

# SAN CLEMENTE

**WEEKLY**

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## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

On Thursday evening, I was honored to share some thoughts with 17 residents in the popular San Clemente Leadership Academy. Over the next several weeks, the participants will interact with each member of the City Council and City staff members. It is opportunities like this that make San Clemente such a special place. How many communities have residents willing to contribute more than 20 hours to learn more about their community and how the City functions?

As I shared some of my experiences serving as the Mayor and on the City Council, I realized once again how rewarding it is to address the issues most important to the citizens of San Clemente. Our residents are passionate and always willing to express how they feel. I hope we will continue to work together, accept different viewpoints, and find solutions to the important issues facing the community at this critical time. I invite everyone to participate in their local government and welcome any ideas and suggestions that can help us move forward in making San Clemente the best it can be!

## **CITY MANAGER'S MINUTE**

After just a few short weeks with the City, I was fortunate this week to attend the City Employees recognition and awards lunch. We had a number of employees that received their 5, 15, and 25 years of service awards capped by a service award of 45 years, yes nearly a half century, given to Larry Isaac from our Utilities team. The most moving award was the employee of the year award given to Andy Flores in Community Development. Andy exemplifies everything great about the city staff. He welcomes everyone with a smile and does everything possible to ensure people have a good experience when they come to City Hall.

As a team, we really do enjoy making the City a better place. We are so lucky to have the support of the community and elected officials. I encourage to watch for employees doing something right and to just pass along a friendly smile or thumbs up! Even small gestures mean so much to our team and they give it their all.