



CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Reporting Councilmember: Mayor Liang Chao

Report Dates: 11/11/25 to 11/24/25

- Last Activity Report in the [November 4, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda](#)

Section 1: Announcement - Message from the Mayor:

- ❖ Tina Kappor was appointed as the City Manager on December 18 unanimously by the City Council.
 - City press release: [City Council Unanimously Appoints Tina Kapoor as New City Manager](#)
 - Mayor's comment to Mercury News reporter:

"It has been a pleasure working with Tina. She brings a can-do attitude and a collaborative spirit to every challenge, while also demonstrating the backbone to make tough decisions when necessary. Since stepping into her role, Tina has helped move several previously stalled projects forward and has approached complex issues with pragmatism and integrity. She has proactively improved the city's internal processes—for example, reinstating hybrid meetings for all commission meetings without additional cost by strategically consolidating staff support. Tina listens. On multiple occasions, residents who voiced concerns felt their input was genuinely heard and addressed with care. Her thoughtful leadership has made a meaningful difference in how the city serves its community."
 - Find City Manager's Weekly Letter to Council and the City Manager's Newsletter at the [City Manager's Page](#).
- ❖ **Mayor's Initiatives and other updates:**
 - **CuperTeens Got Laughts** was held on November 23rd at the Community Hall with standup comedy, drama, dance, band, guitars, singing, kungfu from almost 20 groups with more than 100 attendees. It was a great family event. Laughters broke out from the audience often.
 - Mayor's Initiative Wrap-up Party will be held on Thursday December 11 at 5pm, right before the 6pm Election for Mayor and Vice Mayor. Everyone is welcome to attend to see a review of what we've done and thank the organizers.
- ❖ **Monthly Chat with Mayor Community Meetings:** These meetings will be generally held on the

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second Monday at 5pm each month, but it might be moved to other Mondays if needed. The location will rotate so that we cover different businesses each month.

- The November Monthly Chat was held at Apple Green Bistro at the Cupertino Village Shopping Mall. It was very well attended.



❖ Process to Request Certificate of Recognition or Commendation:

- To ensure such requests are handled as smoothly and efficiently as possible, the City Manager's Office has implemented a dedicated process.
- We kindly ask that you complete the following form, which will allow Mayor Chao to present a certificate of recognition: <https://cupertino.gov/councilmeetingrequest>

❖ Proclamations at Council meetings: This year, I plan to follow a tradition upheld by some former Cupertino mayors and other mayors in recognizing organizations or individuals with proclamations during Council meetings. My goal is to honor those who have made consistent and/or significant contributions to Cupertino, with an emphasis on those who are less well-known. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to email me at LChao@Cupertino.gov.

Proclamations for contributions will generally be presented at the second Council meeting of each month, while the first meeting will continue to recognize special observances (e.g., awareness months or weeks) as before. You are also welcome to submit suggestions for these recognitions.

Section 2: Committee Assignment

2025-11-14 attended the 2x2x2 CUSD-FUHSD-Cupertino partnership meeting

- This is a quarterly meeting, where FUHSD and CUSD provide updates on their bond measure projects and other initiatives. Cupertino provides updates on developments and

2025-11-19 bi-monthly meeting with Commission Chairs

- In this meeting, each Chair or representative provides feedback on the process so far in agenda setting, community engagement etc.
- Each commission submit 3 bullet points: [September 25, 2025 - Mayor and Commission Chairs Meeting on September 17, 2025](#). The November update will be posted on the [info memo page](#) soon.

Section 3: Activities by Date (Date, Title, and Description):

NOTE:

- This list does not include internal meetings with staff only, such as prep sessions or meetings with the City Manager.
- This list includes activities to “represent the community I am elected to serve”, “to respond to community needs and complaints,” and “to communicate policies and programs to residents,” among other [responsibilities](#) of a City Councilmember.
- Due to my work schedule, I have cut down on the event attendance for ceremonial purposes, especially those I have attended almost every year in the past. Instead, I focus more of my time on constituent services.

