

## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

A highlight of my service on the City Council was preparing for the State of the City event hosted by the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce. It was remarkable to reflect on the great things happening in San Clemente and how it takes involved residents, a dedicated group of elected representatives, knowledgeable committee members, and an effective staff to have a great community. San Clemente is not a world class coastal community by accident, but rather through solid decision making and purpose driven action.

There are always opportunities for improvement, and it is so rewarding to be part of a team that listens to all ideas and attempts to make decisions that serve the community well. Our City Council is comprised of a variety of personalities and represents a wide range of ideas. But more often than not, we are able to set aside our differences and place the interests of the community first. The outcome is clear; I can't imagine a better place on the planet than San Clemente!

## **CITY MANAGER'S MINUTE**

Have you heard about the San Clemente Leadership Course administered by our great City Clerk, Laura Campagnolo? I am so impressed that once a week, for six weeks, a group of local residents gathers for 2 1/2 hours to learn more about how the city functions and what they can do to help and be involved. I was asked to be involved in one of the sessions and had a lot of fun meeting some San Clemente residents and learning from them. Throughout the course, each of the elected officials will address the group, along with many of the department heads and other city employees.

If you are interested in participating next year, please feel free to contact the City Clerk, Laura Campagnolo, at <a href="mailto:campagnolo@san-clemente.org">campagnolo@san-clemente.org</a> for more information. Thank you, Laura C.!