

CC 05-15-2025

Item #3

Review potential CIP
projects to be defunded
from current approved list

Written
Communications

From: [maryam sanaei](#)
To: [Chad Mosley](#); [City Council](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: CSC parking lot - Request for cancelation of cancel the PV/EV project
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 7:01:43 PM

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Dear City Clerk,
Please include the following in the written communications for the May 15, 2025, City Council meeting.

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice-Mayor Moore, and Council Members,

I am a regular user of the Cupertino Sports Center and am writing to ask that you cancel the planned photovoltaic (PV), solar panel, and electric vehicle (EV) parking project at the Sports Center.

The CSC parking lot is already under heavy use, especially during peak hours. It's not uncommon for members to struggle to find a space — I've personally had to park beyond the exit gates multiple times. Adding a Hopper EV fleet and accommodating their drivers' personal cars would place even more pressure on this already limited parking area. This would push CSC users to park offsite, such as at the nearby church or Whole Foods lot, which means many would be forced to cross a busy four-lane road. That's not just frustrating — it's unsafe, especially for older community members, some of whom are in their 70s or 80s.

The Sports Center supports over 1,200 active members, not including many more who attend Lifetime classes. The demand for parking is already high, and there is simply no capacity to dedicate stalls to EV fleets without causing real disruption. Commercial vehicle use should not come at the expense of local residents trying to access a city facility they pay to use.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge the Council to cancel the PV/EV project at the Sports Center.

More broadly, I also ask that you defund the entire \$7 million PV/EV project, including any Hopper-related elements. Cupertino is currently facing a fiscal deficit, and with falling sales tax revenues, this is not the time to be spending on non-essential projects. There is no guarantee that outside grants will materialize, and even if partial funding is available, this is still a major use of limited resources that could be put to more pressing needs.

Thank you for your time and service. I hope you will take this feedback seriously and make a fiscally responsible choice.

Sincerely,

Maryam Sanaei



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From: [Rhoda Fry](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: City Council Meeting 5/15/2025 #3 CIP - let's focus on fixing city hall
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 6:27:15 PM

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FW: City Council Meeting 5/15/2025 #3 CIP - let's focus on fixing city hall
Please include in written comms.
I sent this yesterday to the new public comment email, but don't see it in the comms file.
Thanks,
Rhoda

From: Rhoda Fry <fryhouse@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 7:46 PM
To: 'publiccomment@cupertino.gov' <publiccomment@cupertino.gov>
Subject: City Council Meeting 5/15/2025 #3 CIP - let's focus on fixing city hall

Hi City Council,

Regarding City Council Meeting 5/15/2025 #3 CIP - let's focus on fixing city hall.
I think we need to look at the bottom line and focus our efforts on fixing city hall.

Consequently, we should defer:

1. Very expensive Stevens Creek Bikeway 2A (and 2B) \$ 2,350,000
2. Very expensive Bollinger Study \$ 4,000,000
3. All PV/EV-charging projects
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) expansion - Service Center \$560K (would like to understand this one more, it has not been put on the list for review)
 - Photovoltaic Systems Design & Installation \$ 6,300,000
 - Hopper EV Parking \$350K
4. I don't understand Bandley light well enough to have an opinion on it, but I do see that you have it up for discussion for defunding on the second attachment.

We've been hearing that the City Hall needs seismic improvements for years. Let's get that done!

Thanks,
Rhoda Fry

From: [Venkat Ranganathan](#)
To: [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 3 (CIP Defunding)
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 5:47:05 PM

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Dear City Clerk,

Please include the following written communication for the May 15, 2025, City Council meeting regarding Agenda Item 3 (CIP Defunding).

Dear City council

Please cancel the PV/EV project at Cupertino Sports Center. Parking is already insufficient, and adding EV fleet vehicles will worsen access and safety for seniors. This \$7 million project is fiscally untenable amid budget deficits and should be defunded entirely. Prioritize resident needs over commercial interests.

