

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Meeting: May 7, 2024

Reporting Councilmember: Mayor Sheila Mohan

Report Dates: 4/9/24 to 4/29/24

Item Date, Title, and Description:

4/9/24: Attended a meeting with **Silicon Valley Clean Energy** CEO to be updated on their plans to move to a new location in 2025.

4/10/24: In my capacity as Board member of **SVCE**, I attended the monthly Board of Directors meeting. SVCE staff lead a study session on the status of decarbonization programs related to residential electric vehicles and charging stations. We were also provided an update on the agency's permit modernization program and policy initiatives for member jurisdictions.

4/11/24: Attended a meeting with City Manager re: livestreaming and recording of **Commission meetings** and heard about commissioners' concerns about the present format.

4/11/24: Attended the monthly meeting of the **Cities Association of Santa Clara County.** Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) provided an update on Affordable Housing, and guest speakers Daniel Saver from ABAG and Consuelo Hernandez from the County Office of Supportive Housing spoke about a possible ballot measure in November to fund affordable housing initiatives in cities.

4/12/24: Interview with Samay Sikri, **Lynbrook High School** Class President about opportunities available for young people to get involved in City government.

4/15/24: I attended a **prep session** conducted by staff on service level reductions and proposed use of Lawrence Mitty Park.

4/18/24: Attended the **CalCCA (California Community Choice Association**) annual conference in San Jose. SVCE received a Community Impact Award for its work on the Decarbonization Demonstration Grants.

4/20/24: Together with the entire Council, I attended the **City's Earth and Arbor Day** festival at the Library Field, and made a few remarks acknowledging the City staff for their efforts in hosting the festival and preserving the City's sustainability and tree maintenance programs. This was followed by a tree-planting ceremony at Wilson Park.

4/21/24: Along with Councilmembers Chau and Moore, I attended the 125th anniversary celebration of **Cupertino Oddfellows**. I made a speech acknowledging the rich history of the Oddfellows, and contributions of members, many of whom were present at the celebration.

4/21/24: I attended the **Eagle Court of Honor** event at the Quinlan Center and on behalf of the City presented a Certificate of Achievement to Eagle Scout Sinduja Bokkisam from Scouts BSA Troop 492.

4/22/24: The Council welcomed a student delegation from our sister city **Copertino**, **Italy** and had lunch with the group. Staff provided a tour of City facilities.

4/22/24: Attended the **Audit Committee** meeting. We received updates on Fraud, Waste and Abuse program, the OPEB and Section 115 Trust performance, the annual review of the City's Investment Policy and the 2022-2023 ACFR.

4/23/24: Attended the **Cooking with Martin Yan** event at the Quinlan Center. This 'experience' was sponsored by the Santa Clara Office of Sustainability, and was intended to promote cooking on an induction cooktop. Chef Martin Yan demonstrated his Chinese cooking expertise while regaling the audience with jokes and good-humored observations.

4/24/24: Hosted the monthly meeting the **West Valley Mayor and City Managers** where representatives from Campbell, Los Gatos, Monta Sereno and Saratoga provided updates on City initiatives. I was particularly proud to talk of our Housing Element news!

4/24/24: Together with Deputy City Manager, Tina Kapoor, I met with representatives of the **India Community Center** who are looking into options for a

permanent center, preferably in Cupertino, for their senior programs. They are currently leasing space from the Union Church of Cupertino.

4/25/24: I participated in a meeting with **Bhubaneswar Sister City** representatives about dates for events such as the flag raising for India's Independence Day in August and possible travel to Bhubaneswar in November.

4/27/24: Along with Vice Mayor Fruen and Councilmember Moore, we welcomed the attendees at the **Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival**, and I made some remarks honoring the close relationship between Cupertino and our sister city Toyokawa, Japan. Several elected officials participated and made speeches. Food vendors, artists, performers and musicians made the weekend a thoroughly enjoyable event for all.