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MAYOR'S FIRST QUARTER REPORT

At the February and again at the March Council meeting, my report addressed the following points:

- I. Legislative Update
- II. The 3 areas of development: Little Farm, Sanctuary, and Annexed Area
- III. The role of the El Portal committees.
- IV. The Council and Administration succession plan.
- V. Creating Community Connectedness with our surrounding communities

I. Legislative Update:

With that, here's the 2019 Legislative Update: Since 2015, El Portal's 2 legislative priorities have and continue to be: **NE 2nd Avenue Septic to Sewer conversion** and **The El Jardín Storm Water outfall improvement**

Septic to Sewer: we have been unsuccessful in having the State appropriate funds for this project; however, this year, septic to sewer conversion is a statewide priority, we are hoping our *million* dollars ask to commence designs will be favorably looked upon this session.

El Jardín Storm Water: Fortunately, in 2017, El Portal was successful and received a little over half a million for a portion of this project - in which the design is complete and in the coming weeks we'll solidify an easement location. Before the project starts, we will host an informational town hall for the community.

II. El Portal Development:

The 3 areas of development in El Portal are: The Sanctuary, Little Farm and The Annexed Area (83rd and 84th streets).

Sanctuary: Earlier this month The Sanctuary's 2nd septic system design submission was denied by Miami Dade County - again. I've now asked

the office of our County Commissioner, Chair Edmonson for assistance. Without a Miami Dade County septic system design seal of approval, they cannot move forward with this project. As such, this is where septic to sewer makes sense to start—on NE 2nd Ave and the Little Farm, which will attract businesses as sewer is really necessary for sustainable commercial projects, which will greatly increase our tax base and service capabilities.

Little Farm: Kent and Cyrus, project manager and engineer, respectively have been linked with the Barrington Brothers. Their parcels border/ connect - the goal is for them to want to work together to ensure cohesiveness and shared-vision for El Portal.

Annexed Area: On March 8th, Juan (Plusurbia) and I met with property owners, The Barrington Brothers (and their team). They shared their preliminary design that included 2 apartment buildings, potential ground level retail, and green space. Juan, recommended some tweaks to design - our follow up meeting was Friday, April 12th. In the interim, a conference call with our internal administration team (manager, finance, planner and attorney) to work on was held on Friday, March 29th the financial impact this development will pose on police, staff and etc). Our goal is to host a resident town hall to meet the owners and view renderings before they present to PandZ committee in May.

III. El Portal Committees and their role

As we know, El Portal's Council has 6 committees, and (generally) before a voting item goes before the entire council, it is placed on the agenda to the appropriate EP committee.

This not only provides an opportunity for the committee to "workshop" and discuss in-depth each proposed vot-



ing agenda item, but it also allows the residents to learn and know of possible agenda voting items, before it goes before full Council —What does this mean? It means our El Portal Committee Meetings are important, very important. Bottom line: Proposed projects, resolutions, ordinances and other potential voting items start here first, and its progress is tracked on the Committee level.

IV. The Council and Administration succession plan.

Committee Meeting Tracking Reports: The tracking report is a tool to track, streamline, and allow for better project management and continuity no matter who the chair is, and especially resourceful for new members on the council. If consistently updated and used—this report provides the Village manager, department heads, and clerk a tool to track the priorities each committee has set for them to follow through on.

This tracking process should mitigate delays, archive historical key points on projects, assist manager in work-

Mayor (cont. from page 2)

ing through multiple projects, provide clerk a way to track an item from committee to council meeting and a sleuth of other helpful benefits.

As such, at the last Council Meeting (during my Mayor’s report) I asked each Committee Chair to kindly update their committee tracking reports, so it reflects up-to-date projects. Also, to recap, in a brief summary, their committee meeting highlights. Both of these items will be placed on our Village website. (Example: On the navigation bar - click meeting and in the drop menu Committee Meetings (will be added) - when you click that the drop menu will include the 6 committees).

Since, March committee meetings are now over, I’m hoping each Chair will work on this and email to Clerk.