2025-11-11 attended and spoke the Veterans’ Day Ceremony at the Memorial Park

- Event recap in the City press release: [Cupertino Recognizes Veterans Day with Ceremony at Memorial Park](#)
- [Mayor Chao’s Remark at Veteran’s Memorial](#) concluded with
“Here in Cupertino, we are a community of many backgrounds and stories. Some of our families have lived here for generations, helping to build this city and shape its character. Others came from different parts of the world, bringing with them rich histories, traditions, and perspectives. Yet here, we live together in peace, raise our children side by side, and share the same hopes for peace, prosperity, and unity.
Our diversity only makes us stronger when we are united — united in our love for this country, in our belief in humanity and mutual respect, and in our faith in the economic promise that a free and enterprising society makes possible.
Let us honor our veterans, our first responders, and their families not only with words, but with continued gratitude and commitment to a stronger, kinder, and more compassionate future.
Let us move forward together with our common faith in the future of the United States of America.”
- Proclamations presented:
 - [Proclamation: Recognition of Members of Armed Forces, Veterans, and their Families](#)
 - [Proclamation: Recognition of Police Officers, Firefighters, First Responders and their Families](#)

2025-11-12 attended the Elected Official Reception by Stanford President Jon Levin & Dr. Amy Levin at the President’s house

- It was an intimate gathering to get to know the many staff members in the Government Relations Office and the deans of a few colleges.

2025-11-14 met with Orrin Mahoney to get an update on the Mary Avenue project

- They have provided a lot of information on the [Mary Avenue Villas](#) website. Orrin gave an informal traffic analysis.

2025-11-16 attended the 10th anniversary meeting of [Business and Housing Network \(BAHN\)](#) at Cupertino Senior Center

- "Business and Housing Network (BAHN) is a non-profit organization representing mom-and-pop housing providers in California. Founded in 2016 (as Bay Area Homeowners Network), BAHN: advocates for private property rights; advocates for housing-friendly policies; promotes education and professional development of housing providers."

2025-11-15 attended a presentation "MuhammadL A Mercy for All People" hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Auxiliary at the Baitul Baseer Mosque in Milpitas

- The presentation shares the teachings of Mohammad, which includes love, giving, and free enterprise.
- The presentation was followed by light food and informal chat.

2025-11-16 attended the Cricket Academy Award Ceremony in Cupertino Middle School

- Awards were given to best players and volunteers. Issued a certificate for Sabrish Prasad, the player who qualified for the World Cup and won the team.

2025-11-16 attended the fifth annual meeting of [Coalition of Hindus of North America \(CoHNA\)](#) in Fremont

- "CoHNA (pronounced: "Kohnaa"), is a grassroots advocacy group representing the Hindu community of North America. The coalition seeks to protect the collective interests of the Hindu community by working on the issues faced by them and educating the public about Hindu heritage and tradition."

2025-11-16 attended the 22nd annual banquet of [India Community Center \(ICC\)](#) in Milpitas

- India Community Center (ICC) opened its first facility in February 2003. Today it operates 40K square feet at the Main Center in Milpitas and added new locations like the ICC Table Tennis Center in Milpitas, ICC West Valley in Cupertino, ICC Tri-Valley in San Ramon, and ICC Mid-Peninsula in Palo Alto. ICC offers preschool, senior care, afterschool classes etc.
- The ICC West Valley in Cupertino operates out of the Union Church and offers free meals. They will collaborate with the City of Cupertino to offer classes soon.

2025-11-17 gave a presentation at the [FUHSD Climate Collaborative](#) on the upcoming contract with Sunnyvale SMaRT Station to sort recycled products at the FUHSD Board Room

- [My presentation](#) also covers other recycling and waste reduction issues from the [Santa Clara County Recycle and Waste Reduction Commission](#) and the [California Product Stewardship Council](#).

2025-11-19 meeting with the manager of Alexander Steakhouse

- They are planning to submit a proposal to renovate Alexander Steakhouse in Spring 2026

2025-11-20 Signing Ceremony for four friendship cities to renew their status at the City Hall lobby

- They include two friendship cities in Taiwan, Taichung and New Taipei City and two friendship cities in China, Tongxian and Xianning.

2025-11-20 meeting with student representatives from the Taichung Friendship City Association

- Five students each asked a question and provided an oral summary.