Thanks

Venkat Ranganathan

From: [Ashish Bodke](#)
To: [Chad Mosley](#); [City Council](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Cupertino tennis center parking concern
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 5:46:16 PM

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The CSC parking lot is already under heavy use, especially during peak hours. It's not uncommon for members to struggle to find a space — I've personally had to park beyond the exit gates multiple times. Adding a Hopper EV fleet and accommodating their drivers' personal cars would place even more pressure on this already limited parking area. This would push CSC users to park offsite, such as at the nearby church or Whole Foods lot, which means many would be forced to cross a busy four-lane road. That's not just frustrating — it's unsafe, especially for older community members, some of whom are in their 70s or 80s.

The Sports Center supports over 1,200 active members, not including many more who attend Lifetime classes. The demand for parking is already high, and there is simply no capacity to dedicate stalls to EV fleets without causing real disruption. Commercial vehicle use should not come at the expense of local residents trying to access a city facility they pay to use.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge the Council to cancel the PV/EV project at the Sports Center.

More broadly, I also ask that you defund the entire \$7 million PV/EV project, including any Hopper-related elements. Cupertino is currently facing a fiscal deficit, and with falling sales tax revenues, this is not the time to be spending on non-essential projects. There is no guarantee that outside grants will materialize, and even if partial funding is available, this is still a major use of limited resources that could be put to more pressing needs.

Thank you for your time and service. I hope you will take this feedback seriously and make a fiscally responsible choice.

Sincerely,
Ashish Bodke
Cupertino tennis center member since 2020

From: [Yuvaraj Athur Raghuvir](#)
To: [Chad Mosley](#); [City Council](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Cupertino Sports Center PV/EV project to be reviewed
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 5:32:18 PM

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Dear City Clerk,
Please include the following in the written communications for the May 15, 2025, City Council meeting.

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice-Mayor Moore, and Council Members,

The Cupertino Sports Center (CSC) parking lot is under heavy use, especially during peak hours. It's not uncommon for members to struggle to find a space — I've personally had to park beyond the exit gates multiple times. Adding a Hopper EV fleet and accommodating their drivers' personal cars would place even more pressure on this already limited parking area. This would push CSC users to park offsite, such as at the nearby church or Whole Foods lot, which means many would be forced to cross a busy four-lane road. That's not just frustrating — it's unsafe, especially for older community members, some of whom are in their 70s or 80s.

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In light of these concerns, I strongly urge the Council to cancel the PV/EV project at the Sports Center which was passed in haste after Dec 3rd and before the new council was sworn in.

More broadly, I also ask that you defund the entire \$7 million PV/EV project, including any Hopper-related elements. Cupertino is currently facing a fiscal deficit, and with falling sales tax revenues, this is not the time to be spending on non-essential projects. There is no guarantee that outside grants will materialize, and even if partial funding is available, this is still a major use of limited resources that could be put to more pressing needs.

Thank you for your time and service. I hope you will take this feedback seriously and make a fiscally responsible choice.

Sincerely,
Yuva Athur

From: [Derek Chen](#)
To: [Chad Mosley](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Tina Kapoor](#)
Subject: Concerns About the PV/EV Project at the Sports Center
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 5:14:29 PM

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Dear Mayor Chao, Vice-Mayor Moore, and Council Members,

I'm a regular at the Cupertino Sports Center, and I'm writing to ask that you cancel the planned solar panel and EV parking project there.

The parking lot is already packed during busy times — I've had to park past the exit gates more than once. Adding EV fleet vehicles and their drivers' personal cars would only make things worse. It could force members to park offsite, like at the church or Whole Foods, and cross a busy four-lane road just to get to the Sports Center. That's not just inconvenient — it's a real safety issue, especially for older members in their 70s and 80s.

The Sports Center has over 1,200 active members, plus many others taking Lifetime classes. With parking already tight, giving up spaces for a commercial EV fleet just doesn't make sense. This is a community facility — our tax dollars support it, and we should be able to use it without extra hurdles.

I'd also urge the Council to reconsider the broader \$7 million PV/EV project altogether, especially anything related to Hopper. With Cupertino facing a budget shortfall and declining sales tax revenue, now's not the time for expensive, non-essential projects. Grant money isn't guaranteed, and even partial funding still means dipping into scarce resources.

Thanks for your time and service. I hope you'll take this feedback seriously and make a choice that puts community needs and fiscal responsibility first.

Sincerely,

Derek Chen