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Item No. 4

City Council meeting  
schedule through  
January 21, 2026

Written Communications

**From:** [Peggy Griffin](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** 2024-12-18 City Council Meeting - ITEM4 2025 CC Meeting Schedule  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2024 3:47:41 PM

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

THANK YOU for not cancelling this December 18, 2024 meeting but instead using it as preparation for the new year rather than waiting until mid-January to address many of the housekeeping items required when a new council takes office.

As for the 2025 City Council schedule, I have several suggestions/requests:

1. **Please stick to your schedule.** Cancelling a meeting results in impacting the subsequent meeting – making it longer. Do whatever is ready on that agenda.
2. **(Special meetings) Avoid scheduling a Council meeting that conflicts with other commission or committee meetings.** This impacts the public's ability to attend both meetings and reduces public input. It also can result in forcing the Planning Commission to be moved to another location. The public is not as familiar with all these alternate locations thus reducing public input and attendance.
3. **Keep the December 16, 2025 meeting on the schedule.** This meeting allows you to complete the Council housing keeping items required after the election of a new mayor and vice mayor. It's a great start to the new year!

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Peggy Griffin

**From:** [Rhoda Fry](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** 12/17/2024 City Council Comments Agenda #4 council meeting schedule  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 5:42:48 PM

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Dear City Council,

I would prefer to keep council meetings on Tuesdays for the sake of consistency.

In the past, City Council meetings were on Mondays and it was changed after councilmember Sandy James asked for Tuesdays so as not to interfere with Monday night football.

Thanks,

Rhoda Fry, 40+ year Cupertino Resident

CC 12-17-2024

Item No. 5

Appointment of 2025  
Council Committee  
Assignments

Written Communications

**From:** [chitrasv@yahoo.com](mailto:chitrasv@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [David Stillman](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [City Council](#); [Pamela Wu](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent Request for Agenda Item on 12/17/24 City Council Meeting: Reassignment and Reconsideration of Cupertino's Role in Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024 2:58:43 PM

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Dear Mayor Sheila Mohan, Cupertino City Council Members, Traffic Engineer David Stillman, Director Mosley, and City Manager Pamela Wu,

I am writing to request immediate action regarding Cupertino's participation in the Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee. Specifically, I urge the City Council to:

**Remove Council Member JR Fruen as Alternate Representative:** Council Member Fruen's full-time employment with the City of San José under Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei presents a clear conflict of interest. San José, represented by Vice Mayor Kamei as Committee Chair, has a significant stake in shaping decisions that could disadvantage Cupertino. Fruen's dual roles compromise Cupertino's ability to advocate independently and without bias. Please relieve JR Fruen of his committee assignment due to the conflict of interest.

**Appoint New Representatives Immediately:** To ensure effective representation, Cupertino's new Steering Committee representatives should assume their roles immediately and participate in the December 18, 2024, meeting. I would highly recommend appointing Ray Wang to the committee. Ray Wang ran on preserving quality of life for Cupertino residents and won the residents mandate most recently in the November 5th 2024 election. Ray Wang represents the will of the voters of Cupertino.

#### Anecdotal Evidence of Undue External Influence

At Steering Committee meetings, Cupertino's priorities have been overshadowed by out-of-town attendees advocating for policies detrimental to our community. Specific examples include:

**April (San José Resident):** April repeatedly emphasized removing car lanes along Stevens Creek Boulevard to prioritize buses, citing climate change but ignoring the significant impact on Cupertino residents who rely on these lanes for daily commutes.

**Andrew Siegler (Downtown San José Resident):** Andrew pushed for dedicated bus-only lanes as a racial justice issue, suggesting car commuters should bear the brunt of reduced access to Stevens Creek Boulevard.

**Philip Nguyen (San José Resident):** Philip demanded lane reductions despite acknowledging the adverse impact on Cupertino's traffic and mobility.

**Kylie Clark:** Kylie advocated for pedestrian safety and bus-only lanes, citing her personal vision for reducing car dependency but failing to account for Cupertino's transportation realities.

**Siddharth Kotapati (San José Resident):** Siddharth advocated for two transit-only lanes, prioritizing broader regional transit goals over Cupertino's specific needs.

**Geoff Smith:** Geoff cited statistics from San Francisco's Van Ness Corridor to argue for bus-only lanes, without recognizing the significant differences between Cupertino's suburban layout and San Francisco's urban context.

**Tracie Johnson:** Tracie emphasized the benefits of bus-only lanes and barrier-protected bike lanes, citing her personal preferences while dismissing Cupertino's broader transportation challenges.

