RESOLUTION NO. 25-9431

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, TO RESTRUCTURE THE NEIGHBORHOOD UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (NURC) FROM A COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF THREE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS TO A SEVEN MEMBER COMMITTEE, TO BE COMPRISED OF TWO CITY COUNCILMEMBERS; TWO MEMBERS OF SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY STAFF AND ONE STUDENT, ONE NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENT; AND ONE PROPERTY OWNER REPRESENTATIVE

WHEREAS, The current Neighborhood University Relations Committee was formed in 2006 when the Santa Clara University/City Liaison Committee and the Neighborhood University Relations Committee (NURC) were combined because of their overlapping subject areas. The re-formed NURC was envisioned as a forum for on-going communication and problem solving among the three appointed Councilmembers, supporting City staff, neighborhood residents, property owners and Santa Clara University officials and students;

WHEREAS, On June 23, 2009, former Mayor Mahan requested three NURC meetings per year (October/November, February, and April);

WHEREAS, at the October 16, 2023 NURC, City Council Committee members and the one community member present discussed their interest to change NURC meetings in order for it to be a more effective forum;

WHEREAS, at the December 2, 2024 NURC meeting, staff shared formats other communities use for coordination and partnership between universities, neighborhoods and residents. Each of the models were more inclusive than NURC's current structure, which includes three City Councilmember participants. While Santa Clara University staff and residents regularly attend, they do not have representation as Committee members. The Committee discussed the benefits of having a more inclusive structure with added membership to include University staff, student, property owner, and neighborhood representation; and

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WHEREAS, at their February 24, 2025 meeting, NURC recommended that the City Council change the current structure of the NURC to be more inclusive of stakeholders and restructure NURC from three Committee members who are City Councilmembers to a structure that would be comprised of seven Committee members including two City Councilmembers, two Santa Clara University staff, one Santa Clara University student, one resident from the Old Quad neighborhood, and one property owner/landlord representative. NURC recommended that the Santa Clara University staff and student be designated by Santa Clara University and that the neighborhood representative and property owner/landlord representative Committee members be selected by the City Council, with all Committee members appointed by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That ...

A. The NURC be restructured from a Committee comprised of three City Councilmembers to a seven member Committee, to be comprised of two City Councilmembers; two members of Santa Clara University staff and one Santa Clara University student, one neighborhood resident from the Old Quad neighborhood; and one property owner representative.

B. The Santa Clara University staff and student participating in NURC will be designated by Santa Clara University and the neighborhood representative and property owner/landlord representative participating in NURC will be selected by the City Council. All Committee members will be appointed by the City Council.

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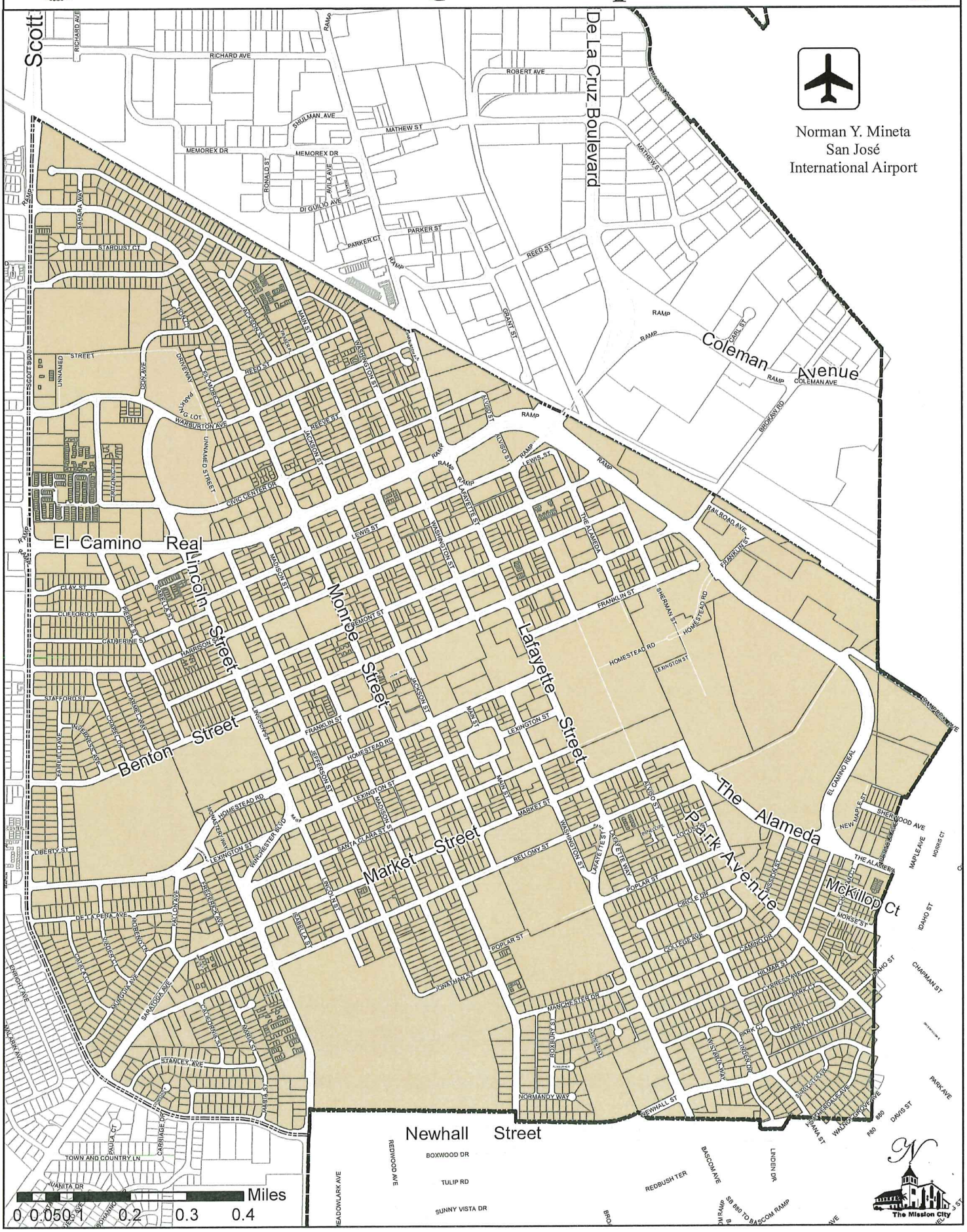
C. All Committee members would serve four-year terms. Recognizing that student and other Committee members may not be able to serve four years, recruitment and re-appointment for replacement Committee members may occur with greater frequency as needed.

2. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Chahal, Cox, Gonzalez, Hardy, Jain, and Park, and Mayor Gillmor
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST: _____
NORA PIMENTEL, MMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference:
1. OLD QUAD NEIGHBORHOOD MAP

City of Santa Clara
Old Quad Map