



CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Reporting Councilmember: Vice Mayor Liang Chao

Report Dates: 05/27/26 to 07/14/26

Section 1: Committee Assignment

(In reverse chronological order)

2026-06-24 attended the County Recycle and Waste Reduction Committee meeting ([agenda](#))

- First attended the ad hoc subcommittee meeting on long-term fiscal strategy at 4pm to consider [draft recommendations](#), based on [staff analysis and recommendation from the May 4, 2026 workshop](#).
- Then attended the commission meeting at 5:30pm. Here is the [meeting summary by RWRC staff](#).
- Receive an overview of L.A. County's draft Household Hazardous Waste Extended Producer Responsibility Ordinance from L.A. County's Public Works Department and consider opportunities to collaborate
- Adopted the recommendation by the ad hoc committee on the next steps for budget stabilization recommendations for implementation

2026-06-27 attended the Legislative Review Committee Meeting

- Received an overview of the Sacramento Advocacy trip
- Received Legislative Update
- Adopted an Oppose position for AB 956 - allows for the streamlined and ministerial approval of up to two detached ADUs on lots with an existing or proposed single-family, including in HOAs.
- Adopted a Support position for SB 1167 - clarifies legal definitions to prevent higher-powered "e-motos" from being deceptively marketed or sold as legitimate electric bicycles (e-bikes).
 - It protects consumers and preserves access to trails and bike lanes by ensuring true e-bikes stay under the 750-watt and speed-assist limits.

2026-06-11 attended Cal Cities Summer Membership Event on Emergency Preparedness - also a special meeting of the CASC Board meeting at Prospect Center, Saratoga

- A panel discussion about Emergency Preparedness with panelists from Fire, Police, emergency managers

2026-06-04 attended Cal Cities Revenue and Taxation Committee meeting ([agenda](#), [highlights](#))

- Received a presentation on "Diagnosing Municipal Financial Health" by Michael Coleman, Senior Fiscal Advisor, League of California Cities
- Received a presentation on "State-Mandated Programs" by Andy Nichols, Founder/President, Nichols Consulting

- Received Budget and Legislative Update
- Received a presentation on "City-led Business Attraction" from Gurbax Sahota, President & CEO, CALED, Jennifer McLain Hiramoto, Ex. Director, Economic Development, City of Ontario & CALED Chair, and Craig Schlatter, AICP, Community Development Director, City of Ukiah & CALED Rural Exchange Chair

2026-06-01 attended Legislative Review Committee meeting

- Adopted a support position for AB 1821 - proposes to extend the time public agencies have to respond to public records requests by changing the existing deadlines from calendar days to business days.
- Discuss the itinerary and priorities of the June 9th advocacy trip to Sacramento, which Councilmember Wang and the Mayor will attend

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.

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2026-07-14 attended the Award Ceremony for the second Sino-US Youth Bird-Friendly Innovation Contest at the Vosopmaru Art

- The Youth Bird-Friendly City Innovation Contest is hosted by Chongqing Luhai International Community Foundation and the Cedar Nature Society, located in San Francisco, in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance. Shani Kleinhouse of the Bird Alliance served as the judge.
- Matthew Dodder, the CEO of Bird Alliance gave a speech about the importance of birds in our daily lives since they show the health of our habitats even in an urban environment.
- The video by Chongqing Luhai International showed that the parallel valley near Chongqing, China is a migration corridor for predator birds such as eagles. It is one of three such parallel valleys in the world. The other two parallel valleys are in the U.S., the Rocky Mountains and Appalachian Mountains.
- Shani Kleinhouse, the judge, talked about the student submissions in various forms, from photography, drawing to videos, from science, art to solutions to challenges.
- A few students shared their creations and the thought behind them.

2026-07-12 the second outreach event by the summer intern at the Library

- The outreach is meant to survey residents after the Music in the Courtyard program. Over the two hour span, about 80% of the people passing through the Library front door were not Cupertino residents. They came from Saratoga, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Los Gatos and even as far as Fremont.

2026-07-11 attended "Working Together to Meet Our Housing Needs" workshop, hosted by LWV-Cupertino-Sunnyvale and Braver Angels

- This is a continuation of a workshop by Braver Angels, hosted as a part of the Mayor's Initiative.
- The workshop started with a few questions to find out what people believe in the issue. Then, groups are formed to have people with diverse views in the hopes of finding common ground through the small group discussion. The groups then share their discussions.