These attendees, all of whom are not Cupertino residents nor are they Cupertino voters nor Cupertino tax payers, dominate discussions and advocate for measures that would disproportionately harm Cupertino critical East west corridor for automotive traffic. Such advocacy dismisses our city's unique challenges and seeks to prioritize external non-voter, non-resident, non-taxpayer interests over the needs of Cupertino voters, Cupertino residents and Cupertino taxpayers

#### Withdrawal from the Steering Committee

Given this persistent out-of-town influence, I strongly urge Cupertino to withdraw from the Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee altogether. Our city's critical resources and infrastructure are being placed at risk by undue influence driven by external out of town residents with their agendas in conflict with those of Cupertino voters and residents. Continuing our participation, funding, and support for this committee empowers actors that do not prioritize Cupertino residents needs. Defunding and revoking our involvement would send a clear message that Cupertino will not compromise its residents' quality of life for the convenience of others.

Thank you for your attention to these urgent matters. I look forward to seeing these items discussed and resolved at the December 17, 2024, City Council meeting.

Sincerely,  
Chitra Iyer  
Cupertino Resident

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**From:** [louise saadati](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Stevens Creek Steering Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 3:58:17 PM

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Dear Mayor Chao, vice-Mayor Moore and Councilmembers:

Welcome to the new council. Recommend that the council continue its participation in the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study. Please do not withdraw from the Corridor Steering Committee as a very few misinformed people have emailed.

It is very important that Cupertino maintain its voice in the development of this important transportation corridor across multiple cities. Our involvement would help insure that the safety of all manner of transportation is evaluated and included in this study.

Leaving this committee and study would negatively impact future grant funding. We need to be fiscally aware of the impact of the City Council decisions on our city.

This is only a vision study and does not affect the city to lane reductions or any other transit choices.

Thank you,  
Louise Saadati

**From:** [Yvonne Strom](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** The Stevens Creek Corridor is essential in Cupertino  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 1:59:29 PM

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Esteemed decision makers,  
Stevens Creek Blvd runs the entire length of Cupertino into the neighboring communities. It is a corridor that moves resident motorists, pedestrians, bike commuters, and transit riders. It is important that Cupertino is represented on the Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee for their ongoing discussions about the future of this important infrastructure.

Thanks for your attention,  
Yvonne Thorstenson

**From:** [Liang Chao](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Cupertino's Resolution on Stevens Corridor Study  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 1:55:02 PM  
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Please include this email in the written communication of the 12/17 Council meeting.



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**From:** Liang Chao <LChao@cupertino.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2024 11:04 AM  
**To:** Santosh Rao <santo\_a\_rao@yahoo.com>; Kitty Moore <KMoore@cupertino.gov>  
**Subject:** Cupertino's Resolution on Stevens Corridor Study

Here is the Cupertino's Resolution on Stevens Corridor Study, adopted in 2019.

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/96119>

It specifically states that Cupertino supports "ongoing conversations" with the understanding that it would "not use any general purpose travel lanes or adversely impact vehicular capacity on City surface streets" and "be grade separated".

Thus, any conversation about dedicated bus lanes goes against the Cupertino resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby

1. Support efforts to study improving transit efficiency and streetscape improvements along the Stevens Creek Boulevard corridor, and
2. Support continuing ongoing conversations regarding high-capacity transit service along the Stevens Creek Boulevard/I-280 corridor, with the understanding that it would:
  - a. Not use general purpose travel lanes or adversely impact vehicular capacity on City surface streets; and
  - b. Be grade separated, and time-competitive with auto travel; and
  - c. Study an alternate alignment in Cupertino along I-280, continuing to DeAnza College at the junction of SR85 and Stevens Creek Boulevard, ensuring service to areas of high employment density and De Anza College, while connecting the Cities of San José, Santa Clara, and Cupertino, supported by, and developed in collaboration with, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority; and
3. Authorizes the City Manager or designee to assess resources needed to develop these projects and report findings to the City Council.

Here are links to the memo (staff report) and resolution from each city:

- City of Cupertino [Memo & Resolution](#)
- City of San José [Memo & Resolution](#)
- City of Santa Clara [Memo & Resolution](#)
- County of Santa Clara [Memo & Resolution](#)
- [Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees Resolution](#)

The resolution from the City of Santa Clara has a similar requirement that "the study considers potential options for a grade separated high capacity transit system" and that "the options considered in the study do not adversely affect streets in the City of Santa Clara." Thus, any discussion of dedicated bus lanes seems to go against the Santa Clara resolution too.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS

FOLLOWS:

1. That the City of Santa Clara supports a study exploring transit options including Complete Streets along the Stevens Creek Boulevard corridor.
2. That the study considers potential options for a grade separated high capacity transit system for the Stevens Creek Boulevard corridor, that connects the Cities of San Jose, Santa Clara, and Cupertino, that is supported by, and developed in collaboration with, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.
3. That the options considered in the study do not adversely affect streets in the City of Santa Clara.
4. That the City Manager or designee is authorized to assess resources needed to develop these projects and report findings to the City Council.