2025-11-21 meeting with the Executive Director of the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

- They have a \$0.5M budget and 3.5 FTE staff members without any funding from any city so far. They host monthly workshops, weekly mixer and weekly referral meetings and publish a newsletter packed with information.
- They are also hosting regular meetings on topics, such as the 2026 Games, AI for business and workforce development, for example.

2025-11-21 visited the [Evergreen Islamic Center](#) in Evergreen

- Took a tour of the center and observed a sermon.
- The land nestled within the beautiful hills of Evergreen was acquired in 1989. "Subsequent efforts were made to start offering prayers at the facility, and construction of a full-blown mosque was kicked off in 2010."
- "EIC is committed to serving both the spiritual and practical needs of its community. It has also actively participated in initiatives such as feeding the unhoused, operating as a voter center, and providing educational programs for youth."
- "EIC prides itself on its inclusive approach, welcoming individuals of all faiths and backgrounds to participate in its activities and events. Through its outreach efforts, EIC seeks to foster understanding, compassion, and unity within the Evergreen community and beyond."

2025-11-23 attended the Fall Fundraiser of [Be Natural Music](#) at Dar Restaurant and Bar in Los Gatos

- The Fall Fundraiser of Be Natural Music features a mix of youth and adult Rock and Jazz bands plus silent auction. The Fall Fundraising season will fund scholarship for 45 low to moderate income families to afford music classes.
- [Be Natural Music](#) opened their Cupertino branch at the Stevens Creek & Blaney in 2023 to offer classes on numerous instruments.

2025-11-24 meeting with Dr. Japra of [Festival of Globe \(FOG\)](#) at City Hall

- Discuss potential opportunities for FOG to collaborate with Cupertino to host events and festivals

Section 4: Information Access Useful to My Constituents (not updated):

1. Public Comments Webpage and Email

A new page has been added to the City's website on how to submit public comments for Council meetings. It explains the process for submitting written comments on City Council agenda and

nonagenda

items. A dedicated email address, PublicComment@Cupertino.gov, was created for members of the public to send in their comments. This email address is also posted on City Council agendas.

The intent of using this dedicated email is to ensure comments are efficiently routed and tracked. Emails sent to this address are automatically distributed to the City Council, City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and City Clerk, and an autoresponder confirms receipt. This process is especially helpful during periods of high public input.

Comment Submission Guidelines:

Type of Comment	Where Sent	Included in Written Communication?
Agenda-related	publiccomment@cupertino.gov	Yes (automatically included)
Non-agenda-related	publiccomment@cupertino.gov	Yes (automatically included)
Agenda-related	Other email addresses	Yes (automatically included)
Non-agenda-related	Other email addresses	Only if sender explicitly requests inclusion

2. Information Memo posted on the City website:

City Council Informational Memos are now available on the City website. The information can be accessed from the City website at cupertino.org/memos and the City Council page. You can also find the page by entering search terms “info memos” at the top of the website.

- ★ Anyone may use the eNotification signup to receive informational memo updates by email.
- ★ The info memos are now hosted in the digital archive as [all other city records](#).
- ★ Click “+” to zoom in.
- ★ On a laptop:
 - To open the document as PDF, click on the Print icon and then click on “Download & Print”. The downloaded PDF will appear in a new tab for viewing.
 - This does not work on Safari browser on an iPhone.
- ★ To copy and paste text, you must open it as PDF and then copy & paste from there.

New memos posted, since last report:

- No new info memos published since February 28

● Recordings of Commission Meetings:

Starting in June, commission meetings will be recorded for viewing later, although no teleconferencing to allow remote participation.

- Find the recordings [here](#) under each commission.

4. How to Search an agenda item:

A community member showed me a way to search for items on the past city meetings:

- Go to this page: <https://cupertino.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
 - Make sure that “Calendar” is selected from the top row of tabs and the “List View” is selected from the bottom row of tabs.

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- Enter the search term, such as “investment report”. Choose the year or select “All Years”

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City Council	5/21/2024	6:00 PM	10300 Torre Avenue and 10350 Torre Avenue and via Teleconference <i>Non-Televised Closed Session</i>	Meeting details	 Presentations	 Agenda