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To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: For inclusion in public record for Dec 1, 2025 City Council Meeting
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Please include into the public record for the December 1, 2025 City Council meeting, agenda item #3, the following two attachments.

Thank you
Kathy Yates, President 2025-2026
Rotary Club of Cupertino Rotary

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November 28, 2025

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore, and Honorable Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Cupertino, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the partnership and support that has been shared between our two organizations in conjunction with the inspiration, design, and execution of the artistic bike rack installations around the city. We are concerned that the project is now being called into question with potential removal of the racks under consideration, especially in light of this long legacy of partnership and the thorough multi-year process that brought this project to fruition.

We also want to acknowledge and thank you for the productive partnership that exists between Rotary and the City of Cupertino. For many decades, the City and Rotary have worked side by side on projects to strengthen the civic fabric of our community, support youth and families, and enhance our city. We value this history deeply and remain committed to being a reliable and positive partner to the City.

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During the two-year period that this project was being developed, the City provided guidance through several mechanisms:

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To: [Liang Chao](#); [Kitty Moore](#); [Sheila Mohan](#); [J.R. Fruen](#); [R "Ray" Wang](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Follow-up to my previous letters about Rotary bike racks
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 12:23:16 PM

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Dear City Council, City Manager and City Clerk:

In response to my recent letters to Cupertino council members and the City Manager about the Rotary bike rack project, I received two emails from individual council members, to which I would like to respond to all of you collectively.

In order to avoid multiple email strings and ensure that all are on the same page, I have compiled the council member emails to me ([shown in blue, and indented below](#)) and my responses (**shown in bold type**) into a single document, addressed collectively to all concerned. I apologize in advance for the length of this response.

I do appreciate the opportunity to respond to these questions and I trust that we can continue to partner collaboratively on this and similar projects in the future.

Warm regards,
Kathy Yates
President, Rotary Club of Cupertino, 2025-2026

First Correspondence:

Dear President Yates,

Thank you for writing to the Council. However, I am confused by your letter, which states "We are concerned that the project is now being called into question with potential removal of the racks under consideration".

Here are the relevant items that I can find:

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In the original TBD list on the 11/18 agenda:

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#16 (in the original TBD list on the 11/18 agenda): "Review placement, design, and approval process for bike rack installations in City parks; Discuss the type of contract formed with the Rotary and whether

Council or any commission should have been consulted"

- *In the supplemental 1 report for the 11/18 meeting, which is also Attachment D in the 12/1 agenda:*

- *#16: "Review placement, design, and approval process for bike rack installations in City parks;"*
- *#22: "Approval process for any entity to place their logo, name, brand, on any City property"*

As you can see, the items are about the approval process going forward to address concerns raised so far when people found out about the bike racks, after they were already installed:

1. *The colorful fish bike rack looks lovely, but it seems out of place in Memorial Park, which is known for its natural beauty and Japanese garden style design. Should the Art Commission have been consulted on the design and location of these bike racks since they are essentially public art pieces?*
2. *There have been reports of seniors walking in Memorial Park getting hit by bikes and some were sent to emergency room due to the impact. Is it wise to install the bike racks in the middle of the park, which might encourage people to bike to the bike rack and results in public safety risks?*
3. *There have been children climbing on the bike racks, when there are sharp edges on the bike racks and the ground is a concrete or hard surface. How do we prevent children to mistake them as play structure?*
4. *Should any organization in Cupertino put their logo on any city property without Council approval? What should be the approval process?*

I am not aware of any item on the 12/1 agenda to ask for the removal of the bike racks, even though there have been requests for their removal for aesthetic or safety reasons. The two items proposed in the TBD list are proposed to hopefully address the issues raised so far so that we might improve the approval process for future projects.

I hope that Rotary club members are not misinformed about what's on the 12/1 Council agenda.

Yates response to first correspondence:

Thank you for clarifying that the City will not be considering an action to remove or modify racks which have already been installed, but only potential suggestions for new future projects. My information most likely is incomplete, and I apologize for that.

The questions you raise are not unreasonable, but there was ample opportunity for these considerations to be raised and reconciled during the design phase of the project, which included input from multiple sources and public meetings. That said, no project — no matter how well planned or discussed — is likely to be 100% acceptable to every individual. I think whatever negative comments about the racks have been raised should be weighed against the positive comments that have also been received.

As I stated previously, Rotary wants to continue in partnership with the city to conduct projects that make our community more beautiful, functional, and supportive of citizens of all ages and capabilities. I look forward to many more opportunities to work with you and the other council members to make that happen.