Proposed Charter Amendment:

I requested the Village attorney to draft a proposed change to our charter for committee review. Currently, if a council member resigns from his/her seat and there are 6 months or less left in their term, the Council appoints

(by a minimum approval vote of 3) the new council member. However, if there are more than 6 months left to the term, the Village must have and bare the extra cost of a special election, like we are hosting right now, where Election Day is Tuesday April 2nd.

With that, it is my recommendation to amend the charter so it reads: that no matter the time left in the current term, the Council should have the option to appoint the new member or have a special election if a council member resigns or removed.

The cost (that we are bearing now) of an unforeseen special election in a small town is prohibitive. This is a referendum, as such, if Council passes, the proposed change (properly worded) will be on the ballot for El Portal registered voters to vote on in November of 2020!

V. Creating Community Connectivity with Miami Shores and surrounding communities

Miami Shores: Continuing to work with Miami Shores on the 3 areas of opportunity I mentioned last month: 1) Shared police dispatcher; 2) Enable El Portal

residents to gain access to the Miami Shores aquatics center; and 3) a Miami shores Trolley stop in El Portal, which goes to the train station. As well encouraging Council to support and attend their events.

Larchmont Park area - Adjacent community south of El Portal: Acting Chief Corporal Sharp coordinated my meeting request and we met with the Miami Police Commander who oversees and is responsible for the Larchmont area; this meeting took place last week. We met with Major Cummings and Captain Chapman from Intracoastal Police Station, and they were fantastic!!! It was a productive meeting, they provided us with a wealth of information, and made resources immediately available to our Police Department. As we move forward, one of our Police Officers will now attend their monthly NE Corridor strategic and intelligence meeting and become part of their Wolfpack - more to come on this!

Meeting with our County Commissioner: Audrey Edmonson: On March 12th, I met with our County Commissioner, briefed her on the potential developments, Septic to Sewer needs, and other public work needs we have throughout our community. The commissioner and her office have been diligent with the follow up since our meeting. More to come on this.

In closing, every aforementioned point is presented with the mindset of implementing a succession plan. Again, thank you for your continued support. As a reminder visit our Village website at: elportalvillage.com

Yours in service,

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Happy Spring El Portal!

Hard to believe we are already in the 2nd quarter of 2019. Things have been quite busy in El Portal. Following are some of the highlights:

Committee Meetings:

Recap from March 2019 Committee Meetings highlights. Please visit the Village website elportalvillage.com/meetings for the actual minutes.

Public Safety: Ordinance 2019-01 Repealing the Sergeants provision was reviewed. Tracking report was discussed Mayor would like to add all items that take place annually and anything that is of importance. For example the follow up to the McGrath Report, FDLE Annual Audit, Officer trainings, and physical exams. Mayor also asked that the budget include single line items for these annual expenses. Committee asked that we take a more proactive action in applying for grants for our Police Department. A suggestion was made for 6 month evaluations and perhaps a self evaluation. Village is currently interviewing for Part-time and Reserve officers. Village Manager is looking into options and costs for dispatching. CPO phone options were briefly discussed and left open for a follow up discussion and consideration once a new Chief was hired.

Code Enforcement: Councilperson Matthis reported that Code Enforcement was taking a very close look at violations and citations were being written.

Public Works: New Flood Plan Management Ordinance was discussed. Village Manager to have a meeting on March 11th to discuss specifics for El Portal and will follow up with details. Craig A. Smith & Associates Contract addendum was approved to move to Council. Penoni’s contract was discussed and the open bill for \$45k. Committee agreed that no additional work would be done by Penoni until the Village has an easement for the pump station. Disaster Management RFP and Debris Removal RFP were sent out and the Village received only one response for both.

Public Affairs: The Village was finalizing the quotes for website to get it ADA compliant. Welcome Wagon was discussed to be brought back as an initiative to welcome new residents. The committee asked the Village Manager to look into the Certificate’s of Re-occupancy and the permits for Realtors to ensure that both are being enforced by the Village. Installation Gala for Miami League of Cities was dis-

cussed and the upcoming 11th Annual 5k was also discussed.

