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**The City of Santa Clara Appoints Brian Doyle as City Attorney**  
***After Serving as Interim City Attorney for a Year, Doyle Appointed to City Attorney Position***

**Santa Clara, California** - After serving the City of Santa Clara since January 13, 2017 as the Interim City Attorney on a part-time basis, Brian Doyle was appointed to the City Attorney position on December 12, 2017.

While serving in the capacity of Interim City Attorney, Mr. Doyle also served as General Counsel for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara. He previously served as Deputy City Attorney with the City of San Jose for many years prior to his work with the Housing Authority. Mr. Doyle is an invaluable asset to the City of Santa Clara with his particular expertise in municipal law, including: land use, housing programs, real estate transactions, development of affordable housing and contracts, government contracts, administrative due process, public records and constitutional law. Mr. Doyle possesses a Bachelor of Arts in Government from the University of San Francisco and a JD from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

“On behalf of the entire City Council, we are excited to appoint Brian Doyle as City Attorney and commend him for his admirable leadership over the past year,” said Santa Clara Mayor, Lisa M. Gillmor. “Under his guidance, Santa Clara has been better positioned in negotiations and on significant legal matters that Santa Clara has faced, particularly over the past several months. We look forward to having Brian as our full-time City Attorney and having him continue to work collaboratively and strategically with new City Manager, Deanna J. Santana.”

Under Mr. Doyle’s leadership, the City successfully obtained judgement in Santa Clara’s favor in the CityPlace California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) litigation, as well as completed negotiations, environmental review process and development entitlements for the project. He also has been working diligently with outside counsel in the Stadium Authority Arbitration and Declaratory Relief litigation; and the City was able to obtain a demurrer to the initial legal challenge brought against the city under the California Voting Rights Act. Mr. Doyle also staffed the City’s Charter Review Committee to bring forward an innovative proposal to amend the City Charter with regard to City Council elections. In addition, under Mr. Doyle’s tenure a number of City ordinances have been implemented, including the Food & Building Service Worker Retention, Accessory Dwelling Unit, Historical Preservation and Affordable Housing.

Among other issues, Mr. Doyle will continue working on affordable housing policies in response to recent state legislation; stadium issues related to non-NFL events, as well as implementation of Stadium audit recommendations; initiating a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update; and creation and implementation of district elections and change to voting methodology to rank choice voting.

Per the City Charter, the City Attorney is directly appointed by the Council who is responsible for representing and advising the City Council in matters relating to law.

Mr. Doyle moved to Santa Clara in 1991, where he still lives with his wife and two children who attend school in Santa Clara.

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## **About the City of Santa Clara:**

Located at the heart of Silicon Valley about 45 miles south of San Francisco, the City of Santa Clara truly is "The Center of What's Possible." Incorporated in 1852, Santa Clara covers an area of 19.3 square miles with a population of 120,000. Santa Clara is home to an extraordinary array of high-tech companies, including Applied Materials, Hewlett-Packard, Intel, Nvidia, Oracle, and Ericsson. The City of Santa Clara is also home to Santa Clara University, California's Great America Theme Park, and Levi's® Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers and Super Bowl 50. For more information, visit [www.SantaClaraCA.gov](http://www.SantaClaraCA.gov).