

**FROM: Mayor Pro Tem Josh Fryday**

**SUBJECT: Proposed Agenda Item- December 5, 2017 City Council Meeting**

Novato Service Corps

Novato has a rich history and culture of commitment to public service. Our community has a unique military heritage, with the prominent Hamilton Air Force Base anchored in our city. In addition to many veterans, we are home to so many police officers, firefighters, teachers and other public servants. Service to our community and nation has defined the lives of so many of our residents, and we have always honored them with great pride.

In recognition of Novato's special commitment to service, and the unique time we live in, I would like our city to explore options to expand service opportunities for our youth. We can best meet our responsibility to pass our heritage of service on to them by providing meaningful and unique opportunities to serve their community.

We may also have the opportunity to explore a partnership with Dominican University, who has a keen interest to promote civics education, to benefit Novato graduates.

I propose the Council discuss in January a program to build upon our summer internship program for high school students, by exploring ways to pilot a small program this year that provides paid summer and/or year-long service opportunities with the city for young people who graduate from a high school in Novato and wish to serve. A program of this type would provide great value to our citizens, set an example for providing service opportunities for young people, and honor Novato's deep history of service.