2026-07-09 attended a meeting on wearable technology product at Plug and Play, hosted by the US-China Chamber of Commerce

- They presented their wearable products, from watches, detecting blood pressure and sugar level, to smart glasses and note taker gadgets.

2026-07-04 attended the Fourth of July events at Memorial Park

- First, I attended the Pancake Breakfast where the summer interns collected survey responses from attendees.
- Then, I attended the flag raising ceremony and the Children's Parade. The entire City Council then posted for photos with community members at the concert until noon.

2026-06-28 attended Indian Community Center picnic in the park at Rainbow Park

- The Indian Community Center West Valley branch is located in the Union Church now. They hope to host more activities at the Senior Center, especially when the center is closed at night or on weekends.

2026-06-26 meeting with AthenaTec to receive a demo of what they offer

- AthenaTec has helped DMV to automate the process to get a special license plate. They are working with Sunnyvale and Fremont for potential ways to automate some manual application processes.
- They hope to work with Cupertino on a demo for an application of our choice.

2026-06-22 hosted a kickoff meeting of the Summer Policy and Community Engagement Intern Program

- Some of the applicants for the Teen Commission were [invited to apply](#). 6 members were selected to participate

2026-06-13 attended Inaugural Launch of the Agentic AI Research Lab, from AthenaTec, at Fremont Downtown Event Center, Fremont

- AthenaTec works with government agencies to bring agentic AI to provide better services. The Agentic AI Research Lab offers classes to help community members to build solutions.

2026-06-11 attended the ribbon cutting for CUDS's Sustainability Energy Project, in partnership with OPTERRA Energy Services at Collins Elementary

- The event celebrates the completion of all solar panel projects across 25 sites with 72 level-2 EV charging stations and 2 emergency generators.
- The project is grant funded with zero tax dollars.
- They have also provided some hands-on STEM learning opportunities about sustainable energy during the process.

2026-06-10 attended the Pride Flag Raising at the Civic Plaza, by the City of Cupertino

2026-06-19 attended the ribbon cutting of BonBon Matcha at Vallco Parkway

- The first branch of a new brand BonBon Matcha.

2026-06-14 attended the ribbon cutting of the Moxibustion Awakening Medical Wellness Center at California University Silicon Valley in Sunnyvale.

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- There were many wonderful short films. Some from travel footages and some on wild life and a music video. Many were shot with mobile phone cameras.

2026-06-08 attended Voter Registration Drive at De Anza College

- Shreya J. Singh organized this event in partnership with Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action as a class project. There was a booth from the County ROV. We provided a booth from the City of Cupertino with some flyers for city events.

2026-06-06 attended the 42nd Torch-Lighting of Taiwan & Chinese American Athletic Tournament Association at the TECO, Milpitas

- There will be competitions for multiple sports from June till August. (<https://www.tcaat.org/>) The opening ceremony will be on July 19 at Fremont High School

2026-06-06 attended the signing ceremony to extend the friendship cities agreement for friendship cities at the City Hall

- The friendship cities relationship is for 2 years. The relationships with Taichung, Tongxi, Xiangni were extended for another 2 years.

2026-06-05 attended a meeting with Deep Cliff HOA Board member, Roger Costa, on the concerns about AB 1572

- HOAs with turf areas would be affected by AB 1572. But Deep Cliff HOA is located in the Very High Fire Severity zone; the turf area serves as defensible space so they hope to be exempt from AB 1572 requirement.
- Seven Springs HOA board member Louise Fishler also attended and expressed concerns on the impact to Stevens Springs HOA. Henry Sang from the Fire Safe group also attended.
- AB 1572 prohibits the use of potable water for irrigating nonfunctional turf—decorative grass with no recreational, community, or, in some cases, single-family residential use—at commercial, industrial, institutional, and HOA common areas. The ban phases in between 2027 and 2031, starting with local

government properties, followed by commercial/institutional sites, HOAs, and finally disadvantaged communities. Properties over 5,000 square feet must self-certify compliance, with potential penalties up to \$1,000 per day.

2026-06-03 attended a meeting with Anya Samek, Placemetry, which provides software to optimize code enforcement data

2026-05-30 attended the Arts and Culture Commission special meeting to visit the Euphrat Museum of Art at De Anza College

2026-05-29 attended the Integration Celebration of WeTrust Realty with BQ Realty and MaxReal at San Jose Marriot

- WeTrust Realty provides an integrated platform for realtors. Many realtors in Cupertino and surrounding areas attended the event