Dear Neighbor,

I hope this message finds you and your families healthy, safe, and well during these challenging and dynamic times.

The City values our community’s strong tradition of engagement and participation. That’s why I’m writing to inform you of important changes to this year’s November 2020 Municipal Election to comply with recent changes in State Law.

Earlier this year, the State Legislature enacted a historic all-mail ballot election for November. This will change the format of our voting procedures this year. To keep up-to-date about how to register to vote, mail ballot voting, local voting center locations, how to track the status of your mailed ballot, and more, visit: slocity.org/government/municipal-elections.

In addition to the Mayor and City Council candidates and changes in voting format, this year’s City Election also includes Measure G-20 -- a measure proposing to extend our local, voter-approved sales tax at a new 1.5 cent rate. Measure G-20 was placed on the ballot after years of community engagement. If enacted, Measure G-20 could generate up to $21.6 million annually in locally controlled funding for priorities identified by the community such as:

- Maintaining fire, community safety, emergency health and disaster preparedness response
- Protecting local creeks from pollution
- Preserving open space and natural areas
- Retaining local businesses
- Funding homeless prevention programs
- Keeping public areas clean/safe
- Maintaining youth/senior services
- Maintaining streets

For more information, visit slocity.org/MeasureG-20. I look forward to continuing to keep you up to date on our Municipal Election and new voting procedures in this historic California all-mail ballot.

Sincerely,

Derek Johnson
City Manager