

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Meeting: September 3, 2025

Reporting Councilmember: Councilmember J.R. Fruen

Report Dates: 7/8/25 to 8/25/25

Item Date, Title, and Description:

Event 1. July 24, 2025 – CASCC Executive Committee Meeting – I attended the scheduled Executive Committee Meeting of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County JPA in my capacity as the organization's Second Vice-President. We confirmed and previewed items for the August 14 Legislative Action Committee and Board Meetings. Meeting materials are available on the CASCC website here.

Event 2. August 4, 2025 – **Meeting with the Interim City Manager** – I met with Interim City Manager Kapoor to discuss items of interest to residents and stakeholders, to follow-up on council-directed action items, to discuss future council agendas, and to examine regional and statewide matters impacting Cupertino.

Event 3. August 13 – **Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board Meeting** – I attended the regular August meeting of the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board of Directors in my capacity as Cupertino's appointed representative there. In report out from Closed Session, the Board voted unanimously to initiate litigation against a contract developer of a clean energy project for breach of said contract. In a break from its normal practice of meeting at Cupertino Community Hall, the Board met at Sunnyvale City Hall in its Council Chambers. Board materials are available on its website here. Major items included:

- 1. A report on vacancies, recruitment, and retention pursuant to AB 2561 showing that SVCE has a 100% retention rate reflecting overall strong employee satisfaction inside the organization.
- 2. Authorization for the SVCE CEO to execute prepay agreements as part of a Power Supply Contract with CCCFA to better leverage debt and produce savings for the organization.

- 3. Authorization of an agreement with IP Darden LLC for procurement of 93 megawatts of solar power through the construction of a solar power generation and collocated battery storage facility to help SVCE meet its power supply goals beginning June 1, 2028.
- 4. Consideration and adoption of the Annual Budget.
- 5. A study session on the Fiscal 2025-26 Strategic Focus Areas and Strategic Plan.
- 6. An update on local agency action planning to support local agency electrification transition efforts.

Event 4. August 14 – CASCC Legislative Action Committee Meeting & Board Meeting – I chaired the CASCC LAC Meeting in my capacity as Second Vice President of the CASCC JPA. Meeting materials are available on the CASCC website here. The Committee examined five bills and took action to recommend the following positions to the Board, which subsequently adopted the same positions:

- 1. AB 736 (Wicks) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026 (watch)
- 2. SB 326 (Becker) California Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Planning Act (support)
- 3. AB 632 (Hart) Administrative fines and penalties judgments
- 4. AB 906 (Gonzalez) Housing Elements affirmatively furthering fair housing zoning (oppose 7-3)
- 5. AB 66 (Tangipa) CEQA exemption for fire safety egress route projects (watch)

Event 5. August 15 – **India Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony** – Together, with Mayor Chao, Vice-Mayor Moore, Councilmember Mohan, and assorted local electeds, I participated in the annual flag raising ceremony in honor of India's Independence Day. The event was well attended despite the scorching heat.

Event 6. August 18, 2025 – **Meeting with the Interim City Manager** – I met with Interim City Manager Kapoor to discuss items of interest to residents and stakeholders, to follow-up on council-directed action items, to discuss future council agendas, and to examine regional and statewide matters impacting Cupertino.

Event 7. August 21, 2025 – **Meeting with neighbors of Mary Avenue Villas proposal** – I met with neighbors of site of the proposed Mary Avenue Villas ELI housing project to discuss their concerns about the project, process, an potential mitigation of eventual impacts.

Event 8. August 25, 2025 – **Meeting with the Interim City Manager** – I met with Interim City Manager Kapoor to discuss items of interest to residents and stakeholders, to follow-up on council-directed action items, to discuss future council agendas, and to examine regional and statewide matters impacting Cupertino.