

# **R**esidents of Norco **U**rging Protection of **R**ural and **A**nimal Keeping **L**ifestyles



Dedicated to Civic Accountability

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR NORCO!! Hard to believe it is 2018. With all the activities throughout the year . . . time really does fly by. I pray that you all had a very Merry Christmas . . . and those who caught the "bug" are on the mend. There are some very serious issues facing our special town and beloved RURAL LIFESTYLE. It seems that the vigilance needed to protect our A120 zoning, animal keeping, horse trails, and even the City Charter is more crucial than ever. Once again we are under a threat of weakening the very fabric that keeps HORSETOWN, USA unique. The RURAL Board shall be scheduling the speakers for the year, soon. You can expect a reminder email closer to our January meeting, at the 6th Street Deli. Please stay informed, by attending the City Council and Commission meetings in person to hear the full discussions, and also share your thoughts, ideas, praise &/or criticism on any issue. Our elected officials serve us . . . they want our input to help govern and protect the last elbow room for your animals and Vege garden. We cannot take Norco for granted!  
See you at the Deli.  
Pat Overstreet 951-734-5081



### Next Meetings

- JANUARY 25: Speaker TBD
- FEBRUARY 22: Speaker TBD
- MARCH 22: Speaker TBD
- APRIL 26: No Meeting!  
Rodeo Time!

# January 2018

## The Purpose of R.U.R.A.L.

(**R**esidents of Norco, **U**rging protection of **R**ural and **A**nimal keeping **L**ifestyles)

To advocate the maintenance of the City of Norco's present unique, rural animal keeping, equestrian-oriented, relatively crime-free, predominately residential, recreational, scenic and agricultural lifestyle by engaging in the following, but by no means exclusive activities:

- Participating in community activities (i.e. Norco Fair, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Clean Up, Rodeos, Horse week, Day of the Cowboy, Mustang Challenge, Ranch Tour etc.)
- Participating in neighborhood watches
- Participating in neighborhood welcome wagons
- Participating in neighborhood disaster preparedness planning
- Closely monitoring the activities of the Norco City Council, appointed boards and commissions and the City Staff by attending public hearings and meetings of these public bodies which pertain to protection of our lifestyle and animal keeping
- Promote public campaign open forums
- Educating re: legislation to be considered, or being considered by local, state, federal, country or appointed public body, which threatens our RURAL lifestyle
- Educating re: ballot propositions, which may threaten our RURAL lifestyle
- Preparing and disseminating information, whether written or oral, through any means of communication

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## Stay informed!

Attend city meetings to gather first hand information about both internal and external issues Norco is facing in 2018 and beyond.

Visit the City website (<http://www.norco.ca.us/>) for the calendar of meetings and events.

### **RURAL Executive Staff** **2017**

President:  
Pat Overstreet 951-734-5081

Vice President:  
Kathy Kramer 951-741-5559

Secretary:  
Doris Higgins 951-898-3698

Treasurer:  
Denise Lynn Sutherland  
951-545-4312

Communications:  
Dana Adams 951-660-3226

What are the after-hours numbers?

### **For all emergencies:** **Dial 911**

Animal Control (After Hours)  
(951) 371-1143

Public Works (After Hours)  
(951) 371-1143

Sheriff (Non-Emergency)  
(951) 776-1099

Sheriff (General Information)  
(951) 270-5673

Fire (General Information)  
(951) 737-8097

# January 2018

## Norco City Council Regular Meeting

When: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

Public Session begins at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Council Chambers, 2820 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA, 92860

Contact: Cheryl L. Link, City Clerk - (951) 270-5617



# CITY OF NORCO

## CONSIDERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION SYSTEM

### *Why is the City Considering a District-Based Election System?*

The City of Norco was served with a demand letter from Shenkman & Hughes on October 2, 2017, alleging a violation of the California Voting Rights Act and threatening litigation if district conversion is not implemented. Norco currently utilizes an at-large election system in which registered voters cast votes for every Council seat. Changing to district-based elections would result in the City being divided into five districts, each with one Council Member who resides in the district and is chosen solely by the voters in that district.

## *Tell Us What You Think*

Public input is vital in order to understand how and if a district-based election system is suitable for Norco. The City Council is urging residents to participate in the process. There are three ways to provide input:



### MAIL OR EMAIL COMMENTS:

Mail to:  
City of Norco City Clerk  
2870 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860

OR

Email to: [cityclerk@ci.norco.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.norco.ca.us)



### ATTEND THESE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

DEC  
20

JAN  
17

JAN  
24

FEB  
7

Learn more about district-based elections & voice your opinion during public comments.



### DRAW YOUR OWN PROPOSED MAP:

What do you consider your "community" within Norco? You can draw a full city-wide map of proposed districts or you can propose only one district around your neighborhood. Blank maps are available on the website.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.NORCO.CA.US/DISTRICTS](http://WWW.NORCO.CA.US/DISTRICTS)**

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**(951) 736-8044 | fax: (951) 736-3697**  
**2597 Hamner Ave. Norco, CA 92860**

# January 2018



January 25, 2018

Speaker: To be determined

RURAL general meetings are held Sixth Street Deli at 7:00pm.  
Come early and enjoy dinner with us.



2834 HAMNER AVENUE #510  
NORCO, CA 92860