction of a parking lot, the addition of a children's room with bay window, and a doubling of the library facility.

#### Neighborhood traffic studies

Jim has worked with numerous neighborhoods in his Council district to obtain stop signs, update speed limits, increase signage near schools, create commute traffic diversions measures, and increase traffic safety in the neighborhoods.

#### D-9 family picnics

Jim sponsored a number of family picnics during his 11 years in office, providing an opportunity for District Nine families to mingle, obtain information about City programs, and enjoy a picnic.

#### Route 85 traffic circulation and mitigation planning

Jim worked with his District residents to develop a traffic circulation plan to mitigate impacts of the freeway on surrounding neighborhoods.

#### Camden Youth Drop-in Center

Jim worked with a community group to develop the concept of, and get funding for, a youth drop-in center for 11-14 year olds at Camden Center. The drop-in center offers homework help, recreation, games, peer leadership opportunities, and a safe haven for latch-key youth after school.

#### Homework Center

Jim worked extensively with the Cambrian School District and the Cambrian PACT group to develop a homework center at Ida Price School. The Homework Center provides a safe environment for students to engage in activities such as individual tutoring, group discussions, and student-parent sessions. More than 100 students, from various schools throughout the area, utilize the center each week.

#### Land Use

##### Almaden Vineyards

Jim worked with the owners of the former Almaden Vineyards property in San Jose to preserve the historic winery building, ensure a quality future development, and guarantee space for neighborhood needs such as a library facility or community center.

#### Common Interest Development issues

As Chair of the Council's Transportation and Development Committee, Jim worked with City staff to develop guidelines for CIDs on standards for streets, landscaping, common areas, pools, and exterior structures. His actions protect condo purchasers by discouraging substandard development.

#### Land use development

Jim has always presented projects to residents, received input from neighbors, and worked with developers and architects to incorporate input into the plan before presenting development proposals to Council. His focus has been on landscaping, noise, and design issues.

## **Human Services**

### **Children's Shelter**

The County formed a public/private partnership to build a new children's shelter which is under construction in District Nine. Jim worked with the group to solicit neighborhood input and mitigate concerns. The project has been overwhelmingly accepted by the community, and will be a model facility for the county.

### **Clinic Protection**

When Jim was asked by local women's health clinics for assistance, he promptly called the Police Chief and requested advance assistance from the Department to prevent groups from blocking access to women's clinics. Jim has supported numerous measures to protect doctors and clinic staff in their homes and ensure access to health care facilities.

### **Chair, CDBG**

For three years, Jim has served as Chair of the City's Community Development Block Grant Committee. He has worked with a group of nine citizens to evaluate community based organizations' requests for funding, and steered millions of federal dollars into City and community projects addressing blight and low income services.

### **Sponsor, Smoking Ordinance**

Jim was the sponsor of a revision to the City's smoking ordinance, which was approved this past November and took effect December 30, 1993. The revised ordinance prohibits smoking in almost all enclosed areas of buildings which are open to the public or places of employment. Jim introduced and carried this vital piece of the legislation to combat the severe impact that second-hand smoke has on public health and welfare.

### **Senior Wellness Program**

Jim worked to restore this popular program largely for African-American seniors which was operated by a non-profit group and closed down. He worked with the program director and the City to restore funding through the CDBG program and find a new location for the program.

### **Legal Aid**

When the previous contractor for fair housing services shut down, Jim worked with Legal Aid to develop a proposal to provide these services to landlords, tenants and low income individuals. He helped Legal Aid to receive the CDBG contract for fair housing services which are mandated by the federal government.

## **Environment**

### **CFCs**

Jim worked to ensure that the Council passed an ordinance banning certain CFCs in the City, and reducing dependence on ozone-depleting compounds.

### Environment Committee

Jim serves as a member of the Council's Environment Committee. The Committee developed a state-of-the-art garbage and recycling program which far exceeds that of any City in the nation.

### **Labor**

#### Justice for Janitors

Jim has consistently supported all aspects of the labor movement, including publicly standing behind the Justice for Janitors effort which has sought fair wages and working conditions for largely Spanish-speaking, low income workers. He has written letters to presidents of local companies in support of hiring union janitors.

#### General labor support

Jim has consistently supported all labor efforts, including respecting picket lines, and avoiding establishments on the "do not patronize" list. Jim has made sure that he and his office are accessible for the labor community to receive information about the City, improve contracts, guarantee prevailing wages, and other aspects protecting labor's interest in City bids. He eased the way for individuals in the construction trades to receive copies of plans and other documents from the City's building departments by getting rid of excessive copying and search fees.

### **Arts**

#### San Jose Stage Company new theatre

Jim worked with this community arts organization to identify a site for a new theatre, and line up funding from the Redevelopment Agency. Recently, he worked to secure Agency funds for a marquee so that performances can be well advertised.

### **Enhancing city management & services**

#### Telecommunications Task Force

Jim, seeing a gap in the City's policies, sought Council approval to form a telecommunications task force which will develop a comprehensive City policy and bring San Jose into the modern age.

#### Finance Committee Chair

Jim helped develop the City's investment policy after the 1984 bond loss and helped strengthen the auditor's office. He also developed an improved budget process for the City's operating and capital budgets.

#### Fee collections

Jim has consistently advocated through the budget process for the improvement of collection of City fees rather than revenue increases.



### Infrastructure maintenance

Jim has also protected the long-term City interest by stopping the former Mayor from reducing commitments to infrastructure maintenance. He helped save the City millions by doing regular maintenance, rather than repair to a deteriorated infrastructure. He has lobbied tirelessly to get federal funds for preventive maintenance.

### Sign ordinance review

Jim served as Chair of the City's sign ordinance committee; the Committee evaluated existing City sign ordinances and developed simplified procedures for sign approval and updated design guidelines for all business/commercial signs and billboards.

### Animal Control/Pet Ordinance

Jim was the sponsor of an ordinance which led to an increase in animal control services. The ordinance expands the dog licensing program to include outdoor cat licensing, as well as creates an animal spay and neuter program. This humane piece of legislation will greatly reduce the number of unwanted, stray and feral cats. In addition, elements of the ordinance provide cost-effective mechanisms by which the City can undertake the newly-acquired responsibility of animal control.

### Council's accomplishments during Jim's service

Arena, pavilion, transit mall, light rail

Airport Terminal A

Police Department officer expansion

Office on Child Care

Housing Department

Office of Economic Development

Fairmont Hotel

Gang prevention/youth programs

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TIME REPORTING INFORMATIONFor Pay Period Ending: 3-12-95

NAME	BROWN	HALL	KHALILI	MOORE	OLSON
Regular Hours	<del>60</del> 72	80	80	80	80
Vacation/STO Hours					
1st Day of Sick/STO	* 8				
Sick Leave Hours					
Voluntary Reduced Work Hours (VRWH)					
Leave Without Pay					
TOTAL HOURS	<del>60</del> 72	80 - 80	80 - 80	80 - 80	80 - 80

NAME	POTTER	SIMMONS	WRIGHT		
Regular Hours	80	80	80		
Vacation/STO Hours					
1st Day of Sick/STO					
Sick Leave Hours					
Voluntary Reduced Work Hours (VRWH)					
Leave Without Pay					
TOTAL HOURS	80 - 80	80 - 80	80 - 80		

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