Our club is certainly open to a dialogue with the designated representatives to address question 3 listed above, if that is an ongoing concern. And we hope that you will share with us any incident reports that involve documented safety issues. We want to address them, not solely for the Cupertino community, but also to share them with the manufacturer. We used a manufacturer that has designed and installed racks in other cities (also in conjunction with Rotary clubs, which is how we found them—through the Rotary network). I am sure the manufacturer would like to be made aware of safety concerns so that they can ensure their designs remain reliable products for communities around the country. Thank you.

Second Correspondence:

Kathleen,

Thanks for reaching out. Can you tell me why there is a Rotary logo on the bike racks?

Yates response to second correspondence:

It has long been a tradition of Rotary clubs throughout the world to include signage on the public works projects that they help bring into being in significant ways, whether through financial sponsorship, volunteer effort, community leadership, or all three types of support. This is certainly true of the history of our own club's partnership with

the City in other projects around Cupertino. A few examples are:

- the [trees in Civic Plaza](#)
- the [gazebo in Memorial Park](#)
- the clock at [Main street](#)

This is not at all unique to Cupertino Rotary, or even to U.S. clubs. As two examples of Rotary-related signage that can be found on other public works projects, I want to mention the San Jose Rotary Playgarden (where, in addition to signage in the park, the name of the park itself incorporates Rotary), and, interestingly, this plaque that I saw as I entered the main pedestrian roadway into Machu Picchu some years back:



Literally, one can travel the world over and see Rotary plaques everywhere, in places that are both obscure and of UNESCO-heritage caliber.

The signs are meant to inform the public that a local Rotary club is actively supporting the community. The inclusion of the Rotary Wheel (logo of Rotary International) symbolizes the Rotary organization's commitment to "service above self."

The design of the Rotary International logo is very intentional: the wheel signifies unity and the collective strength of members working together towards a common goal. Each part of the gearwheel has a specific meaning:

- the 24 teeth signify that Rotary is always "working" around the clock

- the 6 spokes represent the vocational service path
- the keyway in the center shows that members are the driving force
- and the overall design symbolizes a well-oiled machine dedicated to service.

All Rotary clubs world-wide are asked by the parent organization to adhere to specific design standards for Rotary-sponsored projects*. So when we began the discussion about the bike rack project, we specified from the start that we expected to continue that tradition. It was a very sizable project for us—an investment of time that extended for over two years to work collaboratively with multiple groups to ideate, design, manufacture and install the racks. Cupertino Rotary funded the entirety of the additional money required to make these racks distinctive, rather than just the industrial-type bike racks that the City had budgeted. So, of course, we wanted this project to align with the standards of Rotary International by ensuring that the project included appropriate attribution of the significant contributions being made.

The rack manufacturer suggested the design that allowed the logo to be integrated into the rack itself, eliminating the need for separate signage. This approach saves money and also frees up space in the installations (since separate signage would not be needed). It is a design that has also been used in many other communities where Rotary clubs have sponsored community bike racks.

In total, Cupertino Rotary has raised and invested \$30,000 in funds and an estimated \$10,000 in volunteer hours to bring this project to the community. It is hard to imagine why a logo that is recognized worldwide as a symbol of goodwill and community service would be in any way detrimental to the project, to the City, or to the residents of Cupertino.

***[It is also worth noting that this tradition of signage on community projects is not limited to Rotary alone. Kiwanis clubs, Lions clubs, Elks clubs—in fact, virtually all service clubs —do the same].**

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Subject: A letter from Cupertino Rotary Cabinet
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From: [Kathleen Yates](#)
To: [Liang Chao](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Please preserve the Artistic Bike Rack Project
Date: Friday, November 28, 2025 7:13:08 PM
Attachments: [BoD Letter to City Council v3.pdf](#)

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From: [Kathleen Yates](#)
To: [Liang Chao](#); [Kitty Moore](#); [Sheila Mohan](#); [J.R. Fruen](#); [R "Ray" Wang](#)
Cc: [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); [City Clerk](#); [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Additional follow up to prior correspondence
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 12:54:57 PM
Attachments: [Response to questions from 2 City Council Members.pdf](#)

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Honorable City Council members:

I was notified that the formatting on the email I just sent gets jumbled when it is viewed through different email clients, so I have saved it as a pdf and attached it here.

I apologize that the communication was jumbled. I hope this makes the document clear and readable for all.

Please note, I am also requesting of the City clerk that this be entered into the public record for the December 1st Council meeting, agenda item #3.

Kathy Yates, President 2025-2026
Rotary Club of Cupertino

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Dear City Council, City Manager and City Clerk:

In response to my recent letters to council members about the Rotary bike rack project, I received two emails from individual council members, to which I would like to respond to all of you collectively.

In order to avoid multiple email strings and ensure that all are on the same page, I have compiled the councilmember communications to me ([shown in blue, and indented below](#)) and my responses (**shown in bold type**) into a single document, addressed collectively to all concerned. I apologize in advance for the length of this response.