The resolution from San Jose stated "The City of San Jose supports ... a ... plan that considers new modes of transportation and a grade separated high capacity transit system for the Stevens Creek corridor". Thus, any consideration of dedicated bus lanes seems to go against the San Jose's resolution too.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

1. The City of San José supports a Complete Streets and Near-Term Transit Implementation Plan that considers new modes of transportation, and a grade separated high capacity transit system for the Stevens Creek corridor, that connects the Cities of San José, Santa Clara, and Cupertino, that is supported

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by, and developed in collaboration with, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

Thus, the Stevens Creek Corridor Committee should not spend any time entertain any

consideration of dedicated bus lanes, since such consideration goes against the resolutions adopted by Cupertino, Santa Clara and San Jose.

Of course, bus priority signaling or bus priority lanes which do not adversely impact the surface streets could be considered.

Regards,

Liang



**Liang Chao**

Council Member

City Council

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**From:** [Glenn Fishler](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [David Stillman](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [Pamela Wu](#); [City Clerk](#); [Glenn Fishler](#)  
**Subject:** Cupertino's ongoing participation in the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study process  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 1:06:41 PM

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Dear Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore, and Council Members Fruen, Mohan and Wang,

Today, I read written comments on the City's website sent by several Cupertino residents urging Cupertino to withdraw from participation on the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study Committee. It would be unwise for the City to withdraw. As you know, this is a multi-jurisdictional (San Jose, Santa Clara, and Cupertino) committee that broadly covers the future of transportation on this important transportation corridor. Cupertino needs a voice on the Committee in order to influence the outcome to best serve our residents. Please don't make the mistake of withdrawing from participation. Rather, pick whoever you believe is/are the best representative(s) for the City, and participate. It's an easy decision that does not deserve too much discussion. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Glenn Fishler  
Cupertino resident since 1997

**From:** [Joel Wolf](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Stevens Creek Steering Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 12:33:20 PM

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Dear Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore and Councilmembers,

I welcome the new council. I am 39-year resident of Cupertino with a strong interest in the long-term development of our community. I urge the council to maintain Cupertino's involvement in the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study and **not** withdraw from the Corridor Steering Committee. Withdrawal would result in Cupertino losing our voice in the development of this important corridor. This is a long corridor and decisions by Santa Clara and San Jose, without the input of Cupertino, could still negatively affect movement of traffic within our City. In addition, we all know that the outside funding pool is limited, and Cupertino could lose future grant funding as projects such as this long transit corridor are prioritized over individual isolated city projects. Finally, this is simply a vision study and does not commit the City to lane reductions or other transit options.

Thank you and Happy New Year,

Joel Wolf



**Joel Wolf**

Bicycle and Pedestrian Commissioner  
JWolf@cupertino.gov



**From:** [Herve Marcy](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item 5 Committee Assignments - Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 11:37:59 AM

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Mayor Chao, esteemed Councilmembers,

I am the chair of the bicycle-pedestrian commission, but writing in my name only.

The agenda item 5 for tonight's council meeting is about committee assignments. I strongly urge you to make sure that the City council will send representatives to the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study.

Stevens Creek Corridor is a major artery for our city. It is crucial that we provide input to that body in order to make sure that the interests of the Cupertino residents are not only taken into account, but robustly defended. Neighboring cities may agree on a plan which could be detrimental to Cupertino: transit corridor prioritized for other cities, changes in the infrastructure negatively impacting traffic congestion, and, of course, disjointed bicycle pedestrian infrastructure.

This project has the potential to receive significant grant funding as multi-jurisdictional applications are prioritized over single municipality applications. I do not want our City to voluntarily pass on large sums of money going toward its infrastructure. Participating in that project is the fiscally responsible thing to do.

Finally, this body will lead to a vision, and certainly not finalized plans. It does not implement any lane reductions, which would be impossible anyway as they are currently disallowed by municipal code in Cupertino. It does not implement elevated transit or dedicated bus lanes.

Not having a seat at the table will make it impossible for our City to make the most out of this project.

Thanks for your consideration.

Hervé Marcy

**Herve Marcy**  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Commissioner  
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**From:** [Seema Lindskog](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [David Stillman](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [Pamela Wu](#)  
**Subject:** Cupertino should continue to participate in the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 11:26:31 AM

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Respected Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore, and councilmembers,

I am writing today to urge the council to stay engaged with the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study Committee.

There is a saying that "If you don't have a seat at the table, you're probably on the menu". Residents of Cupertino deserve to have a seat at the table when decisions are being made about this major corridor.

The Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study is a multi-jurisdictional committee with representatives from Cupertino, San Jose, and Santa Clara. Residents from all three cities are encouraged and should be expected to participate in the discussions. Suggestions of "undue influence" and "zoom bombing" because residents from other cities are offering their perspectives are extraordinary and reveal a complete lack of understanding of how a multi-jurisdictional process works.

