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Mayor's Winter Newsletter *By Mark Korin*



Well it's the first Mayors newsletter for 2017 and I have something I'd like to share. At the end of 2016, I looked back at the blessings, accomplishments, heartaches, difficulties and changes I experienced and began to focus on the promises of what 2017 will usher in. I'm reminded of a saying, "**You can't change the past, but you can learn from your mistakes to make positive advancements for the future**". Usually I look at January as a new beginning filled with hope. It's a time for progress and set new goals with a rejuvenated willingness to correct the blunders and missteps of the past as we step into the future. This January feels somewhat different. I am personally reaching an age milestone. No, I'm not turning thirty, but an age that's compelling me to look back. I'm forced to remember all the things that were and continue to be important in my life such as my wife, family,

children and now grandchildren with ongoing business challenges and the leadership role that you've given me to be the conservative voice as your Mayor. Thinking about it, the actions of the past are a culmination of today. I do wish I could go back and do some things differently but I can't. That doesn't stop me from making amends in the future for the past. Look at the life we have left as a blessing and try to make the best of each day. That means being able to go back and say I'm sorry, or have the humility to apologize or the strength to forgive someone for an injustice and drop the longstanding harbored anger or mistrust and replace with forgiveness and acceptance. 2017 is the new beginning to the rest of our lives, each of us has the ability to look forward and control our destiny. We set new objectives in our personal and professional lives that can improve the relationships we have with each person we encounter. I know how difficult it is to actually follow through with this philosophy. It's not going to be easy, but that too is a new goal for 2017. With those thoughts as a foundation, I hope and pray that 2017 will bring a new beginning for all of you and your families and the milestones you face will be overcome with a positive new beginning. The big milestone our city is about to embark through is the mandatory process of updating the next comprehensive plan that will set goals for growth through the year 2040. For the past eight years the City Council and I continue to have a primary focus on removing the Met Council's unreasonable, ridiculous and completely unnecessary mandate of high density development in the southern portion of our city and restore their property rights to the same 2.5 acre density as the rest of the city. It's unfortunate that extremely poor and out of touch planning on the Met Councils part continue to take the rights away from our residents. We are forced to stand up and fight against this totalitarianism of which I'm confident 2017 will be the year of a successful resolution and finally end this overreaching tyranny. "**I know more than I did yesterday, but not as much as I will know tomorrow**" has been a phrase I've lived my entire life by. Yes it's true, I will become another year older and hopefully wiser! Let's hope we all keep learning, improving and focusing on the important things on this journey that we call life. **TO BE CONTINUED.....**