I do appreciate the opportunity to respond to these questions and I trust that we can continue to partner collaboratively on this and similar projects in the future.

Warm regards,
Kathy Yates
President, Rotary Club of Cupertino, 2025-2026

First Correspondence:

Dear President Yates,

Thank you for writing to the Council. However, I am confused by your letter, which states "We are concerned that the project is now being called into question with potential removal of the racks under consideration".

Here are the relevant items that I can find:

- *In the original TBD list on the 11/18 agenda:*
 - *#16 (in the original TBD list on the 11/18 agenda): "Review placement, design, and approval process for bike rack installations in City parks; Discuss the type of contract formed with the Rotary and whether Council or any commission should have been consulted"*
- *In the supplemental 1 report for the 11/18 meeting, which is also Attachment D in the 12/1 agenda:*
 - *#16: "Review placement, design, and approval process for bike rack installations in City parks;"*
 - *#22: "Approval process for any entity to place their logo, name, brand, on any City property"*

As you can see, the items are about the approval process going forward to address concerns raised so far when people found out about the bike racks, after they were already installed:

- 1. The colorful fish bike rack looks lovely, but it seems out of place in Memorial Park, which is known for its natural beauty and Japanese garden style design. Should the Art Commission have been consulted on the design and location of these bike racks since they are essentially public art pieces?*
- 2. There have been reports of seniors walking in Memorial Park getting hit by bikes and some were sent to emergency room due to the impact. Is it wise to install the bike racks in the middle of the park, which might encourage people to bike to the bike rack and results in public safety risks?*
- 3. There have been children climbing on the bike racks, when there are sharp edges on the bike racks and the ground is a concrete or hard surface. How do we prevent children to mistake them as play structure?*
- 4. Should any organization in Cupertino put their logo on any city property without Council approval? What should be the approval process?*

I am not aware of any item on the 12/1 agenda to ask for the removal of the bike racks, even though there have been requests for their removal for aesthetic or safety reasons. The two items proposed in the TBD list are proposed to hopefully address the issues raised so far so that we might improve the approval process for future projects.

I hope that Rotary club members are not misinformed about what's on the 12/1 Council agenda.

Thanks,

Yates response to first correspondence:

Thank you for clarifying that the City will not be considering an action to remove or modify racks which have already been installed, but only potential suggestions for new future projects. My information most likely is incomplete, and I apologize for that.

The questions you raise are not unreasonable, but there was ample opportunity for these considerations to be raised and reconciled during the design phase of the project, which included input from multiple sources and public meetings. That said, no project, no matter how well planned or discussed, is likely to be 100% acceptable to every individual. I think whatever negative comments about the racks have been raised should be weighed against the positive comments that have also been received.

As I stated previously, Rotary wants to continue in partnership with the city to conduct projects that make our community more beautiful, functional, and supportive of citizens of all ages and capabilities. I look forward to many more opportunities to work with you and the other council members to make that happen.

Our club is certainly open to a dialogue with the designated representatives to address question 3 listed above, if that is considered an ongoing concern. And we hope that you will share with us any incident reports that involve documented safety issues. We want to address them, not solely for the Cupertino community, but also to share them with the manufacturer. We used a manufacturer that has designed and installed racks in other cities (also in conjunction with Rotary clubs, which is how we found them—through the Rotary network). I am sure the manufacturer would like to be made aware of safety concerns so that they can ensure their designs remain reliable products for communities around the country. Thank you.

Second Correspondence:

Kathleen,

Thanks for reaching out. Can you tell me why there is a Rotary logo on the bike racks?

Yates response to second correspondence:

It has long been a tradition of Rotary clubs throughout the world to include signage on the public works projects that they help bring into being in significant ways, whether through financial sponsorship, volunteer effort, community leadership, or all three types of support. This is certainly true of the history of our own club's partnership with the City in other projects around Cupertino. A few examples are:

- the [trees in Civic Plaza](#)
- the [gazebo in Memorial Park](#)
- the clock at [Main street](#)

This is not at all unique to Cupertino Rotary, or even to U.S. clubs. As two examples of Rotary-related signage that can be found on other public works projects, I want to mention the San Jose Rotary Playgarden (where, in addition to signage in the park, the name of the park itself incorporates Rotary), and, interestingly, this plaque that I saw as I entered the main pedestrian roadway into Machu Picchu some years back:



Literally, one can travel the world over and see Rotary plaques everywhere, in places that are both obscure and of UNESCO-heritage caliber.

The signs are meant to inform the public that a local Rotary club is actively supporting the community. The inclusion of the Rotary Wheel (logo of Rotary International) symbolizes the Rotary organization's commitment to "service above self."