Planning & Zoning:

PlusUrbia presented the highlights from the Fence Workshop and extended the online survey for residents to complete by April 1, 2019. PlusUrbia will be presenting an amendment to this area of the Code within the next couple of months.



Admin & Finance: Cap Government contract was approved to move to Council. Akerman Lobbying contract was also approved. Complete Care IT Contract was not approved, the committee has asked the Village Manager to send out an RFP for this service and we will remain on a month to month for now. Discussion on Ordinance Amending Section 2.0 Council Vacancies was discussed with some disagreements and the Chair asked everyone to review the ordinance and propose change of language if needed for discussion at the May Committee meeting.

The Committee Meetings take place every other month on the ***first and third*** Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm as follows:

1st Tuesday: Public Safety, Code Enforcement and Public Works

3rd Tuesday: Admin & Finance, Planning & Zoning and Public Affairs

Recap on Q1 Events:

FEBRUARY:

Fences Town Hall. Discussion on Fence Regulations. Hosted by Mayor Cubillos. Sat, Feb 23, 2019. PlusUrbia covered the Village Code and what is currently acceptable. The Fences Survey was available for completion by all that attended and sent to residents via email. Follow up was covered at the March committee meeting.

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Black History Luncheon. Wed, Feb 27, 2019. Hosted by Councilperson Roman



MARCH

4th Annual Arbor Day - Celebration of being a Tree City USA. Sat, Mar 9, 2019. Chaired by Councilperson Roman. Sponsored by the Offices of Attorney Norman Powell. Wonderful celebration took place. Fellow resident Janet Carabelli was recognized in appreciation for her work adding butterfly plants to the Sherwood Forest park. Thank you Zamira Diaz and the El Portal Woman’s Club for coordinating the Top Chef’s potluck.

Organic Landscaping & Environmentally Friendly Pest Control Practices Workshop. Sat, Mar 16, 2019. Hosted by Councilperson Roman .Guest speakers Laura Hill, Mary Benton, and Chad Moreshchi all spoke about harmful chemicals that are used in our yards, their effects and how we can replace them with safer products. We were also educated on native plants and how they help the environment, and do not need the harmful chemicals to protect them. For more information you can visit the Pesticide-Free El Portal Facebook page or Pesticide Free Miami. We will place the power-points on the Village of El Portal website and we will hold another workshop later this year.

Events postponed:

APRIL: Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Earth Day Operation Village Wide Clean Up

SAVE THE DATE for upcoming events:

MAY: 11th Annual Armed Forces Day 5k Run/Walk, Sat, May 18, 2019. Sponsors so far: Waste Management. 7:00 am start. El Portal Village Hall

Volunteers for Village Events: Events require many resources and manpower. If you are interested in volunteering and offering your talents towards Village events please contact Councilperson Roman at (305)395-2536 or vroman@villageofelportal.org. It takes a Village - get involved!

Special Election Results:

Congratulations to newly elected Councilperson Anders Urbom.

HOME OF THE MONTH:

Congratulations to our Home of the Month winners for January, February and March!



January Winner: 336 NE 86th home of Lourdes C O Byrne



February Winner: 115 nw 86th home of Nitida A Cores



March Winner: 453 NE 89 Street home of Judy Mistor and her daughter Audry is in the picture

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Home of the Month Objective: Provide recognition to residents who have improved the exterior of the home and/or their front yards (curb appeal). **Program Sponsored by:** Councilperson Roman

2019 Committee of Residents: Chair: Andrew Naylor, Vice-Chair: David Ward, Member: Scott Russell & Councilperson Vimari Roman

All resident are welcome to join the committee. If you would like to join the Committee please email elportalhomeofthemonth@gmail.com or contact Andrew Naylor @ 312-622-0855.

Nominations: All residents who are not members of the committee can nominate themselves or a neighbor for consideration for Home of the Month. If you have a home you'd like to nominate please send the committee an email with the address and pictures if possible to ElPortalHomeoftheMonth@gmail.com. Nominations are accepted up to the 5th of every month.

