



## CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2025

Reporting Councilmember: Mayor Liang Chao

Report Dates: 3/26/25 to 4/7/25

- Last Activity Report in the [April 2, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda](#).

### Section 1: Announcement - Message from the Mayor:

#### ❖ Mayor's Initiatives

- You are welcome to submit entries to CupertinoStories.org
- Look for Mayor's Initiatives Booth at April 5 Earth Day Festival and April 26 & April 27 Cherry Blossom Festival
- The first Dance at the Plaza will be held on Saturday April 12 from 2:30-5:30pm
- The Cupertino Art Show will be held on Saturday May 24, from 12pm to 4pm in collaboration with the APPI Multicultural Festival

The image contains two promotional posters. The left poster is for a "MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY JURIED ART EXHIBITION" at the Cupertino Community Hall on May 24, 2025, from 12 noon to 4 pm. It features a colorful collage of art and the text "YOU ARE INVITED" and "LET'S CELEBRATE CULTURE AND ART". It includes QR codes for artists to submit art by May 18, 2025, and for guests to join on May 24, 2025. The right poster is for "Dance in the Plaza" at Cupertino Civic Plaza on April 12, 2025, from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. It features a large yellow sun graphic and a QR code for registration. Both posters include the Cupertino City Seal and the text "Cupertino Mayor Liang Chao's Initiative".

- ❖ **Monthly Mayor's Coffee Community Meetings:** These meetings will be generally held on the 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 next Mayor's Coffee will be on Monday April 14th at 5pm. The location is Jade Tea Garden, 10911 N. Wolfe Road, Cupertino, Ca 95014.
  - Sheriff Captain Neil Valenzuela will attend too to answer questions.



- ❖ **FY 2025-27 Work Program Prioritization:** The staff has proposed a new process for Work Program Prioritization in an [info memo](#). Check the [Work Program](#) page for updates.
  - At the [March 18 Council Meeting](#), the Council adopted [a list of Work Program items](#) for consideration for the FY 25-26 budget.
  - The final decision will likely be made in April/May before the Council adopts the FY 25-26 budget in June 2025.
- ❖ **Revised Council Procedures Manual:** Back in 2023, the City Council adopted the Council Procedures Manual to summarize some long-standing practices, but that version also included some measures never done before. On March 18, the Council adopted a revised version to restore some long-standing good practices and also added some improvements. [Find the clean and redlined versions at the March 18 agenda](#). Here are some important changes:
  - Restore the ability of any councilmember to file a Public Record Act request, as any member of the public
  - Restore the Info Memos item to the Council Agenda Packet, since they are often memos requested by councilmembers at the council meetings
  - Any councilmember can pull an item off the Consent Calendar, although they are encouraged to notify staff by 12pm on the day of the meeting
  - The Future Agenda Item at each council meeting would include a document with upcoming agenda items and requested agenda items, not yet agendaized
  - Restore the long-standing practice that any written communications on non-agenda items will be added to the Written Communications document as long as the sender requests such, rather than only including the ones forwarded by a councilmember.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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**

- Nothing to report

## **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.

### **2024-03-27 Meeting with Amy Chan on potential modification for the Marina Plaza project**

- They are hosting a Community Meeting on April 2 to collect community input before they finalize the project.
- The project will likely add more units, slightly reduce retail space, deliver over smaller for-sale starter homes under 1500 sq. ft. and an outdoor amphitheater

### **2025-03-28 Attended Chefs of Compassion by West Valley Community Services at Computer History Museum**

- The annual fundraising Gala for West Valley Community Services. They shared heart-warming stories of clients they have helped

### **2025-03-29 Attended the Elected Official Meet-and-Greet by the League of Women Voters - Cupertino/Sunnyvale**

- County Supervisor Abe-Koga, State legislatures like Patrick Ahrens, De Anza College President Omar Torres made remarks. Most of the CUSD and FUHSD board members attended too

### **2025-03-29 Attended a Community meeting at McClellan Terrace**

- The community members are concerned about the potential purchase of McClellan Terrace by the Foothill-De Anza Community College Board. The Board has voted to purchase it and they have entered

into the 120-day due diligence.

#### **2025-04-04 Meeting with Mike Ducote, Director of Development, Prometheus Real Estate**

- Myshelle Vineira, Chamber Member, connected me to Mike Ducote
- Learn the properties own by Prometheus and their long-term holding strategies
- They intentionally choose to not submit Builders' Remedy projects because they wish to maintain a positive working relationship with local governments

#### **2025-04-05 Attended Korean School Field Day at Cupertino High Stadium**

- Separated into teams by grade levels. There are many sporty and also many fund activities

#### **2025-04-05 Attended the Grand Opening of Kongunadu Restaurant, 1136 S. De Anza Blvd, San Jose (bordering Cupertino along De Anza Blvd)**

- Kongunadu is in South India. Their chef is a famous influence

#### **2025-04-05 Attended Cupertino Arbor and Earth Day Festival**

- Presented the proclamation to declare April 5 as the Earth Day to Public Works.
- Gave a short remark as the Mayor of Cupertino
- A few volunteers promoted various Mayor's Initiatives at the Mayor's booth. ([Press Release on Mayor's Initiatives](#))

#### **2025-04-06 Attended ANCCS Academic Awards Ceremony by multiple Chinese language schools**

- The categories of the competition include read-aloud, public speaking, composition, pronunciation etc.

