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To Whom it may concern,

I want to reach out to publicly thank Mayor Rick Rosenberg for his many years of selfless service to the City of Santa Clara. His dedication to our city has been a gift to the residents of our city. I wish him the best as he moves on to other interests.

We have been fortunate to have other capable people who have been by his side and willing to step up and try to fill his shoes. It is my privilege to write this letter of support for Ben Shakespeare who is seeking election as Mayor of Santa Clara. I have had the opportunity to work with Ben over the years and have witnessed firsthand the qualities that make him well suited for this role.

First and foremost, Ben is a person of unwavering dependability, and capable of making critical decisions. Ben consistently follows through with integrity, accountability and dedication. In addition, Ben brings experience and knowledge to the table. He understands the challenges facing our community and the opportunities available to us.

I wholeheartedly support Ben Shakespeare as the right choice for Mayor at this time and encourage you to consider the many ways he will contribute to the stability and well-being of Santa Clara.

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