



CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Reporting Councilmember: Mayor Liang Chao

Report Dates: 8/1/25 to 8/31/25

- Last Activity Report in the [September 16, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda](#)

Section 1: Announcement - Message from the Mayor:

❖ **Mayor's Initiatives** and other updates:

- **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.

A promotional poster for "MONTHLY CHATS With Cupertino Mayor Liang Chao". The top half features a photo of Mayor Liang Chao and two residents sitting around a table, discussing issues. The bottom half contains text about the chat series, including the date, time, and location. A QR code is provided for more information.

MONTHLY CHATS
With Cupertino Mayor Liang Chao

Get ready to discuss the issues that matter most to you. Mayor Liang Chao is hosting a Monthly Chat Series in Cupertino throughout 2025. Residents and businesses are invited to these meetings to talk about any topic they wish with one of the City's decision-makers.

Monthly Chats will be held on the **second Monday** of each month at 5 to 8 p.m., with the location to be announced ahead of each Monthly Chat.

Suggestions for future locations to host Monthly Chats are welcome. Please email your ideas to LChao@cupertino.gov.

2025 DATES

Monday, January 13	Monday, July 14
Monday, February 10	Monday, August 11
Monday, March 10	Monday, September 8
Monday, April 14	Monday, October 13
Monday, May 12	Monday, November 10
Monday, June 9	Monday, December 8

For more details and upcoming locations, please visit cupertino.gov/mayorchat.

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- ❖ **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

2025-08-27 attended the West Valley Mayors and City Managers Meeting

2025-08-27 attended the Santa Clara County Recycle and Waste Reduction Committee meeting

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.

2025-08-06 Cupertino Bell Ringing for the World Peace, hosted by the Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities Association at Memorial Park

- The 6th annual Community Bell Ringing for the World Peace event is attended by community members and members from the 4 sister cities and students who participated in the exchange student program.
- Toyokawa is closed to the sites of atomic bombs which ended the World War II and we remember the civilian victims of the war and call for peace.

2025-08-06 Interview with Homestead FBLA on community engagement

- From the invitation: "For this academic year, we are considering focusing our project towards sustainability and technology challenges. However, we are still in the planning process and are open to any new ideas or challenges faced by people and businesses that high schoolers can address. We are contacting you in hopes to receive your input on our ideas and gain some insights into the community's needs."

2025-08-8 interview with El Estoque magazine of Monta Vista High School on the Mary Ave. low-income housing project

2025-08-09 Attended the Silicon Valley Youth Climate Summit at Campbell Heritage Theatre

- The summit was well attended by many teenagers. The invited speakers come from nonprofits and industry and also knowledgeable teenagers.

2025-08-09 India Independence Day Parade by Association of Indo Americans (AIA) at the Discovery Meadow Park and brought a Cupertino City flag to display on the car

- The parade route goes from downtown San Jose to the Discovery Museum, where there was a flag raising ceremony for India Independence Day.

2025-10-13 visited the San Jose Conservation Corps + Charter School in San Jose

- They have a charter school to give those who didn't finish high school to complete the missing classes and get the high school diploma. They also provide paid on-the-job training for students and corp members to work on conservation or construction jobs.
- They have a food pantry on site for the students and corp members and they have built tiny homes on site for the students.

2025-08-12 participated in the Smart City Panel as a panelist at the Create the Future Summit in San Francisco

- Attended sessions on various topics for the future of work and artificial intelligence.

2025-08-15 India Independence Day Flag Raising at the Cupertino Civic Plaza, by the Cupertino-Bhubaneswar Sister City Committee

2025-08-16 attended the Grand Opening of Dharma Drum Mountain Silicon Valley Center in Cupertino

2025-08-16 attended the West Coast Asian Foodie Festival and Expo at the San Mateo Event Center, hosted by O.M.G. Entertainment, in collaboration with the Peninsula Economic Alliance

- There are food booths from various cultures outside and many booths indoor with free tasting, including vendors who have just gotten adopted by Costco or are just entering the U.S. market.

2025-08-16 attended the Night Market at the De Anza College - organized by the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce

- There were performances around 3pm when the distinguished guests were introduced. There were not many booths from vendors in the afternoon yet.

2025-08-16 attended the Sri Krishna Janmashtami Festival in Milpitas, by the India Heritage Foundation

2025-08-17 attended the HOG Parade at Fremont and brought a Cupertino City flag to display on the car

2025-08-17 attended the graduation ceremony of the 10-week volleyball summer program by the Tianmu Volleyball program

- The instructors were high school students and attendees are K-8 students

2025-08-22 attended Art Exhibition by the Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) in their headquarter in Fremont

- Impressive art work and sculpture by children and adults with special needs.

2025-08-23 attended Kids Fun Festival (KFF) at Memorial Park, hosted by Taiwanese Culture and Sports Association (TCSA)

- The 15th Annual Kids Fun Festival is one of the largest family-friendly festival in the Bay Area. This year welcomes 130 booths, including an international village with booths from multiple countries. This year added the "Dream Big Village" to inspire children to explore future careers through interactive exhibits.

2025-08-23 attended a meeting with Garden Gate neighborhood, regarding their concerns about the Mary Avenue project

- The meeting was well attended and residents were frustrated that they did not know about the project when it was first proposed. They feel Mary Ave already has a lot of activities, from the Memorial Park and even high school running clubs. The reduction of parking spaces is a big concern since the area already feel congested to them.

2025-08-23 attended the Musical Afternoon - Harmony with Heart by Balaji Seva Foundation in San Jose

2025-08-24 attended the speech from Inner Health to Outer Beauty, hosted by the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce at the Jade Tea Garden in Cupertino

- The dining hall was jam packed with attendees for the event.

2025-08-28 attended Sunnyvale Leadership 40th Anniversary event in Sunnyvale Community Center

- It was great to see that the organization started by a former Sunnyvale Mayor continued going strong after 40 years. The 10-month long program costs \$1,500 with monthly meetings.

2025-08-29 visited the Hanover Winchester apartment next to the Winchester Mystery House

2025-08-29 attended the 92th Anniversary of Filipino Community Center in San Jose

- A couple of Filipino community members had the foresight to purchase the land and build the community center 92 years ago.

2025-08-30 attended the Hebei Business Forum by the Hebei Chamber of Commerce at the Blackberry Farm picnic site

2025-08-31 attended the Indian Tech Icon Award Ceremony, hosted by Women Innovators in Tech (WIT), at the Santa Clara University

- The Indian Tech Icon Awards is a global initiative recognizing the outstanding achievements of Indian-origin professionals in the technology sector.

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 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
 - **Evelich 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 Bandle 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”

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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