Additional Home of the Month program information and pictures of all the previous winners can be found on the Village website: <http://elportalvillage.com/archives/home-of-the-month/>



The Woman's Club is hosted their annual "I Love My Village" Photo Contest! Congratulations to the following:

ARCHITECTURE
Lesly Balzano,
Wind Vein CIVIC

FAMILY & COMMUNITY
Maura Peterson,
Music Band

NATURE
Maura Peterson,
Ibis Bird

PETS
Luis Comulada,
Brown Dog & Flower



Runner Ups, Honorable Mentions, and all contest submissions can be seen on the El Portal Woman's Club website: <https://elportalwomensclub.org/2019-Photo-Contest>.

Photos will be added to their 2020 Calendar, which is now available for pre order and ad space purchase: <https://elportalwomensclub.org/CALENDAR>.

With that, I'll conclude my report. As always, I am available via phone or email should you wish to speak, have any questions, concerns or ideas. I look forward to seeing you around the village or at the upcoming events.

Cheers, Vimari Roman,
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CODE ENFORCEMENT - PUBLIC WORKS

Dear Villagers,

I hope this communication finds you well. There is so much going on in our Village, not sure where to begin.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Carlos Garcia, Code enforcement officer, the El VEPPD and myself are actively addressing all code enforcement violation as quickly as possible to ensure there is no blite in sight.

In the most recent code enforcement sweep most violations stem from Section 5-67 of the Village Code. This section is one of the most important sections in our code. This assist in the maintaining and increasement of our home value and the overall appearance our home, block, neighborhood and the entire Village as a whole. First impressions are lasting impressions.

Many of the residents that have been advised of a code violation are sometimes unaware that they are actually violating the codes of the Village of El Portal. For a quick reference point, you can always go to www.municode.com, should you very be question of any violations.

Should you receive a violation and feel that you are not in violation or you need more time or assistance to comply, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Hall. Code Enforcement is not designed to be punitive, but designed for compliance.

- List of the TOP 5 Code Violations:
- Section 5-67: Exterior Maintenance. Any and all Sections where a Permit is required
 - Section 23-16: Weeds and Wild Growth
 - Section 10-21.1: Storage of inoperable vehicles
 - Section 8-4: Placement of Garbage Cans

Please know the Code and Comply.

PUBLIC WORKS:

As you are aware this administration is addressing the one of the biggest issues to date, Septic to Sewer. S2S is on the top priority list until every home in the Village is free of septic usage. The Village is currently 92% complete of the design stage of Phase I of the S2S project. Securing a site location for the necessary pump station is all that is needed ensure the completion of

the final 8% and then S2S is rendered shovel ready. But for the bureaucratic delay on the part of Miami Dade County School Board the Village is positioned and ready to move into Phase II of this project... construction.



On April 17, 2019, I attended the school board monthly meeting and stressed the urgency to secure the easement needed, as the location of the pump station which is on Horace Mann Middle School grounds. The pumping station would be located in the southwest corner of the property for maximum infrastructure use.

Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and the other members of the school board only stated that they are aware of the situation and are working towards "some kind of settlement" with regard to obtaining the Villages' easement request. I would urge all residents to make it a point to contact the school board and voice their concerns pertaining to the delay of the acquisition of the land. The School Board's delay in acting could be a detriment to the fulfillment of this project. Advise the members that this project not only benefits the Village residents , but Horace Mann and a large portion of the northeast section of Miami Dade that would be serviced through this sewer connection.

Harold E. Mathis, Jr. Chairperson,
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The signature trees that grow on private or public property wonderfully complement our Village’s aesthetics and improve quality of life. The Center for Watershed Protection also notes that tree canopy provides an important storm water function by intercepting rainfall that would otherwise run off of paved surfaces and be transported into local waterways through the storm drainage system and picks up pollutants along the way. Tree canopy also reduces heating and cooling costs, lowers air temperatures and reduces air pollution.