The letters from Santosh Rao and his supporters demanding that the city withdraw from the Committee are similarly out of touch. He seems to be so blinded by his hate of cyclists that he wants the city to cut off its nose to spite its face. As a city, our position should always be to participate in local and regional dialogue on topics that will affect our city, rather than run away from them, which will only guarantee that these decisions are made without us having the opportunity to influence them.

I also want to point out that the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study discusses all modes of transportation - car, transit, walking, and biking. Also, at this time, the task of the multi-jurisdictional committee is only to set a vision for the corridor. No specific implementations are being discussed or agreed upon, be they lane reductions, bus lanes, or elevated transit. This will be the task of a future multi-jurisdictional committee, in which we should also make every effort to participate.

Finally, I hope that the council will not support this vendetta against cyclists that Santosh Rao and his followers seem to be trying to foster. While the majority of residents advocating for safer cycling in the city may be adults, the majority of actual cyclists in our community are CHILDREN and YOUTH. When they speak against cyclists in our community, that's who they are speaking against.

Thank you for everything you do for this city.

Warmly,  
Seema Lindskog

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"You must be the change you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi  
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**From:** [J Shearin](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item 5: Committee Assignments --continue work on Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 10:46:08 AM

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Dear Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore, City Councilmembers and City Manager Wu:

I'm a longtime resident of Cupertino, and care about the livability and financial well-being of our city. I am writing to you today only as a resident.

Some residents have encourage you to 'pull out' of the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study. I encourage you not to, for the benefit of all of our residents. Here's the key reasons why:

- **We will lose our voice in whatever happens on the corridor if we do not participate.** Other municipalities could make decisions that negatively impact Cupertino without us having any input at all. We also lose out on forming relationships that allow us to work together on mutually beneficial solutions to common problems, such as traffic or utility issues.
- **It's the fiscally responsible thing to do for our city.** Grant money is much more easy to obtain when it's for cooperative multi-city studies and projects. It does not cost us any money to have a voice in this study.
- **This study doesn't compel our city to do anything.** Any potential changes made would require multiple rounds of approvals and further study. This is a very high-level study.
- **Our city doesn't allow any lane reductions or dedicated bus lanes on Stevens Creek.** The vision study does not change that.

Other complaints have been that residents from San Jose and Santa Clara have given public comment at prior Steering Committee meetings. This is true, and makes perfect sense, as the study covers all three cities (Cupertino, San Jose, and Santa Clara), and not just Cupertino.

For all these reasons, I encourage you to continue Cupertino's participation in the SCC Vision Study. Thank you for considering my input, and your work on behalf of Cupertino.

Best Wishes,

Jennifer Shearin

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**From:** [Balaram Donthi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [David Stillman](#); [stevenscreekvision@iteris.com](mailto:stevenscreekvision@iteris.com)  
**Subject:** Lane removal in Cupertino  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2024 9:13:35 PM

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I would like express my opinion on lane removals in Cupertino main roads. Currently, we are facing a lot of congestion on these roads during rush hours as more people are going to offices. This is only going to increase as employers are reducing the work from home days.

Also, we are in the process of increasing the numbers dwellings as per state mandate. This will increase the traffic on our roads and we'll face more congestion.

Therefore, I am against the removal of lanes on our roads.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Best Regards,

Balaram Donthi  
10680 Johnson Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014

**From:** [Calley Wang](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Vote YES on the Stevens Creek Steering Committee recommend staff drafted "Implementation Plan"  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2024 9:02:52 PM

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Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers,

I'm from Cupertino and a graduate of CUSD and FUHSD public schools. My family and I regularly travel on Stevens Creek Boulevard by driving, walking, and transit.

Cupertino's continued participation in the Stevens Creek Steering Committee helps get our city's voice heard and secure our fair share of regional funds and transportation improvements. At this week's council meeting, you will be appointing a new representative to the Steering Committee. Whoever the new representative is, I urge them to vote YES on the Committee's draft Implementation Plan. This plan includes staff recommendations for safety and sustainability like pedestrian crossing islands, protected bike lanes, and transit speed upgrades. These measures will improve traffic safety for residents and keep Cupertino a safe and attractive city for multigenerational families.

Your actions will help determine the future of our city. I urge you to prioritize safety and sustainability in your decisions.

Sincerely,

Calley Wang

**From:** [Theresa Hornig](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [David Stillman](#); [stevenscreekvision@iteris.com](mailto:stevenscreekvision@iteris.com); [Liang Chao](#); [Kitty Moore](#); [Ray Wang](#)  
**Subject:** Feedback on Stevens Creek Blvd Traffic Plans (Stevens Creek Blvd Corridor Vision)  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2024 5:56:55 PM

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Dear Mayor Chao, Steering Committee Representative Moore, Cupertino Council Members, and other Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee Participants,

I am a Cupertino resident and frequently drive on Stevens Creek Blvd for my daily routines.

