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As I reach the end of my tenure on Livermore's City Council, it has been a tremendous honor to have served the last nine years as your Mayor. My sincere thanks to all of you who entrusted me in that position with our City.

Together, a lot has been accomplished in these past nine years. In the middle of our award-winning downtown, the first phase of Stockmen's Park has been finished, a promise that was made 58 years ago. A new fire station and an emergency operations center were completed, which will protect our community for generations. The City added 57 new pieces of public art, acquired at no public expense. Public art contributes to our quality of life, encouraging each of us to pause and contemplate if only for a few moments. As Picasso said, "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

How were we able to get so much done? I was fortunate to work with many remarkable people including the City staff, my fellow Council Members, the City advisory committees, all with the support of the citizens of Livermore. We all worked together as a team for the good of our community. My thanks to our new Mayor, Bob Woerner. The City is in good hands. Thanks, as well, to Council Members Bob Carling, Bob Coomber, Trish Munro, and welcome to new Council Member, Brittni Kiick.

This year, the pandemic prevented us from gathering at our annual Community Day of Service, which over the years has brought thousands of people together in service to Livermore. I look forward to many more of those service days in the future. Don't forget, our City was named after Robert Livermore who was known throughout the region for his kindness and generosity. I firmly believe that spirit continues to live on in the DNA of our community. It is my sincere hope that the Council and the members of our community can continue to work together for the common good and remember that people can disagree without being disagreeable.

In closing, I am thankful for the remarkable people with whom I have been honored to work. That is what I will miss most about this job, the people. I will miss the hugs and the handshakes that are typically associated with goodbyes and the opportunity to personally thank each one of the people with whom I have worked so closely over the last 15 years on the Council while serving this community. I have deeply appreciated the great relationships that have been built with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, Innovation Tri-Valley, LARPD, LVJUSD, Las Positas College, our amazing arts community, our non-profit partners, the entire City staff, the other elected officials and all of the great people with whom I was privileged to work.

I have been blessed to work with extraordinary people in this extraordinary city, Livermore.

Thank you,



Mayor John Marchand