

Greetings to all residents, businesses, and visitors of the City of Jurupa Valley,

I would like to start off by wishing the City of Jurupa Valley Happy Birthday! On July 1, 2015 we celebrated our fourth birthday. A lot has passed since our incorporation date of July 1, 2011; we have faced many challenges but in the true spirit of Jurupa Valley, we continue to press forward moving towards community prosperity, well planned growth and economic development, better public safety, and enhancing our Healthy Jurupa Valley Initiative.

As your new City Manager, I was invited to participate in the festivities and parade at Country Village (my first) on July 4th. I thoroughly enjoyed the day spent with residents, dignitaries, veterans, and so many wonderful people. As I rode through the parade, the community spirit was very evident everywhere and so rewarding to see young and old enjoying and celebrating this important day. I had an excellent time and the experience was very rewarding.

Good News! The City of Jurupa Valley was notified that we have been selected to receive one of urban planning's highest awards for our Environmental Justice Element. The American Planning Association's California Chapter (APA) has selected Jurupa Valley's Environmental Justice Element for its *2015 Advancing Diversity and Social Change in Honor of Paul Davidoff Award of Merit*. I would like to congratulate our Planning Department for their outstanding efforts and recognition. To view the full press release, please visit www.jurupavalley.org under Latest News.

Many of you have called or emailed inquiring about future Town Hall meetings. I am pleased to report that your City Council has elected to continue these Town Hall meetings every four months. Our next Town Hall Meeting will be in October, please stay tuned and check the city website at www.jurupavalley.org or call/email for future dates/locations. We hope to publish this information very soon.

In conclusion, please be sure to contact City Hall for any questions you have concerning city functions, problems that need addressed, or assistance in activities you are engaged in requiring working with City Hall.

Sincerely,

Gary Thompson, City Manager