The design of the Rotary International logo is very intentional: the wheel signifies unity and the collective strength of members working together towards a common goal. Each part of the gearwheel has a specific meaning:

- the 24 teeth signify that Rotary is always "working" around the clock
- the 6 spokes represent the vocational service path
- the keyway in the center shows that members are the driving force
- and the overall design symbolizes a well-oiled machine dedicated to service.

All Rotary clubs world-wide are asked by the parent organization to adhere to specific design standards for Rotary-sponsored projects*. So when we began the discussion about the bike rack project, we specified from the start that we expected to continue that tradition. It was a very sizable project for us—an investment of time that extended for over two years to work collaboratively with multiple groups to ideate, design, manufacture and install the racks. Cupertino Rotary funded the entirety of the additional money required to make these racks distinctive, rather than just the industrial-type bike racks that the City had budgeted. So, of course, we wanted this project to align with the standards of Rotary International by ensuring that the project included appropriate attribution of the significant contributions being made.

The rack manufacturer suggested the design that allowed the logo to be integrated into the rack itself, eliminating the need for separate signage. This approach saved money and also freed up space in the installations (since separate signage would not be needed).It is a design that has also been used in many other communities where Rotary clubs have sponsored community bike racks.

In total, Cupertino Rotary has raised and invested \$30,000 in funds and an estimated \$10,000 in volunteer hours to bring this project to the community. It is hard to imagine why a logo that is recognized worldwide as a symbol of goodwill and community service would be in any way detrimental to the project, to the City, or to the residents of Cupertino.

***[It is also worth noting that this tradition of signage on community projects is not limited to Rotary alone. Kiwanis clubs, Lions clubs, Elks clubs—in fact, virtually all service clubs —do the same].**

From: [Steve LeFevre](#)
To: [Liang Chao](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: A letter from the Cupertino Rotary - Climate Action Committee
Date: Saturday, November 29, 2025 7:04:35 PM
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November 28, 2025

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore, and Honorable Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Climate Action Committee of the Rotary Club of Cupertino, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the partnership and support that has been shared between our two organizations in conjunction with the inspiration, design, and execution of the artistic bike rack installations around the city. We are concerned that the project is now being called into question with potential removal of the racks under consideration, especially in light of this long legacy of partnership and the thorough multi-year process that brought this project to fruition.

We also want to acknowledge and thank you for the productive partnership that exists between Rotary and the City of Cupertino. For many decades, the City and Rotary have worked side by side on projects to strengthen the civic fabric of our community, support youth and families, and enhance our city. We value this history deeply and remain committed to being a reliable and positive partner to the City.

We understand that you are currently reviewing the staff approval process for artistic bike racks installed in public parks and other public areas, with the possibility that new processes may apply in the future. We respect the City's responsibility to ensure that its procedures are clear, consistent, and aligned with community standards. At the same time, we respectfully request that the existing racks remain in place. This request rests on a simple but essential principle: Cupertino Rotary faithfully followed every step of the City's established procedures during the two years that this project was under development, relied on City approvals as an integral part of raising the funds necessary to purchase the racks, and entered into an MOU with the City that specified the terms for the rack installations. Those processes and commitments deserve to be honored.

During the two-year period that this project was being developed, the City provided guidance through several mechanisms:

- The designs were reviewed and approved by City staff and the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission in multiple public meetings.
- The proposed locations were selected and voted upon by the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission, then approved by City staff, including the Directors of Public Works and Parks & Recreation.
- Rotary and the City executed an MOU outlining the process for the selection, location and installation of the racks, after extensive negotiation of terms.
- Rotary applied for and was granted a City encroachment permit for installation.

At each stage, Rotary complied meticulously with the requirements, expectations, and directives provided by the City. At every turn, the City confirmed that we were proceeding properly. A process that engaged dozens of staff hours and over two years of good-faith collaboration should not be retroactively nullified—especially given the City’s commitments and the substantial reliance Rotary placed on the approvals granted.

Rotary volunteers invested two years of their time coordinating the details of the project with city staff, the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission, and the rack manufacturer, and spent more than 320 hours of volunteer time installing the racks. This has been a significant effort for our club and we are proud of the positive impact that has resulted. Since their installation, we have heard overwhelmingly positive feedback from hundreds of residents—parents, children, cyclists, park users, and neighbors who have shared their appreciation for the creativity, functionality, and delight the racks bring to them.

Beyond their practical use, the racks contribute beauty, creativity, moments of joy, and a sense of play to our community spaces, qualities that many residents have told us they value. Moreover, the racks have become a meaningful symbol of what longstanding community partnerships can achieve when all parties follow a collaborative agreed-upon process. Removing them despite the City’s own approvals and commitments, would set a troubling precedent for predictability, fairness, and integrity in City procedures and go counter to the collaborative spirit that has defined Rotary’s relationship with the City for generations.