### **Section 4: Information of Interest to My Constituents: (updated on 4/8)**

#### ● **Builders' Remedy (BR) Projects** ([Status of Projects](#))

##### ★ **BR Projects with incomplete application status (pursuant to Government Code Section 65941.1.)**

- [20739 Scofield](#) (one block from Faria Elementary School, zoned R1-10): The project will replace one single-family home with 20-unit, 5 story, condominium on 15,004 sqft (0.34 acre) lot
- [Vista Heights \(near entrance of Linda Vista Park\)](#) : The vacant site, zoned RHS, will build 33 units (8 condominiums and 25 single family homes on vacant hillside property of 86.1 acres.
- [Upland Way](#) (11841 Upland Way, zoned RHS-70): 6 single family homes, including 2 affordable units, on vacant hillside property of 1.56 acres with average slopes greater than 30%

##### ★ **Other active BR projects:**

- [Dividend Homes \(20085 & 20111 Stevens Creek Blvd\)](#), to the east of the Fire Station, on 2.6 acres, zoned R4 and commercial mixed use. The project will replace two existing office buildings with 57 for-sale townhomes., including 12 affordable units.
- [Dividend Homes \(20045 & 20065 Stevens Creek Blvd\)](#), to the east of the Fire Station, on 1.77 acres, zoned commercial mixed use. The project will replace existing office buildings with 32 for-sale townhomes., including 6 affordable units.

##### ★ **Relevant News on the determination of incompleteness for BR projects:**

- ["Los Gatos Files Declaratory Relief Action to Resolve Land Use Uncertainty"](#) (Press Release from the City of Los Gatos)
  - "That section [Gov. Code 65941.1] provides that applicants for land use approvals have 90 days after an initial 180-day deadline to submit any missing information needed to complete a formal application for a so-called "builder's remedy" housing project. That section further stipulates that if the missing information is



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not submitted “within the 90-day period, then the preliminary application shall expire and have no further force or effect.”

- “In an apparently conflicting reading, in letters dated August 30, 2024 and February 12, 2025, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) stated its view that there is not just one 90-day period but that successive 90-day periods can run indefinitely. By filing this lawsuit, the Town is acting in good faith so that it will know how to comply with the law and ensure it can continue to serve its residents and property owners, while lawfully processing land use applications.”

★ Other docs:

- The July 25, 2024 info memo, titled “[Scofield Drive SB330 Preliminary Application pursuant to Builder’s Remedy](#)”, has information about proposed BR projects and their review process.

- **Other Residential Projects - complete applications submitted, not yet approved:**

- [Pizza Hut/Staples/ Fontana's \(20770, 20830, 20840, & 20850 Stevens Creek Blvd\)](#). adjacent to the Cupertino Crossroads Shopping Center): on 2.97 acres, zoned commercial mixed use. The project will replace existing retail stores with 59 townhome condominium units across eight, three-story buildings
- [United Furniture \(10065 & 10075 Stevens Creek Blvd, across from Vallco\)](#), on 2.72 acres, zoned commercial mixed use. The project will replace existing retail stores with 55 townhome condominium units, with 10 ADUs, three-story buildings
- [Stevens Office Center \(20813, 20823, 20883 and 20807 Stevens Creek Blvd\)](#), on 6.93 acres, zoned commercial mixed use. The project will replace two office buildings and one retail building with 122 for-sale units (66 small-lot single family and 56 townhomes), including 24 affordable units
- [20865 McClellan Rd](#): on 0.99 acres, zoned R3TH. The project will replace one single-family home with 27 townhomes, including 4 affordable units, in three-story buildings
- [Evulich Court \(10857, 10867, 10877 & 10887 Linda Vista Dr\)](#): on 2.53 acres, zoned R3TH. The project will replace 4 single-family homes with 51 townhomes, including 11 affordable units

- **Other Residential Projects - SB 330 preliminary application submitted, but not complete applications:**

- [Wolfe Road Housing Project \(10333 N. Wolfe Road\)](#): 250-300 total units across the 5-acre property. It will be 100% rental apartments. The affordable housing will benefit those making 80% or less of the area median income (AMI).
  - a full report on our Listening Phase at [this link](#).
  - February 12 Community Co-Creation Event at Collins Elementary School

- **Other Residential Projects - Revision of already approved projects:**

- **Westport Senior Assisted Living Housing (revision submitted):** The developer Related has submitted a revision to add more units, reduce retail space, remove the underground garage and request a waiver of Parkland dedication Fee. It is going to the Planning Commission in May
  - Previous approval in 2021 and 2024: [Westport \(21267 Stevens Creek Blvd\)](#)
- [Marina Plaza \(10145 N. De Anza Blvd, 10118 Bandleby Dr.\)](#), on 5.1 acres, zoned commercial and mixed use: The project will add more units, slightly reduce retail space, deliver over smaller for-sale starter homes under 1500 sq. ft. and an outdoor amphitheater.
  - Previous approval in 2022L Marina Plaza.

- **License Plate Reader Camera - City-operated or personal ones**

- ★ The Council has adopted the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Camera program ([Resolution 24-094](#)) in order to alert the police when a license plate with previous record is detected. Some cameras are placed at major roads entering Cupertino.
- ★ The residents or businesses can connect your home or business surveillance camera with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. The registration form is at the bottom of [this page](#).

## **Section 5: Information Access Useful to My Constituents:**

### **1. 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](http://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.
  - Enter the search term, such as "investment report". Choose the year or select "All Years"

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