



CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT

Meeting: January 17, 2024

Reporting Councilmember: Mayor Sheila Mohan

Report Activity Dates: 11/28/23 to 1/8/24

Event Date, Title, and Description:

11/28/23: Attended a prep session conducted by City staff on the **Recology agreement** which was first approved by Council in 2020. The agreement required an annual rate increase based on the cost of operations.

11/29/23: Attended the **West Valley Mayors and Managers** meeting. The round table discussion focused on crime statistics and safety around schools. The group recognized the efforts made by Cupertino to enhance traffic safety around schools and promote bike and pedestrian usage.

11/30/23: Participated in the **Commissioners Appreciation Dinner** at Quinlan – and honored Commissioners for volunteering their time and effort in the interests of the City. Councilmembers who attended were particularly grateful to outgoing Commissioners for their service and completing their term as commissioners.

12/1/23: Joined Mayor Wei, Councilmembers Moore and Fruen in the annual **tree-lighting ceremony** at the Quinlan Center. A very fun event which included the grand arrival of Santa in a lighted vehicle (a modern-day sleigh) and the magical lighting of the Christmas tree. Thanks to City staff for organizing this well-attended, thoroughly enjoyable community event.

12/1/23: Attended the **Chamber of Commerce holiday party**, another well-

attended event. Many chamber members and community leaders were in attendance.

12/4/23: Welcomed the **New Taipei delegation** and accompanied them on a tour of the Civic Center Plaza area, including the library.

12/5/23: Visited the **Tessellations** school, toured the premises and discussed residents' parking concerns with the principal.

12/5/23: Attended a prep session with finance staff and consultants on the various options for **revenue increases**, including possibility of sales tax increase in November 2024.

12/7/23: Spent time with **UC Irvine** student Hana Yoon who interviewed me on City issues, particularly the future of Vallco.

12/8/23: Attended **Assemblymember Evan Low's holiday open house** at Santa Clara's beautiful Triton Museum of Art. An elegant setting and well attended by elected officials from neighboring cities.

12/13/23: Attended the **Silicon Valley Clean Energy** end of year event titled Reflect and Recharge. Experts and industry leaders discussed the state of California's clean energy transition. Speakers included State Senators Josh Becker and Dave Cortese.

12/13/23: Attended the SVCE December Board of Directors meeting at which the board authorized the launch of the Clean and Healthy Affordable Multifamily Properties program.

12/16/23: The annual **Wreaths Across America** commemorating fallen soldiers and veterans was held at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Somber speeches and heartfelt rendition of patriotic songs added to the emotion of the event.

12/16/23: Attended a **fund-raiser for Patrick Ahrens**, candidate for State Assembly District 26.

12/16/23: Celebrated the achievements of the **Shin Shin Educational Foundation**, a non-profit engaged in improving educational facilities in rural China.

12/16/23: Attended a meeting with **US Representative Ro Khanna** at his Santa Clara office and discussed the possibility of securing funding for infrastructure needs of the City through federal programs.

12/18/23: Along with Santa Clara Mayor Lisa Gilmore participated in the **ribbon cutting for the SV Hopper** which has now expanded from Cupertino to Santa Clara. The shuttle service is a user-friendly, on-demand rideshare service and now serves major transit hubs around Cupertino and Santa Clara.

12/19/23: Ribbon Cutting and Inaugural event of **MorningStar**, a West San Jose retirement facility on De Anza Blvd. Assisted Living and Memory Care services in addition to wellness programs and activities are included in its program.

12/20/23: Interview with **Boy Scout leader and Monta Vista High School student, Arnav Mahadev** on issues facing the City.

12/21/23: Spent the day with the **Hsinchu Sister City delegation**. The day started with a welcome by Council and staff and included a tour of City facilities.

12/22/23: Attended a **fund-raiser for Assemblymember Evan Low**, a candidate for US Congress in California's 16th District.

12/29/23 to 1/10/24: On **vacation**.