We also want to highlight the broader context of Rotary’s 70-year long history of community benefit projects, a history for which Mayor Chao graciously recognized our club with a recent proclamation. Having been actively involved in service projects during the entire history of the city itself, the list of service projects is too long to list here, but some highlights include:

- Supporting our youth, in partnership with both De Anza College and FUHSD, by providing critical workforce development skills, awarding scholarships, participating in Project Springboard, sponsoring Scout troops, and a variety of other programs.
- Building infrastructure, such as bike repair stations at all the high schools, installing solar panels on non-profit facilities, constructing a community garden at the YMCA, and partnering with Rebuilding Together to repair, rehabilitate and refresh homes for low-income seniors, veterans, and disabled residents. In earlier eras, Rotary also sponsored the installation of the gazebo in Memorial Park and the trees in Civic Center Plaza.
- Enhancing food security by volunteering with West Valley Community Services, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, Hunger at Home, distributing annual Thanksgiving meals to hundreds of needy families, and conducting the Community Harvest program to collect fruit and vegetables from neighborhood gardens that would otherwise go to waste.
- Strengthening the social fabric by supporting veterans and elders through programs such as barbecues, pet visits, pumpkin painting and Operation Care and Comfort.

All of these initiatives are the result of many decades of mutual cooperation, reliance and respect for the commitments made by various partners. We hope that record will not be marred by a reversal of the mutual commitments made in good faith by the City and by Cupertino Rotary in bringing these 6 bike racks to the community.

We look forward to continuing to partner closely with the City to serve Cupertino and contribute to projects that uplift and strengthen our shared community.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Steve LeFevre

Chair of the Climate Action Committee
Cupertino Rotary Club

Seema Lindskog

Member, Climate Action Committee
Past Co-Chair of the Climate Action Committee

Tom Scannell

Member, Climate Action Committee
Past Chief Financial Officer, Rotary Club of
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Cupertino Rotary Club President, 2022-2023

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Jim Walker

Cupertino Resident for 57 years
Cupertino Rotary Club President, 1982-83

Gary Latshaw

Co-founder, Guadalupe Group of the Sierra
Club
Past Chair of Cupertino's Sustainability
Commission
Past Co-Chair of the Climate Action Committee

From: [Steve LeFevre](#)
To: [Kitty Moore](#)
Cc: [City Clerk; Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: A letter from the Cupertino Rotary - Climate Action Committee
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To: [R "Ray" Wang](#)
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From: [Steve LeFevre](#)
To: [Sheila Mohan](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: A letter from the Cupertino Rotary - Climate Action Committee
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Dear Councilmember Fruen:

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From: [Santosh Rao](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Clerk](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [Benjamin Fu](#); [Luke Connolly](#); [Gian Martire](#); [City Attorney's Office](#)
Subject: Written Comment for Agenda Item 3 – Request for CWP Item to Prepare 2026 Ballot Measure on Mary Ave Roadway and Parking
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 12:13:00 PM

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Dear City Clerk,

Would you please include the below for written comment for agenda item 3 for 12/1/25 city council meeting. Thank you for your service to the city. We appreciate all that you do.

[Writing on behalf of myself only as a Cupertino resident, taxpayer, voter]

Subject: Written Comment for Agenda Item 3 – Request for CWP Item to Prepare 2026 Ballot Measure on Mary Ave Roadway and Parking

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice-Mayor Moore, Council Members, and City Manager Kapoor,

This written comment is for **Agenda Item 3** at the **December 1, 2025 Special City Council Meeting**. I am requesting that the Council add a new **City Work Program (CWP)** item directing staff to prepare a **2026 ballot measure** on whether the City of Cupertino should convert the Mary Avenue roadway and parking into a housing parcel and transfer that public land to a developer.

To date, there have been significant compliance problems regarding the handling of the Mary Ave Villas parcel. As stated in multiple prior emails, the City used exemptions to bypass the required public procedures to classify land as surplus or exempt surplus. These actions were not noticed, not placed on a public agenda, no written findings were produced, and no Council vote authorized the use of exemptions or the bypassing of public engagement. These actions appear to violate the Brown Act and Government Code 54221. No public hearing has ever been held on converting public roadway and parking into a high-density development site.

The community has not been given any formal opportunity to decide whether a public roadway and long-standing parking area should be eliminated and reassigned for private development. This is a major land use decision that affects traffic circulation, safety, access, civic space, and long-term city planning. It cannot proceed through administrative actions without direct public consent.

For these reasons, I request that Council add a new **CWP item** tonight directing staff to prepare a ballot measure for the **November 2026 election**. This will allow Cupertino voters to make the final decision.

Suggested Ballot Measure Language:

“Shall the City of Cupertino vacate existing public right of way and convert a part of the Mary

Avenue roadway and adjacent public parking between Arroyo townhomes and Mary Ave Dog Park into a housing parcel and authorize the City Council to designate this public land as surplus land for transfer or conveyance to a private developer for the construction of high-density housing?"