I strongly oppose any plans to reduce or narrow Stevens Creek Blvd that would restrict traffic movement or hinder the flow of automotive traffic. Adding concrete barriers for a bike lane, which would further congest the largest boulevard in Cupertino, does not make sense. Cupertino should prioritize major traffic capacity over bike lanes. Have you calculated the daily usage data of these bike lanes?

To prepare for future business or corporate expansions in Cupertino, we should avoid:

- Lane removals
- Installation of concrete or cinder block bike lanes
- Painted buffer zones
- Prohibition of right turns on red
- Elimination of street parking
- Any other measures that restrict vehicular mobility

Moreover, I strongly urge the Cupertino City Council to take the following actions:

1. Defund Cupertino's participation in this steering committee.
2. Cease funding for consultant studies associated with this committee.
3. Withdraw entirely from the committee, especially considering unethical "Zoom bombing" incidents by non-residents who aim to impose radical, anti-automobile policies on our community.

I respectfully request that Cupertino's committee representative, Kitty Moore, and the City Council explore options for eliminating wasteful spending on the Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee and any other consultant projects aimed at reducing road lanes in Cupertino under names like "Complete Streets" or "Vision Zero."

Any previously allocated funds for these roadway projects should be redirected towards practical road paving and infrastructure improvements that directly benefit traffic flow and automotive mobility on Stevens Creek Blvd.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing these concerns addressed by the council.

Sincerely,

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Cupertino Resident

**From:** [Peggy Griffin](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** 2024-12-18 City Council Meeting - ITEM5 - Commission Assignments  
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Dear Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore and Councilmembers,

THANK YOU for implementing Council commission assignments in December at the first meeting after the selection of the new mayor and vice mayor. This action in December:

- Allows each councilmember to have more time to prepare/research their assignments before the new year begins.
- It's housekeeping that can be done in December rather than taking up time on a January agenda.
- As the Staff Report indicated, it ensures "adequate Councilmember representation when the committees convene in January.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Peggy Griffin

**From:** [Rajesh Narayanan](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [David Stillman](#); [stevenscreekvision@iteris.com](mailto:stevenscreekvision@iteris.com)  
**Subject:** Feedback on Stevens Creek Blvd Traffic Plans  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2024 2:58:25 PM

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Dear Cupertino Mayor Chao, Steering committee rep Moore, Cupertino council members, any other Stevens Creek corridor steering committee participants,

I am a regular user of Stevens Creek Blvd to commute across the city for my daily and weekly errands and other activities.

As a Cupertino resident, I **strongly and vehemently oppose** any measures that aim to eliminate or reduce lanes, restrict traffic movement, or hinder the flow of automotive traffic on Stevens Creek Blvd.

This includes, but is not limited to:

Lane removals,  
Installation of concrete or cinder block bike lanes,  
Painted buffer zones,  
Prohibition of right turns on red,  
Elimination of street parking, or any other measures that restrict vehicular mobility.

I also strongly urge Cupertino City Council to take the following actions:

1. Defund Cupertino's participation in this steering committee.
2. Cease funding for consultant studies associated with this committee.
3. Withdraw entirely from the committee, particularly in light of unethical "Zoom bombing" incidents involving out-of-town non-residents who seek to impose radical, anti-automobile policies on our community.

I respectfully request Cupertino's committee representative, Kitty Moore, and Cupertino city council to explore options for eliminating wasteful spending on this Stevens Creek corridor steering committee and any and all other consultant projects to eliminate road lanes in Cupertino in the name of complete streets, vision zero, or in any other name.

Any previously allocated funds towards these roadway projects that impact lanes should be redirected toward practical **road paving and infrastructure improvements** that directly benefit traffic flow and automotive mobility on Stevens Creek Blvd.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing these concerns addressed in the council's discussions.

Sincerely,  
Rajesh Narayanan  
Cupertino

**From:** [Rajesh Narayanan](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [David Stillman](#); [stevenscreekvision@iteris.com](mailto:stevenscreekvision@iteris.com)  
**Subject:** Feedback on Stevens Creek Blvd Traffic Plans  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2024 2:58:25 PM

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**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [David Stillman](#); [stevenscreekvision@iteris.com](mailto:stevenscreekvision@iteris.com)  
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**From:** [Ram Sripathi](#)  
**To:** [David Stillman](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [City Council](#); [Pamela Wu](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Reassignment and Reconsideration of Cupertino's Role in Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee  
**Date:** Thursday, December 12, 2024 8:18:33 AM

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**To:** [David Stillman](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [City Council](#); [Pamela Wu](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent Request for Agenda Item on 12/17/24 City Council Meeting: Cupertino's Representation in Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024 8:22:18 PM

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I am requesting the inclusion of an agenda item for the 12/17/24 City Council meeting regarding Cupertino's representation and participation in the Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee.

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Thank you for addressing this matter urgently. Please let me know if further details are needed.

