

2025 Commission and Committee Annual Activities Report

Arts and Culture Commission
<p>In 2025, the Arts and Culture Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitated, judged, and awarded prizes for the City’s Artists Awards, which received over 200 applications.• Studied the City’s Art In-Lieu Fee policy as part of the Council Work Program.• Invited regional art advocates and artists to speak about their work and advocacy.• Held a special offsite meeting in Palo Alto to learn how public–private partnerships can enhance local art.
Audit Committee
<p>In 2025, the Audit Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed and approved the City’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), Gann Limit, Investment Policy, and Storm Drain Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) report.• Reviewed and provided recommendations on the City’s Investment Policies, Quarterly Treasurer’s Investment Reports, and OPEB & Pension Trust Performance Reports.• Recommended the Internal Audit Work Program, forwarded completed audit reports to the City Council, and reviewed updates on the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Program.• Formed a subcommittee to evaluate the City’s budget format and submitted recommendations to the City Council for consideration.
Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
<p>In 2025, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Cupertino’s Vision Zero Action Plan.• Supported the development of the new Active Transportation Plan.• Contributed to the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study.• Continued their work improving bicycle facilities and multimodal safety across the city.
Economic Development Committee
<p>In 2025, the newly established Economic Development Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convened for the first time in November• Discussed Economic Opportunities in 2026: Super Bowl LX• Brainstormed the 2026 Economic Development Committee (EDC) Work Plan Projects

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Housing Commission

In 2025, the Housing Commission:

- Recommended funding for Mary Avenue Villas and Wolf Road Educator Housing, supporting affordable homes for people with disabilities and school employees.
- Hosted public hearings for the 2025–2030 Consolidated Plan for HUD funding.
- Conducted a study session on displacement issues and recommended an Anti-Displacement Policy to Council.
- Discussed new state policies addressing homelessness and encampments.

Library Commission

In 2025, the Library Commission:

- Revised the Poet Laureate Playbook, improving recruitment and eligibility.
- Appointed a new Poet Laureate for the 2026–2028 term.
- Partnered with the Teen Commission and Senior Advisory Council to assess library service needs.
- Provided input on the County Library District’s draft policy on library programs and events.

Parks and Recreation Commission

In 2025, the Parks and Recreation Commission:

- Reviewed and evaluated FY 25–26 Community Funding Grant Program applications.
- Provided feedback on the Capital Improvement Program and the Photovoltaic Systems Project.
- Formed a Senior Services Subcommittee to assess the needs of older adults.
- Volunteered at community events including the Big Bunny 5K, Cupertino Campout, and Disco at Dusk.

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Planning Commission

In 2025, the Planning Commission:

- Reviewed and provided comments on the establishment of Objective Design Standards for new multi-family residential and mixed-use developments.
- Provided comments on the main issues the City's Health and Safety Element update should focus on.
- Reviewed and recommended City Council approval of a 59-unit townhome development at the vacant Fontana's and Pizza Hut restaurant sites on Stevens Creek Boulevard.
- Reviewed and recommended City Council approval of the final phase of the Westport redevelopment project on the former Oaks Shopping Center site.
- Reviewed and recommended City Council approval of Zoning Ordinance updates for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and ministerial subdivisions in single-family neighborhoods.
- Reviewed and provided comments on the Stevens Creek Boulevard Corridor Vision Study.

Public Safety Commission

In 2025, the Public Safety Commission:

- Supported installation of Automatic License Plate Readers.
- Improving the Office of Emergency Management's outreach efforts.
- Reviewing the County's Alert and Warning Systems.
- Proposing enhancements to community crime prevention outreach.

Sustainability Commission

In 2025, the Sustainability Commission:

- Supported adoption of Building Performance Standards and FlexPath Codes to reduce emissions.
- Recommended approval of solar projects on City facilities.
- Advanced the City's Climate Action Plan 2.0.
- Engaged with residents at Earth & Arbor Day, Cherry Blossom, Bike Fest, and other community events.

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Technology, Information & Communications Commission

In 2025, the Technology, Information, & Communication Commission:

- Hosted a Cybersecurity Awareness & Education Event.
- Promoted the Sheriff's Camera Registry Program.
- Explored autonomous taxi integration in urban areas.
- Advocated for AI tools to improve efficiency in City government.

Teen Commission

In 2025, the Teen Commission:

- Helped plan the Teen Speaker Series and Teen Resource Fair.
- Highlighted Youth-Led Organizations on the City's social media.
- Served as emcees at Monster Mash, Big Bunny 5K, and Earth & Arbor Day.
- Moderated and judged the Youth Spelling Bee.