If desired, the measure may include sub-questions or be structured as a single binding authorization. A public-facing process is essential before any land use action is taken.

I request that this CWP item be added and prioritized so that the 2026 ballot measure can be drafted, publicly reviewed, and completed in time for the 2026 election cycle.

Let the 2026 election decide this matter. Residents will vote 2026 on this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

San Rao (writing on behalf of myself only as a Cupertino resident, taxpayer, voter)

From: [Seema Lindskog](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); [Kathy Yates](#); [George and Kathy Denise](#)
Subject: Fwd: Cupertino Rotary - City of Cupertino Rotary Artistic Bicycle Racks Collaboration
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 11:25:50 AM

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Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore and Council members,

George Denise, a fellow Rotarian, wrote the email below and asked me to forward it to you on his behalf. City Clerk and City Manager, please enter this email in the public records for the December 1 City Council meeting Agenda Item #3.

Thanks,
Seema

"You must be the change you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi
This message is from my personal email account. I am only writing as myself, not as a representative or spokesperson for any other organization.

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From: <nspgeorge@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Dec 1, 2025 at 10:38 AM
Subject: Cupertino Rotary - City of Cupertino Rotary Artistic Bicycle Racks Collaboration
To: Seema Lindskog <seema3366@gmail.com>, <kb.yates@gmail.com>
Cc: George Denise Sr. <nspgeorge@gmail.com>

Good evening,

My name is George Denise. I live at 12121 Mellowood Drive, Saratoga, California. I am retired now, but I was previously the Director of Operations and Sustainability for Oracle, and before that, I was the Managing Director and Global Account Manager for operations and sustainability for Adobe Systems. I am a member of Cupertino Rotary, and I was one of the leads installing the bicycle racks, volunteering over 50 hours of my time in the process.

I joined Cupertino Rotary because my family had a business in Cupertino for fifteen years, The Ski Renter, which was at 10675 S. De Anza Blvd., so it made sense from both a business and social

standpoint, and I liked the character of the club. I have been a volunteer all of my life: Little League, Soccer, Scouting, Chamber of Commerce, Building Owners and Managers Association, Institute of Real Estate Management, CoreNet (Corporate Real Estate Network), etc. Rotary International is a service organization and a very successful one, but Cupertino Rotary stands out even against that backdrop, and Cupertino is a wonderful community. That's why I joined Cupertino Rotary.

The Artistic Bike Racks program was first conceived by Seema Lindskog. It was brought to the city over two years ago, discussed, designs developed, locations determined, all following the procedures laid out by the city. The final designs and locations were determined and approved by the city; the racks were fabricated by a company that has done literally thousands of these types of racks for hundreds of organizations and cities all across the country. The racks arrived, we coordinated their installation with the city, and we installed them. I was present and one of the leads for all but two of our approximately 20 workdays. It seemed like almost everyone who came by while we were installing them had to ask about them. Once we explained that they were artistic bicycle racks, and that it was a collaborative project between the Rotary Club and the city, people seemed to take great joy in that. The comments we heard were, "What a great project!" and "I think they are just beautiful!" and "Thank you so much for doing this!"

The day before the Fall Festival while we were setting up for it, I saw a couple with two little girls playing on the rack we installed in Memorial Park. They seemed to be having a good time, so I walked over to them and asked if I could take their picture playing on the rack. The parents said yes, so I did. Then the mother asked me what it was. She said at first she thought it might be to play on, but then saw bicycles attached to it so assumed it was a bicycle rack. I said, it is a bicycle rack, but it also is art. And like art, it is whatever you want it to be. It is intended to be an artistic bicycle rack. It is a beautiful, colorful, somewhat whimsical work of functional art. It is meant to add to the beauty and practicality of our community. It is a place for people to secure their bikes where they are out of the way, but where they can still keep an eye on them. It is also meant to protect the trees people have been attaching their bikes to because there were no racks. It is meant to facilitate people taking their bike rather than driving their car when appropriate. They are meant to be serious in function. And they are meant to be visually whimsical and fun.

Others will talk about those things I have mentioned above. I would like to address a different point.

Someone said this park is supposed to be a memorial to those who have sacrificed for their country. I agree. They also seem to think that bright, colorful, beautiful bicycle racks somehow detract from that. I disagree, and this is something I feel very strongly about.