Best regards,  
Ravi  
Cupertino Resident

**From:** [meeta.upadhyay](mailto:meeta.upadhyay)  
**To:** [David Stillman](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [City Council](#); [Pamela Wu](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent Request for Agenda Item on 12/17/24 City Council Meeting: Reassignment and Reconsideration of Cupertino's Role in Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee  
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**From:** [Liang Chao](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [sdaly@iteris.com](mailto:sdaly@iteris.com)  
**Subject:** Fw: Stevens Creek Corridor Study - Dedicated Bus Lanes  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 10:31:30 PM

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Per request of the speaker, please enter this into the written communication of the 12/17 council meeting.

"This email is intended to be entered into the public record for both the 17DEC2024 Cupertino City Council Meeting and the 18DEC2024 Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee Meeting."



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**From:** Sean T. Daly <[sdaly@iteris.com](mailto:sdaly@iteris.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 7:06 PM  
**To:** Giangreco Chris <[ironwood226@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ironwood226@sbcglobal.net)>; District1 <[district1@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district1@sanjoseca.gov)>; Rosemary Kamei <[rosemary.kamei@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rosemary.kamei@sanjoseca.gov)>; Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg <[supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org)>; Lisa Gillmor <[lgillmor@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:lgillmor@santaclaraca.gov)>; Dev Davis <[dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov)>; City Council <[citycouncil@cupertino.gov](mailto:citycouncil@cupertino.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Stevens Creek Corridor Study - Dedicated Bus Lanes

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Thank you Chris,

I am going to print this and the other comments we received as of tonight for distribution at tomorrow's meeting. I also wanted to thank you for your participation in the Community Advisory Group, your input helped shape the Vision and Implementation Plan.

Sean Daly

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**From:** Giangreco Chris <[ironwood226@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ironwood226@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 6:12 PM  
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Vice Mayor Kamei and Steering Committee members, I am sending this email to caution you, that during tomorrow's 18DEC2024 Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee meeting, based upon what happened at the last meeting, we will experience a huge effort calling for removal of a lane of traffic each direction for dedicated bus lanes. I urge that you **do not** heed those calls, which are likely not being made by your voting constituents within the corridor.

What we witnessed during the last meeting was a massive effort to flood the public input process by special interest groups like TransBay Coalition & SCC4Transit, calling for dedicated bus lane conversion. Their goals appear to be transit transformation wherever possible, regardless of any other needs or concerns of their targeted communities, or negative impacts or consequences caused by such change. It is highly likely few if any of those callers are frequent corridor users. And it is highly likely even fewer are corridor residents, or property or business owners.

Abiding by and prioritizing the desires, concerns and demands of those who's only true corridor interest is transit transformation, over meeting the real world operational and economic needs of the corridor for corridor businesses, and equally if not more importantly, corridor residents – **your constituents, the voters**, does a huge dis-service to everyone.

Rest assured, the vast majority of corridor users, residents, businesses and property owners understand what how bad an idea it is to remove a lane of traffic each direction. Doing so will severely decrease overall boulevard throughput, all while increasing traffic congestion, fuel consumption per mile traveled, GHG emissions, red light running and intersection gridlocking & crosswalk blocking. Increases in traffic queuing at through signals will decrease signalized left turn lane entry opportunities and left turn throughput, further compounding congestion.

Roadway safety will decrease, as entering and exiting the roadway will be more difficult with higher traffic densities in fewer lanes. Fewer safe opportunities will exist for right turns out of driveways and right turns on red at side street red lights or stop signs. Even fewer safe opportunities will exist for roadway entry or exit by left turns from driveways, stop signs or the center left turn lane . Gaps in traffic allowing such left turns will be

tighter and less frequent, increasing wait times, adding to driver frustration and possibly driver error that may have horrific results.

Economic impacts could be heavy to severe for both San Jose and Santa Clara as drivability and accessibility would be made more difficult for more people. Valley Fair / Santana Row and the Stevens Creek Auto Mall would become much less desirable as destination shopping areas, and likely would bring some level of economic decline to the corridor.

Sales tax revenues would certainly be negatively impacted.

As elected officials, corridor voters will regard your choice to advocate for dedicated bus lanes as a very bad choice.

Do not succumb to special interest group pressure to advocate or call for dedicated bus lanes along the Stevens Creek Corridor.

This email is intended to be entered into the public record for both the 17DEC2024 Cupertino City Council Meeting and the 18DEC2024 Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee Meeting.

Thank you for your time,

Chris Giangreco

Current member, SC Corridor Study Citizens Advisory Group

Former member, Stevens Creek Advisory Group (S.C.A.G.) for San Jose D1 Urban Villages

**From:** [Sean T. Daly](#)  
**To:** [Rajesh Narayanan](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [David Stillman](#); [stevenscreekvision](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Feedback on Stevens Creek Blvd Traffic Plans  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 7:35:08 PM

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Thank you for your input! Your experience and perspective is very important to this planning process. I am going to print out the comment emails we received by this evening to distribute to the Steering Committee at tomorrow's meeting. The option of including a lane for busses is included as a potential option within a near-term transit speed, reliability and experience improvement project which would be developed as a next step for improvements to the corridor. This vision planning process is a consensus process, and the implementation of bus lanes was not a consensus item therefore it was only included as an option to explore.

