



## CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Meeting: July 7, 2026

Reporting Councilmember: **Councilmember Sheila Mohan**

Report Dates: 6/9/26 to 6/29/26

Item Date, Title, and Description:

6/9/26 Attended a meeting with the **Fire Safety Steering Committee** members representing residents and several Home Owner Associations in the high-risk fire areas in the west side of Cupertino. Councilmember Fruen also attended. We heard the group's concerns about managing fire risk and fire prevention and the potential problems of complying with AB 1572 which focuses on vegetation mitigation and non-functional turf such as lawns.

6/10/26 In my capacity as a volunteer **judge for the Helen Putnam award**, I participated in the selection of the winner in the Internal Administration category. About 20 cities had applied for an award in the category, and it was challenging yet exciting to pick the best and most creative initiative to improve administrative processes. Improving the planning and building permit process was the most cited issue which the cities attempted to address.

6/10/26 Along with the entire City Council, I was honored to participate in the annual **Pride Flag Raising Ceremony**. This was a well-attended event of community members, city staff and elected officials. We were treated to a moving performance by the Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus, and it was particularly inspiring to hear from Miss Cupertino, Naomi Castejon Wong, a community activist for transgender rights.

6/11/26 Attended the **Cities Association** annual dinner for elected officials. This year's meeting focused on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery with area emergency leaders leading a panel discussion on the role of elected officials in the event of an emergency.

6/12/26 Attended the funeral services for Gary Graves, former **Chief Operating Officer for Santa Clara County**, and my former boss. During his 32-year tenure with the County he

served as the County's budget director, and periodically as the acting County Executive until his retirement. Hundreds of County officials and staff attended the Mass for this beloved County manager.

6/13/26 Together with Mayor Moore, I participated in the **Yoga and Bollywood Dance** event at Wilson Park. This was part of the mayor's community and health wellness initiative, and hosted by the Cupertino Bhubaneswar Sister City committee. A good time was had by all, and all of us enjoyed the stretching and dance moves taught by yoga. Instructors.

6/15/26 Participated in a **budget prep session** organized by staff to answer questions about the annual city budget which was on the Council agenda for the next day. Preparing the annual budget is a hugely time consuming and stressful experience for City staff and I continue to be grateful for the expertise and patience of staff, particularly those in the Finance department.

6/18/26 Attended a meeting at the CUSD district office to recognize **Superintendent Stacey Yao's retirement** after a 38-year tenure with the school district. Her accomplishments, leadership and vision for the school district are awe inspiring and the tributes she received were a fitting recognition for her life-long commitment to education and learning.