I was in the Marine Corps Reserves from 1966 to 1971. My son was an officer in the Marine Corps from 2005 to 2011. My older brother was in the Navy from 1960 to 1964. My father was in the Army in the South Pacific from 1942 to 1945. He was part of the forces battling to free that part of the world, one island at a time. He contracted malaria, dysentery, pyorrhea and he suffered from malnutrition (as did 65% of the soldiers he was with). At Guadalcanal, he was blown out of his fox hole. He was then evacuated to a hospital tent, which was also blown up. At the end of the war, he spent three months in a hospital in Texas recuperating. My father had been a photographer, an artist, and a cartoonist before the war. In the midst of the horror of war, he drew cartoons making fun of some of the ironies of the war to entertain the troops around him and raise their spirits a little. That's

one of the purposes of art. Not doom and gloom, but to celebrate our brave citizens and enjoy the freedom they gave us.

Every generation in my family has served in the military going back to colonial times; not because we are part of some warrior class; far from it. We all have had careers unrelated to war and the military. We are simply trying to be responsible citizens answering the call when our country needs us. I can't speak for everyone who is or was in the military, but I feel comfortable speaking on behalf of my family. We fought to preserve what we often call the "American way of life". That includes taking our kids to the park, taking walks in the park, running in the park, practicing tai chi in the park, attending concerts in the park, and attending festivals in the park. And sometimes we play, and giggle, laugh and are raucous in the park! And some of our little ones learn to ride their bikes in the park because it is a safe place for them to do so. When they get older, sometimes they come to the park with their friends on their bikes, and sometimes they do ride too fast and aren't as careful as they should be, but there have been very few accidents, and they are safer here than they are on the street. Afterall, these are our kids. We are part of a greater community, and these are our community's kids. We want them to be safe, too. I don't believe the park is supposed to be a dark, somber sanctum. Memorial Park should be bright, and colorful, and fun and full of laughter! That's what we fought for.

The park is for everyone. Some ride bikes and like to be able to secure them when they are not riding them. The racks facilitate that. And they are fun, and they are beautiful!

Thank you,

George Denise

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[attached photos]







From: [Arnav Gokhale](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Rotary Artistic Bike Removal
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 5:57:56 PM

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Hi,

It seems that there has been a recent motion to remove the artistic bike racks placed throughout the city.

This feels entirely unnecessary, as the racks not only serve a practical and valuable purpose but also contribute to the character of our public spaces.

I've seen countless kids, myself included, using them to park their bikes before entering a park. For many children, biking is the only practical way to reach the nearest park, and without a proper place to store their bikes, it becomes a significant inconvenience for the community.

Thanks,
Arnav

From: [J Shearin](#)
To: [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Leave the fun and useful bike racks in Memorial Park and other city locations
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 1:02:26 PM
Attachments: [PastedGraphic-1.png](#)

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Please include this message as part of Written Communication for the December 1 Council meeting.

Dear Mayor Chao and City Councilmembers:

It's a fact that we have a limited budget in Cupertino—and that budget should be spent wisely. That means not spending it to reduce the enjoyment and livability of our city, but rather to enhance it.

Therefore, it's frankly baffling why this council would consider wasting our tax dollars ripping out attractive and useful bike racks recently placed in our city. These bike racks are already being used and enjoyed by many people. A picture is below of the rack in Memorial Park on a recent weekend. As you can see, people of all ages, including small children, are enjoying using the new racks. There is not enough bike parking in many locations in the city—that is why the bike rack project was added to the CIP years ago.

I've heard that some Councilmembers are upset that they didn't get to review the appearance and placement of the bike racks at the City Council. That's not the standard procedure, and staff followed what is the proper procedure. The racks were installed after a two year process including design and placement review meetings by the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission and both Directors of Transportation and Parks and Recreation. More importantly, every procedure required by and directive given by the city was followed including a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Rotary Club and staff. If you are unhappy with the procedure, as Councilmembers you have the right to change it, of course—but this doesn't mean the bike racks did not follow city procedure.

I've also heard that some Councilmembers are upset that there is a Rotary logo on the racks. The Rotary Club covered 90+% of the cost of the racks, transported the racks, poured the concrete footings/pads, and installed the bike racks all by themselves. The installation alone took at least 40 hours of work by a crew of 5 people. None of this was a city expense. It makes sense that if someone designs, purchases, funds and installs something, that they should have their name on it. Plus, there's other items in our city that have Rotary logos on them. It's also standard across the world. My father was a 50+ year Lions Club member—and plenty of projects had the Lions Club logo prominently displayed in our hometown in Michigan.

I've also heard that there was a complaint that some seniors walking in Memorial Park were hit by a bike, one of whom then went to the Emergency Room, and this is the reason to get rid of bike racks in parks. It's possible that this happened, but relying on anecdotal evidence instead of data for city decisions is not scientific (and a bad idea)—that's why we have a [collision dashboard](#) for Cupertino which includes data from a long list of organizations that track any accidents that occurred (see list below*). There are no accidents reported in the park for bicycles or pedestrians since 2018. If people getting hit by bikes in parks was an ongoing or even occasional issue, it would show up in the data.

