



**CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT**  
Meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Reporting Councilmember: Mayor Liang Chao

Report Dates: 11/13/24 to 1/14/25

**Section 1: Announcement - Message from the Mayor:**

- ❖ **Monthly Mayor’s Coffee 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.
  - The first Monthly Mayor’s Coffee will be held on Monday January 20 at 5pm at Holder’s Country Inn.
  - The next Mayor’s Coffee will be on Monday February 10th at 5pm. The location is TBD.
- ❖ **The State of the City Address:** It will be held in the evening of Wednesday February 26. Hold that date.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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.

- ❖ **Cupertino Mayor at the Chamber LAC Meeting:** On Friday February 7th, I will speak at the [Legislative Action Committee \(LAC\) of the Cupertino Chamber](#). Their website states “Meetings are typically (but not always) held at 12:30pm until 2pm, the first Friday of each month. The meeting is open to the public. R.S.V.P. preferred.” I am happy to attend meetings at other organizations too. You are welcome to submit your invitations to [LChao@Cupertino.gov](mailto:LChao@Cupertino.gov).
- ❖ **FY 2025-27 Work Program Prioritization:** The staff has proposed a new process for Work Program Prioritization in an [info memo](#) and the Council has decided to each submit their top-10 list of existing or new items. The Council will discuss the combined top-10 list at the 1/22 Council meeting. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled soon to finalize the work program.

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**Section 2: 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.

**2024-11-16 [California Cricket Academy \(CCA\)](#) annual award ceremony at the Library Field**

- The legendary West Indies pace bowler, Michael Holding, attended to present the awards to the players. He started out to be a computer programmer, but found he loves playing cricket more and became a professional player.

**2024-11-15 Cupertino CREST Award and Commissioners Appreciation Dinner at Residence Inn by Marriott**

- The CREST Award winners receive awards.
- Outgoing commissioners received certificates of appreciation. Welcome newly joined commissioners. All current commissioners took photos together.

**2024-11-20 Interview on the impact of Prop. 47 with Brian Kragh, a third-year law student at the University of San Francisco School of Law.**

- He wrote: “I am writing my Upper Level Research and Writing Requirement on Proposition 47 (2014) and would like to gather perspectives regarding its impact on your community as part of my paper.”

**2024-11-20 Attended the Community Meeting for the [Wolfe Road Housing Project](#) (at 10333 N Wolfe Road) by the County, hosted by Eden Housing at Collins Elementary School**

- At the 11/20 Community Meeting, the project team prepared informative poster boards to collect community inputs on the project.
- The biggest concern of the community is to ensure that the existing wall separating North Blaney neighborhood from the property would not be taken down, even for emergency exit purposes.
- The project team is actively engaging with CalTran to look into a secondary exit near the I-280 exit on Wolfe so that the secondary exit would not go through the wall.
- Project Description: “The project will likely be built in three phases, with the initial phase including educator housing. In compliance with the City rezoning of the site, there will be 250-300 total units across the 5-acre + property. It will be 100% rental apartments, offering a

variety of unit types for various income ranges, depending on community feedback. “

- Upcoming Co-Creation Event: Wednesday 2/12/25 6-7pm at Collins Elementary School
  - Description: “We will be hosting a Community Workshop to share what we’ve learned from the community and how that has influenced our initial project design concept.”

#### **2024-12-02 Delegation Visit from Shanghai Yangpu District, through Vice President of Global Initiatives, Bay Area Council**

- The delegation has 5 members from Shanghai Yangpu Riverside Investment Development and Shanghai Sanyixin Enterprise Development Co., which are funded by the Shanghai city government.

#### **2024-12-06 Attended the Tree Lighting Event at Quinlan Center**

- I arrived late since my car was out of battery. But I was able to walk around the event to see the long line of children waiting to see Santa.

#### **2024-12-06 Attended the holiday party of Cupertino Library Foundation at Cupertino Inn**

#### **2024-12-07 Attended Scout Gang Show, by three almost-all-girls scout troops at the Community Hall**

- The Gang Show is an extension of the fun skits which usually occur at a campfire.
- The scouts wrote their own scripts and performed them. It was both informative and entertaining

#### **2024-12-08 Santa Clara County Cities Association Holiday Party at Los Altos State Street Market**

- The State Street Market is a nice food court with a bar. Great food.
- They recognized outgoing council members with certificates and welcomed newly councilmembers. And they welcomed the newly elected executive board for Cities Association.