Trees increase property values and provide wildlife habitats. However, trees are a frequent source of disputes between neighbors and property owners when there is a failure to prune and maintain them. So what happens when naturally occurring tree debris falls on to adjacent lots causing damage? Under Florida law, the health of the tree determines who is responsible for damages to neighboring property. In other words, if a dead tree falls on a neighboring property, the person who owns the property where the tree was originally located is responsible for the damages if the owner was on notice that the tree was dead or unhealthy. Alternatively, if a live tree falls on neighboring property causing damage, the neighboring property owner is responsible for those damages, including the cost of removal of the tree. The ownership of a tree is determined by looking at the trunk of the tree. The primary location of the trunk determines the owner. If the tree trunk is in the middle of two properties, both owners are responsible for the tree. A property owner cannot interfere with a tree that belongs to a neighbor. Florida Courts have long held that “a possessor of land is not liable to persons outside the land for a nuisance resulting from trees and natural vegetation growing on the land.” *Blazer v. Maxwell*, 263 So. 3d 189 (Fla. 1st DCA 2018). This is because the courts have reasoned that it is “wiser to leave the individual to protect himself, if harm results to him from the exercise of another’s right to use his property in a reasonable way, than to subject that other to the annoyance, and the public to the burden, of actions in law, which would be likely to be innumerable and, in many instances, purely vexatious.” *Scott v. McCarty*, 41 So. 2d 989 (4th DCA 2010); *Michalson v. Nutting*, 275 Mass 232, 175 N.E. 490, 491 (1931). However, property owners are privileged to exercise the right of *self-help* to deal with nuisance trees by trimming back, at the adjoining owner’s expense, any encroaching tree roots or branches and other vegetation which has grown on their property. Moreover, if an adjoining property owner’s exercise of the right of *self-help* results in undermining the structural integrity of the tree, the adjoining property owner is not liable to the owner of the tree. Finally, homeowner’s insurance generally covers damages related to fallen trees, especially when the trees fall as a result of a storm or a natural disaster. Homeowner’s insurance should cover the cost of removing and cleaning up the tree and resulting structural damage. Therefore, as soon as the tree damage occurs, your insurance agent should be contacted.

Citizen of the Quarter

Kristen McLean, is one of the most straightforward, trustworthy and reliable El Portal resident - she is “salt to the earth!” Her pragmatic approach is unwavering and admirable.

Thank you for all you do with the Little River Conservancy and for El Portal as a whole. You make our Village that much more of the Gem that it is!



TALLAHASSEE



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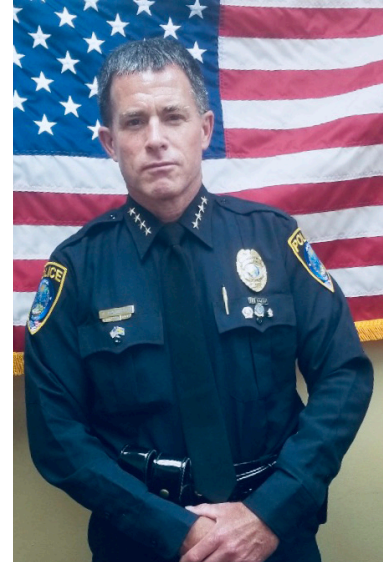
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Village of El Portal’s Chief of Police, David Magnusson

Chief David Magnusson comes to the Village of El Portal Police Department as a retired chief of police from the Havelock Police Department in Havelock, North Carolina. He became their Chief after retiring from the Miami Police Department as a major with 30 years on the job. During his police career, Magnusson served in all sections and divisions including uniform patrol, undercover narcotics, robbery, mid-level narcotics and terrorism, communications (911 Center), and personnel (including labor relations). Furthermore, he commanded Tactical Operations which included narcotics, K-9, Gangs, SWAT, Aviation, and Problem Solving Teams.



After 9-11 Magnusson was tasked with training the entire Miami Police Department (sworn and civilian) with Weapons of Mass Destruction and Incident Command System training. He also taught ethics classes to graduating police academy classes. As police chief the Havelock Police Department was at the forefront of domestic violence training, working hand-in-hand with the local women’s shelter. The very successful school program, Do the Right Thing” was also brought up to North Carolina from Miami upon his arrival. Under his tenure, Havelock was declared the Top Ten safest cities in North Carolina.

