



CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Reporting Councilmember: Mayor Liang Chao

Report Dates: 10/22/25 to 11/10/25

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

Section 1: Announcement - Message from the Mayor:

- ❖ **Cupertino [70th Anniversary and the CREST Award ceremony](#) at Quinlan Center**
 - This year's 2025 CREST Award honorees include:
 - Dennis Whittaker – Lifetime Achievement
 - Raymond Lancon – Volunteer of the Year
 - Cupertino Little League – Organization of the Year
 - Sarah Shelke – Rising Star of the Year
 - Rayna Shah – Rising Star of the Year
 - Deputy Aalok Patel – Hometown Hero
 - "Throughout October, Cupertino commemorated seven decades since its incorporation as Santa Clara County's 13th city with a variety of special activities, including the first-ever Cupertino Restaurant Week and a citywide Puzzle Hunt. The Community Service Awards served as the grand finale to this milestone month of celebration."
 - "The event also featured the "My Cupertino" Art Showcase, displaying more than 30 artworks submitted by community members of all ages, each reflecting what makes Cupertino special to them."
- ❖ **[Mayor's Initiatives](#) and other updates:**
 - **International Kungfu Day** was held on November 8th at the Memory Park with performances and 20-25 booths and almost 50 organizations participating.
 - **The Braver Angels' Introductory meeting** was held on November 8th at the Community Hall.
 - It was well attended by almost 40 attendees who discussed various perspectives on Housing and AI. The attendees hope to have more meetings to find common grounds for complex issues.
 - The monthly long **City-wide Puzzle Hunt** was conducted in October and many student and families participated. A few puzzle solving workshops were held at the Library.
 - **Cupertino Stories Award Ceremony was held on Oct. 26 at the Community Hall**
 - The partners who participated shared their organization stories. Students who helped to collect stories received certificates of appreciation.

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- **Cupertino Stories:** You are welcome to email entries to CupertinoStories@gmail.com.
 - Thank you to Cupertino Science Technology University (CSTU) for managing the project. They have developed tools to convert audio/video stories to text.
 - The website will be redesigned soon to accept story submissions.
- ❖ **Monthly Chat with Mayor 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 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

2025-10-22 attended West Valley Mayors and Managers Meeting at Compo Di Bocce, Los Gatos

- Debriefing of the annual conference of the League of California

2025-10-22 attended Santa Clara County Recycle and Waste Reduction Committee (RWRC)

- Receive a presentation from Probolsky Research on the SB 1383, Household Hazardous
- Waste and Public Education countywide Customer Data Survey Project results. ([agenda packet](#))

Waste reduction practices adoption

Practice	Often
Bringing your own reusable bags to supermarkets and other stores	79.5%
Donating items instead of throwing them away	77.3%
Freezing leftovers instead of throwing them away	73.8%
Bringing your own reusable coffee mug and water bottles for use when out of home	69.2%
Buying products in bulk or larger sizes	65.2%
Repairing items rather than throwing them away	63.2%
Buying products with recycled content	61.8%
Making your own compost	34.8%

2025-10-30 attended the Disaster Council meeting as an advisory member, in addition to Councilmember Ray Wang

- Presentations were given by different agencies working with the City.

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.

2025-10-23 met with Law Professor Carol Lin from a university in Taiwan

- Dr. Lin lives in Hsinchu and was a candidate for the legislature for the City of Hsinchu. For a few years, she ran a government-funded organization helping consumers to file lawsuits against manufacturers pro bono.

2025-10-24 attended Nature-based Flood Prevention Roundtable, hosted by Assemblymember Ahrens and Save the Bay at Alviso Marina County Park

- It was an informative session about what Nature-based Flood Prevention means and what it takes to get there.

2025-10-25 attended Tournament of Band at Cupertino High

- I watched a few performances. It does not seem there would be any ceremony at all, so I left to welcome the Hsinchu student delegation, who arrived at 2:45

2025-10-25 welcomed the Hsinchu student delegation at the Cupertino Inn

- The host families and students from Cupertino waited at Cupertino Inn to welcome the student delegation from Hsinchu. The bus arrived; we took group photos and then students go home with their host families.

2025-10-25 attended(Taiwan American Industrial Technology Association (TAITA-SV) annual conference and installation of new officers

- The seminars have speakers from businesses in Taiwan and the U.S.
- The scholarship awards to high school and college students were given to students who wrote about their impression of Taiwan.

2025-10-27 attended the reception by the Silicon Valley Protocol Office at Menlo Park

- The Silicon Valley Office of Protocol hosts events to connect local businesses with the consulate general from different countries.

2025-10-28 attended The Women's Health Summit. Hosted by the Supervisor Abe-Koga's office at Palo Alto Community Center

- The presentations by county staff provided data about women's health. During lunch break, we danced Zumba.

2025-10-30 Hsinchu adult delegation visited the City Hall and exchanged gifts

- We took them on a tour of the City Hall and around the City Hall to see various sister city gifts.

2025-10-30 attended the Welcome Reception for Japanese Consul General Otsuki Kotaro, hosted by Supervisor Abe-Koga at the Japan Town

- We took a tour of the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, where they showed what the internment camp was like and other artifacts.
- Various Japanese American community organizations made remarks to introduce what they do and welcome the Consul General.

2025-11-02 attended the concert by Cupertino Symphonic Band at Quinlan Center

- A great selection of patriotic themed music was played. The concert was well attended with almost no empty seat.

2025-11-03 attended the Good Morning Silicon Valley (GMSV) annual meeting, including a panel discussion on the Chip Odyssey documentary about Taiwan's semiconductor industry

- [GMSV](#), formed 3 years ago, is "a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to fostering projects

and initiatives of sustainability innovation. We support innovative ideas and provide a platform that connects entrepreneurs with international resources and opportunities.”

2025-11-03 interview with Lorraine Gabbert for an article on Toyokawa Sister City Association’s work for the Outlook

- The Outlook is a new monthly newspaper for seniors, published by [Successful Aging Solutions & Community Consulting \(SASCC\)](#).

2025-11-09 attended the student forum with students from the U.S. and Taiwan, hosted by the Taichung Friendship City Association

- About 30 students made presentations in both English and Mandarin on various topics, from the life in their own country, to policy issues, such as lunch voucher program in Taiwan or the disparity in education resources in the U.S.

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 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

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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 \(10145 N. De Anza Blvd, 10118 Bandlely Dr.\)](#), 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 (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.
 - Enter the search term, such as “investment report”. Choose the year or select “All Years”

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Name	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Meeting Details	Presentations	Agenda
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