#### **2024-12-11 Attended Post-Election VIP Seminar by AuYeung Wealth Management Group at Morgan Stanley at Juniper Hotel**

- They provided market and economic outlook analysis and predictions post the presidential election

#### **2024-12-13 Attended Holiday Party of the Cupertino Historic Society**

- Met the new Executive Director Manuel Valerio. Their challenge next year is to recruit new members

#### **2024-12-14 Attended the Wreath Across America event at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery**

- Despite rainy and windy weather, the veterans and their supporters remained undeterred. The speeches were truly inspiring.

#### **2024-12-20 Hosted the first Virtual Office Hour at noon**

- About 16 people attended. I gave a summary of the 12/17 council meeting and mentioned upcoming agenda items, such as the revision of council procedures manual and work program

prioritization. Residents are welcome to submit comments to the Council.

- Then, followed by Q&A on any topic residents raised.

#### **2024-12-21 Attended Able2Shine Award Ceremony for Presidential Volunteer award winners**

- Able2Shine Youth Club was started two years ago. The members volunteer for various causes to earn volunteer hours.

#### **2024-01-01 Attended the New Year Civic Engagement Tea Party, hosted by Hanlin Educational Foundation, Youth Culture Connection Association, Visionary Arts, Civic Leadership Academy and American Chinese Youth Performing Art Foundation**

- This is the 6th year of this New Year event. Five elected councilmembers attended.
- The attendees are youth members from these organizations. The councilmembers answered questions from the host and the audience.

### **Section 3: Committee Assignment**

- No meeting this period.

### **Section 4: Information of Interest to My Constituents:**

#### **1. Builders' Remedy (BR) Projects**

- ★ The Planning Staff has completed the "determination of completeness" reviews for the 20739 Scofield Drive and Vista Heights projects. In both instances staff has determined that the application materials are *incomplete*, meaning the projects are no longer vested pursuant to Government Code Section 65941.1.

The letters that have been transmitted to the applicants are available on the City's website here:

- Scofield: <https://www.cupertino.gov/scofield>
- Vista Heights: <https://www.cupertino.gov/vistaheights>
- ★ There is one more BR project that is still active: [Dividend Homes](#) at the northwest corner of Stevens Creek Blvd and De Anza. The project will replace the existing office building with town homes.
- ★ [Status of all BR projects](#)
- ★ The July 25, 2024 info memo, titled "[Scofield Drive SB330 Preliminary Application pursuant to Builder's Remedy](#)", has information about what are BR projects and their review process.

#### **2. 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:**

### **1. "Written Communication" for a City Council meeting:**

- When will an email sent to the City Council be included in the "Written Communication" file of a Council meeting?
- From the City Clerk:
  - Emailed comments that are related to an agenda item and received following the agenda publication prior to or during the meeting will be posted to the City's website.
  - Emailed comments related to non-agenda items and received following the agenda publication prior to or during the meeting will be posted ~~upon request~~ only if it is forwarded by a councilmember, to comply with the Muni Code.

### **3. 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. 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](http://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 sign-up 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:

[11 - November 14, 2024 - Notification method for GPA and zoning ordinances on parcels, preliminary applications, and project proposals](#)

- 11 - November 27, 2024 - City of Cupertino Electrical Utility Costs and Usage Information
- 11 - November 27, 2024 - Rodrigues Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Enhancements
- 12 - December 12, 2024 - Climate Action Plan Progress Report
- 12 - December 12, 2024 - Monthly Treasurer’s Investment Report for November 2024
- 12 - December 12, 2024 - Monthly Treasurer’s Investment Report for October 2024
- 12 - December 12, 2024 - Monthly Treasurer's Report for November 2024
- 12 - December 12, 2024 - Monthly Treasurer's Report for October 2024
- 12 - December 12, 2024 - Treasurer's Investment Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2024
- 12 - December 20, 2024 - Goal Setting Workshop Preparation – Council Top 10 Projects

**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” is selected from the bottom row of tabs.
  - Enter the search term, such as “investment report”. Choose the year or select “All Years”

The screenshot shows the Legistar website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Legislation, Calendar, City Council, Commissions/Committees, View City Channel Videos, City Records, and YouTube Videos. Below these, there are view options: List View and Calendar View. A search bar contains the text 'investment report'. To the right of the search bar are dropdown menus for 'All Years' and 'City Council', and checkboxes for 'notes' and 'closed captions'. Below the search bar is a 'Search Calendar' button and a 'Help' link. A summary bar shows '144 records' and buttons for 'Group' and 'Export'. The main content area displays a table with the following data:

Name	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Meeting Details	Presentations	Agenda
<a href="#">City Council</a>	5/21/2024	6:00 PM	10300 Torre Avenue and 10350 Torre Avenue and via Teleconference <i>Non-Televised Closed Session</i>	<a href="#">Meeting details</a>	<a href="#">Presentations</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>

(Last Activity Report in the [November 19, 2024 Council Meeting Agenda.](#))