Chief Magnusson is a graduate from the JFK School of Government, The FBI Academy (224th Session), and the SMIP (Senior Management Institute for Police 31st Session)

Chief Magnusson has a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master’s Degree in Military history. His Master’s thesis combined both degrees with Counterinsurgency in American Law Enforcement as a Strategy: Winning the Hearts and Minds of a Crime Weary Populace.

Chief Magnusson is an avid history researcher and writer. He is also a retired Golden Gloves boxer, who went on to refereeing amateur matches once he hung up the gloves. A big sports enthusiast, his passions are boxing, the St. Louis Cardinals, LA Rams, and Boston Bruins.

His biggest passion, however, is his family: David and his wife Rosa have five adult children and two grandchildren. Rosa also retired from the Miami Police Department as a civilian after 31 years. Rosa and David reside in Coral Gables, Florida. The Village of El Portal Chief Magnusson’s initial goals for the El Portal Police Department are as follows:

1. An enhanced partnership with the El Portal Community, including getting out of the car and talking to people. As he has often said, “you see and learn more a 3 mph than you do at 30.”
2. Keeping persons crimes very low by way of a very robust and enriched community watch program.
3. Lowering property crimes with the same strategies previously listed.
4. While crime trends do emerge without warning, the police response must be as equally rapid. A very proactive crime plan will be deployed during the times that criminal activities warrant such a plan.
5. Realizing that law enforcement successes should serve as a guiding post and not a hitching post, professionalism and respect for all, combined with an earnest drive to continuously better themselves in all areas, will drive the Village of El Portal Police Department to even greater heights.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS

We in El Portal are continuing to *Create Community Connectedness* - this creates progress regardless of the resources available to us and our long-list of differences that so often mistakenly divide us!



El Portal With North Bay Village Vice Mayor Jackson and Miami Gardens Mayor Olive Gilbert in Miami Shores!



El Portal with North Bay Village, North Miami, Miami Beach, Bay Harbour, School Board Member and County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson Public servants.



El Portal Mayor with County Commissioner Xavier Suarez at North Miami Chamber Meeting



El Portal welcoming new Doral City Manager Albert P. Childress



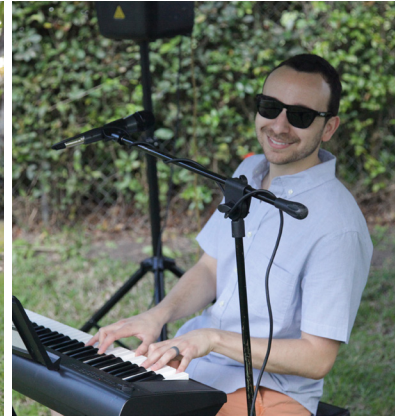
El Portal Mayor with Councilman Alix Desulme



El Portal Manager, Mayor and Police meeting with Major Cummings and Captain Chaplin of Intracoastal Police Department.



2019 ARBOR DAY





BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Audrey M. Edmonson
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 Audrey M. Edmonson
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 Rebecca Sosa

April 23, 2019

Barbara J. Jordan
 District 1

Dear Mayor Cubillos,

Jean Monestime
 District 2

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on your installation as the President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

Sally A. Heyman
 District 4

As Chairwoman of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, a former longtime resident of the Village of El Portal and more importantly your friend, it has been a great honor to see your growth as a public servant. You have earned the trust of your colleagues and of the residents and it shows through your leadership.

Eileen Higgins
 District 5

Xavier L. Suarez
 District 7

I am certain that in this role you will continue to make great strides for our County. I look forward to our continued work together.

Danielle Levine Cava
 District 8

Dennis C. Moss
 District 9

Sincerely,

Javier D. Souto
 District 10

Audrey M. Edmonson
 Chairwoman
 Miami Dade Board of County Commissioners

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2016 Armed Forces 5K in El Portal

