

"In a night full of pain and darkness be a candle spreading light until dawn." Rumi

Dear Honorable Mayor Goethels, Deputy Mayor Rodriguez, Council Member Bonilla, Council Member Lee, City Manager Corbett, City Attorney Mason, City Clerk Olds, and Staff,

I felt an overwhelming sense to write to you and express my appreciation and utmost gratitude for your commitment, strength and efforts during these dark times facing our nation and city. I am in awe of your willingness and commitment in meeting regularly and remotely to help guide our city.

There are normally boundaries between government leaders and the people that I would normally not cross by oversharing; however, these are not normal times.

When I was 19 I found myself driving on a very dark Canada Road. The enclosed poem came to me on an ordinary and uneventful evening. Little did I know, that the message would later help me through the darkest moments of my life as I lead my college chapter of young women through the tragic death and accompanying grief after our friends died in a plane crash. I was supposed to be on that plane but fate had another call. Many tough times and tragedies followed including the September 11th attacks. I continued to find comfort in the message.

We are so fortunate to live in a country with the freedom of and freedom from religion and practicing as we wish. I share this message in that light. May the words comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead. Together, we will get through this.

Please know there are many of us who would gladly serve you and our city should you need us. Let me know and we will arrive! Until then, each day I promise to light a candle for you and all who so selflessly serve our city and country.

In San Mateo,

Mary Cravalho  
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## THE SACRED GIFT

I LOOK INTO THE STILLNESS OF THE NIGHT  
 AND INTO THE BEAUTY OF A FALLEN STAR  
 IT FALLS INTO MY HAND AND TAKES ME FAR AWAY  
 IT TAKES ME TO A PLACE I'VE NEVER BEEN  
 AND SHOWS ME THINGS THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN



THIS PLACE KNOWS NOT OF HATRED; ONLY LOVE  
 IT KNOWS NOT OF COLDNESS; ONLY WARMTH  
 IT WHISPERS WHAT I ALWAYS REALLY KNEW  
 THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE GOOD AND KIND  
 TO EVERYTHING ON EARTH

THAT WE SHOULD NOT ABUSE THINGS;  
 ONLY HELP THEM GROW  
 THAT WE SHOULD NOT CONFUSE THINGS;  
 BUT, IN OUR HEARTS TO KNOW

THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US A SACRED GIFT  
 TO HAVE AND HOLD AND GIVE OUR HEARTS A LIFT  
 TO HELP EACHOTHER WHEN THE PAIN IS NEAR

TO BE FREE OF INSECURITY AND FEAR

THIS PLACE KNOWS NOT OF DARKNESS; ONLY LIGHT  
IT KNOWS NOT OF DEATH; ONLY LIFE  
AND AS THE STAR CONTINUES TO LEAD ME  
ONCE AGAIN, I SEE THINGS I'VE NEVER SEEN  
I LOOK UPON THE WORLD IN ALL OF ITS BEAUTY  
AND KNOW GOD SEARCHES FOR ONE THING; DEEP SINCERITY

YOU SEE, GOD HAS GIVEN US A SACRED GIFT  
TO HAVE AND HOLD AND GIVE OUR HEARTS A LIFT  
TO HELP EACHOTHER IN THOSE TIMES OF SORROW  
TO LIVE AND LOVE AND GIVE  
FOR ALL OF OUR TOMORROWS

AND AS THE STAR LEADS ME BACK ON LIFE'S TRAIL  
IT WHISPERS IT'S ALRIGHT TO HAVE TRIED AND FAILED  
IT WHISPERS TO KEEP LIGHT WITHIN OUR HEARTS  
AND WARM AND SINCERE WISHES IN OUR THOUGHTS  
BUT MOST OF ALL IT STRESSES JUST ONE THING.....

THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US A SACRED GIFT  
TO HAVE AND HOLD AND GIVE OUR HEARTS A LIFT  
THAT GOD KNOWS NOT OF DEATH NOR STRIFE  
HE HAS GIVEN US AN INNER WEALTH  
TO LIVE, AND LOVE, AND GIVE, HE HAS BEQUEATHED

AND WITH HIS LIGHT AND WISDOM SO NEAR  
NOW I REALIZE WHAT I'VE ALWAYS REALLY KNOWN  
GOD WALKS WITH US THROUH THE DARKEST HOURS  
AND LIVES, AND LOVES, AND GIVES TO US  
FOR ALL OF OUR TOMORROWS

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Mary Cravalho

**From:** Robin DeMartini <>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 5:01 PM  
**To:** City Mgr <[citymgr@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:citymgr@cityofsanmateo.org)>  
**Subject:** Stop Deployment of Wireless during Quarantine

Dear Mr. Corbett,

Dear Mayor & City Council Member,

We ask that you impose a moratorium on “small cells” and other wireless infrastructure permits process and deployment until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

The wireless providers are using the COVID-19 emergency as cover to expand and cement their rapid and virtually unsupervised deployment of harmful wireless infrastructure. Our local leaders should not have to dedicate time and resources to policing whether the wireless companies are following local and state law, they have far more important things to do.

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Sincerely,  
Robin DeMartini  
San Mateo, CA

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**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 2:44 PM

**To:** San Mateo Police Department <[police@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:police@cityofsanmateo.org)>

**Subject:** Stop Deployment of Wireless during Quarantine

Dear Mr. Barberini,

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Sincerely,  
Erin Oliveira  
San Mateo, CA

**From:** Leslie Naber < >  
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2020 9:26 AM  
**To:** Patrice Olds <[polds@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:polds@cityofsanmateo.org)>  
**Subject:** Stop Deployment of Wireless during Quarantine

Dear Ms. Olds,

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 Leslie Naber  
 San Mateo, CA

**From:** Catherine Hsu <>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 5:04 AM  
**To:** City Mgr <[citymgr@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:citymgr@cityofsanmateo.org)>  
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