The best decision for Cupertino is to leave the bike racks as they are currently installed, and let everyone—families, children, seniors, people who ride scooters, students, etc—enjoy their functionality, and fun appearance every day. I ask you to do just that.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Shearin
Cupertino resident



* **Collision Dashboard inputs:** Esri Community Maps Contributors, City of Cupertino, County of Santa Clara, California State Parks, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA, USFWS | City of Cupertino

From: [Cate Crockett](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Bike rack agenda item
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 8:41:57 AM

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City Council members,
I urge you to vote to keep the Rotary bike racks in Memorial Park.
Thank you,
Cate Crockett

From: [Sharlene Liu](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: keep the artistic bike racks
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 1:32:15 AM

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Dear Cupertino City Council,

I am writing to ask you to allow the already-installed artistic bike racks to remain in place. They are cute artistic installations that beautify the environment. They bring me much joy when I bike by them. Children derive even more pleasure from them. They are a celebration of art and of bicycling. And, they're already installed. Taking them out would cost money. There's no downside to keeping them, whereas there's much upside by bringing joy to the community.

Sincerely,
Sharlene Liu
Chair, Sunnyvale Safe Streets

From: [louise saadati](#)
To: [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 3 Dec 1 Special City Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 1:11:33 AM

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Please attach this email to the Written Communications for the city council meeting of Dec 1, Agenda Item 3 for when the artistic bike racks are discussed.

Dear Honorable Mayor Chaio, Vice-Mayor Moore and City Councilmembers:

Over a two year process, the artistic bike racks project led by the Cupertino Rotary had been discussed and approved via the proper process involving the Rotary, the Bike Ped Commission and the city staff including the Director of Public Works and the City Manager. The artistic bike racks have now been installed, enjoyed and appreciated by the community at large.

My understanding is that the council will now be discussing the possibility of new rules and procedures for installing bike racks in the future. Please do not make the new rules and procedures retroactive. Please do not spend money and staff time undoing the over 300 hours spent the last two years discussing, coordinating and installing the current bike racks. Please do not allow a couple of repetitive voices lead you to undo two years worth of work. If this voice doesn't even want bikes at a city park, then certainly there needs to be bike racks to enable bike riders to lock their bikes before walking in

the park. The city parks are for everyone and should be inclusive rather than exclusive. Instead of being negative and exclusive our city needs to be positive and inclusive.

The city does not have extra monies and staff time to undo the work done over the last two years. Undoing the honest work done in good faith by the Rotary, the city staff and the community sends a very negative message to the Rotary, the community at large and the city.

A precedent of uninstalling work done over a two year period following procedure casts a shadow over all current Cupertino infrastructure and projects.

Please support the city-wide desire by the overwhelming majority of Cupertino residents to leave the current artistic bike racks installed as they are for the community to enjoy. Since they have been installed, hundreds of residents including walkers, parents, children, bikers, young, middle and older adults have already expressed their joy and appreciation for the functionality, joy, art and fun from the installed artistic bike racks installed throughout Cupertino.

Thank you for keeping all this in mind during the City Council meeting Dec 1.

Louise Saadati
Resident of Cupertino for 40 years

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Beck Poltronetti](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); info@walkbikecupertino.org
Subject: Rotary Bike Racks
Date: Saturday, November 29, 2025 10:43:51 PM

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Hello councilmembers,

I understand that you are busy individuals so I will keep this email short and to the point.

Removing the rotary bike racks would be a gross and, frankly, silly misuse of an already limited city budget. They are mounted firmly into concrete, and it would take an inordinate amount of effort to remove them, effort that would be much better used elsewhere.

The city's budget should be put towards building new infrastructure, not tearing up existing infrastructure that is working just fine.

Regards,
Beck Poltronetti, Cupertino Resident

From: [Anne Ng](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: bikes racks in parks, yes, please
Date: Saturday, November 29, 2025 6:02:25 PM

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Honorable Councilmembers:

Please allow the Rotary Club to put bike racks in Cupertino parks. (Agenda Item #3 in the meeting this coming Monday.) Certainly you'd like to encourage folks to pedal rather than drive to our parks. Having a place to safely park and lock bikes would do that, as well as reduce the likelihood of them being dropped anywhere they'd be in the way of pedestrians.

Anne Ng
6031 Bollinger Road
Cupertino

From: [John G](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [City Clerk; Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 3 - Keep and retain artistic bike racks, 12/1 council mtg
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 5:30:12 PM

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Dear Mayor Liang Chao and City Council members,

Please leave the artistic bike racks as they are. I heartily support the artistic bike rack program.

The bike racks are whimsical, beautiful and very well executed. Also, they are very cute. This is an example of a wonderful Cupertino program!

Thank you,
John Geis
Cupertino Resident

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