Sean Daly

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**From:** Rajesh Narayanan <rajesh.nar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2024 4:58 PM  
**To:** citycouncil@cupertino.gov; cityclerk@cupertino.gov; ChadM@cupertino.gov; davids@cupertino.gov; stevenscreekvision <stevenscreekvision@iteris.com>  
**Subject:** Feedback on Stevens Creek Blvd Traffic Plans

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Dear Cupertino Mayor Chao, Steering committee rep Moore, Cupertino council members, any other Stevens Creek corridor steering committee participants,

I am a regular user of Stevens Creek Blvd to commute across the city for my daily and weekly errands and other activities.

As a Cupertino resident, I **strongly and vehemently oppose** any measures that aim to eliminate or reduce lanes, restrict traffic movement, or hinder the flow of automotive traffic on Stevens Creek Blvd.

This includes, but is not limited to:

Lane removals,  
Installation of concrete or cinder block bike lanes,  
Painted buffer zones,  
Prohibition of right turns on red,  
Elimination of street parking, or any other measures that restrict vehicular mobility.

I also strongly urge Cupertino City Council to take the following actions:

1. Defund Cupertino's participation in this steering committee.
2. Cease funding for consultant studies associated with this committee.
3. Withdraw entirely from the committee, particularly in light of unethical "Zoom bombing" incidents involving out-of-town non-residents who seek to impose radical, anti-automobile policies on our community.

I respectfully request Cupertino's committee representative, Kitty Moore, and Cupertino city council to explore options for eliminating wasteful spending on this Stevens Creek corridor steering committee and any and all other consultant projects to eliminate road lanes in Cupertino in the name of complete streets, vision zero, or in any other name.

Any previously allocated funds towards these roadway projects that impact lanes should be redirected toward practical **road paving and infrastructure improvements** that directly benefit traffic flow and automotive mobility on Stevens Creek Blvd.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing these concerns addressed in the council's discussions.

Sincerely,  
Rajesh Narayanan  
Cupertino

**From:** [Tamara H.](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** 2024-12-17 City Council Meeting - ITEM5 - Commission Assignments  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 6:15:45 PM

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Dear City Clerk,

My name is Tamara Hahn. I am a Cupertino resident living on Hyannisport, and I am writing in support of the Stevens Creek Corridor Project.

The Stevens Creek Corridor Project will help connect us here with the rest of the county. It will bring customers to our stores, cafes, and places of business, and it will enable those of us who cannot drive to reach our friends and our jobs in other parts of the county.

As a reminder, people who might not want to or cannot drive automobiles include:

1. Young people who cannot legally drive yet, or who cannot afford a car yet.
2. Anyone who can no longer drive due to disability
3. Anyone who wants to reduce their personal carbon footprint

I have lived in Los Altos and Cupertino for over two decades now. I started working before I could afford a car ( and later, a car that didn't break down at the worst moment). I was very disappointed in how difficult public transportation was to access around here. Let's make things better for the next generation.

Best Regards,

Tamara Hahn

**From:** [Neil Park-McClintick](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Support a More Robust Stevens Creek Corridor Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 4:39:59 PM

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## **Hello Mayor and City Council,**

In anticipation of review of Councilmember assignments later tonight, some opponents of the Stevens Creek Corridor improvement plan have expressed a desire for the City to pull out of the joint vision study entire—this would be an absolutely shameful decision that would harm our planet, destabilize our community, and further car dependency in Santa Clara County. Cupertino does not exist in a siloed bubble, and we need to govern in collaboration with our neighbors across the street.

Realistically, the current plan for the corridor does not go far enough—it still focuses on the convenience of drivers and a fictional longterm mass transit project, rather than short term improvements that will improve service and convenience.

I, like thousands of other residents throughout the county, do not own a car—the effectiveness of transit determines whether we get opportunities, where we can live, which jobs we can have, if we have an enjoyable standard of life and can spend time with family and friends. We already take transit, including the bus, and more specifically—the 23 and 523, the main bus lines which run down the corridor.

These are some of the MOST used lines in the entire system—it's simply untrue to say that this would not serve a high volume of riders, often these two lines are completely full, without seating room.

And let's be clear—these sorts of decisions, such as the outcome of this committee, are not simply about whether a driver is inconvenienced by 1-2 minutes or even if a bus rider is able to get to their destination 15-20 minutes faster. Every single time someone uses transit, it becomes a foundation for how they view alternative transportation altogether—when any line poorly serves a community, that is another person who shifts their financial priorities to save up for a cheap car, and another potential crash that kills or injures someone. It's another car on the road that, in totality, leads to an over-saturation of congestion that lowers all of our quality of life and makes our cities far less pleasant, including for other drivers.

