

City of San Pablo

Proclamation Recognizing

The San Jose Earthquakes

WHEREAS, the San Jose Earthquakes (Quakes) is a Major League Soccer (MLS) Club that promotes unity through sports;

WHEREAS, the Quakes strive to improve health and fitness outcomes for local youth and combat food insecurity in their community;

WHEREAS, through the cultivation of the game of soccer, the Quakes create and facilitate programs that produce positive impacts for children and families in these areas of focus throughout the Bay Area;

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2022, the San Pablo United Youth Soccer Club (SPUYSC) was invited by the San Jose Earthquakes MLS Men's Soccer Club to take part in pregame festivities;

WHEREAS, 22 of the SPUYSC boys and girls had the opportunity to walk hand-in-hand with the players of the San Jose Earthquakes and Chicago Fire, escorting them onto the field and standing next to them while singing our National Anthem;

WHEREAS, this was a lifetime experience for SPUYSC youth that provided a glimpse into the world of professional soccer and the notion that if you work hard, stay dedicated, and set your mind to it, anything is possible, even becoming a professional soccer player;

WHEREAS, the Quakes and the SPUYSC have a community relationship that engages youth with professional soccer players in a variety of ways by bringing inner-city youth to a professional soccer match, allowing a team escort, playing a "Minnie Match" after the game is over, and providing an opportunity to meet players and receive autographs, all at low cost to our families; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, the SPUYSC, in collaboration with the Quakes, has provided an opportunity for youth to celebrate soccer for the love and passion that this sport generates.

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Rita Xavier, Mayor of the City of San Pablo, on behalf of the City Council proclaim and hereby recognize and extend our appreciation to **The San Jose Earthquakes for their contributions to supporting local youth in the San Pablo community.***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Pablo to be affixed this 6th day of September, 2022.

Rita Xavier, Mayor