This is a years-long project in the making, and it's far from perfect—I would like to see a much stronger short term plan that promotes better transit and safer bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, but we will never be able to realize this future if we do not commit to staying in this visionary study.

**From:** [Helene Davis](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support the Vision Study - Agenda item 5—Committee Assignments  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 4:18:50 PM

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Dear City Council,

I am a long time resident of Cupertino and have seen many changes to our community. Growth is inevitable but how we manage the growth is critical. Growth brings traffic problems and now the city has a great opportunity to be part of the solution by participating in the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study. There are so many amazing things that could be envisioned for this corridor that would improve the experience for all of our road users whether they drive, ride the bus, cycle, or walk.

The Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study is just that, a study. It is important for the City of Cupertino to be a part of this vision and planning. It will give our community a voice and the city the potential to receive grant funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Helene Davis

1. It is fiscally responsible to continue to participate in the Vision Study. We have the potential to receive significant grant funding as applications from multi-municipalities are prioritized over single municipality applications.
2. We lose our voice in what happens on the Stevens Creek corridor if we pull out. Decisions could be made by neighboring cities which negatively affect Cupertino without any input from our city.
3. This is a *vision* for the corridor—a first step--not final plans. It does not implement any lane reductions, which would be impossible anyway as they are currently disallowed by municipal code in Cupertino. It does not implement elevated transit or dedicated bus lanes. Anything considered for the corridor will require multiple rounds of approvals and further study.

**As usual:** Please start your email with a line or two that is personal, such as that you are a resident, care that our city has a voice in what happens locally, etc. Also please sign your email.

Send an email to:

CC 12-17-2024

Item No. 6

City Work Program and  
Capital Improvement  
Projects (CIP) Program  
prioritization process

Written Communications

**From:** [Frank Shen](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Unfair rezone of 20865 McClellan from R1 to R3 behind residents backs and request to re-assess the upzoning  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 11:22:37 AM

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Dear City Clerk,

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Dear Mayer Chao and Cupertino City Council Members,

I am writing to bring your attention to one unfair matter that is the rezoning of 20865 McClellan from R1 to R3. The upzoning was done WITHOUT residents' knowledge and was approved COMPLETELY AGAINST resident's will! I attest this because I have personally talked to 60+ households in the immediate neighborhood!

How is that a fair "public process" when no one in the neighborhood was aware of the rezoning and how is it a representation of people when the entire neighborhood is against this and yet the prior city council still approved it? Well, you might say there are meetings, newsletters that published this, but I'd argue if no one knew about this, then this is not the right process and therefore groundless. The current rezoning of that property from R3 to R3TH follows some public process that made us aware of the request, why the prior rezoning from R1 to R3 failed to follow??? Why was it double-standard?

I request this city council to re-assess this rezoning matter, listen to the residents and truly represent people to put people's will front and center in all your decision making process. Put this matter back on your agenda and gather residents' inputs and correct the wrongdoing!!!

Frank Shen  
Cupertino Resident on Bonny Dr.

**From:** [Raman@H](mailto:Raman@H)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [David Stillman](#); [stevenscreekvision@iteris.com](mailto:stevenscreekvision@iteris.com)  
**Subject:** Removal of Lanes in Cupertino City  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2024 9:21:11 PM

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Dear sir,

I am not of an opinion to remove the lanes in Cupertino's busy streets.

Post COVID, things have started changing as more and more offices are making in-person work mandatory. We are already seeing a surge in traffic. My removing the lanes, it is going to be more congested.

On top of it, more residential units are being added in the city which will aggravate the situation further more.

Therefore, I am against the removal of lanes on our roads.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Best Regards,

Raman Mummidivarapu  
10134 S Tantau Ave  
Cupertino, CA 95014

**From:** [James Choi](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Pamela Wu](#); [City Clerk](#); [Kristina Alfaro](#)  
**Subject:** [Reevaluate R3 Projects] Building a Strong Foundation for Cupertino's Future  
**Date:** Sunday, December 15, 2024 12:57:19 AM

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Dear City Clerk,

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Subject: [Reevaluate R3 Projects] Building a Strong Foundation for Cupertino's Future

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Congratulations to Mayor Chao and Vice-Mayor Moore on your new leadership roles, and to Council Member Wang on your election to the council. Your dedication to serving Cupertino is appreciated, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact of your efforts.

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Here are two key areas I believe should guide your priorities:

### **1. Reevaluate R3 Projects**

Explore downzoning R3 projects on Linda Vista Drive and McClellan Road. Shift these units to more suitable locations on De Anza Boulevard, Stevens Creek Boulevard, and Homestead Road, where infrastructure and public transit are better equipped to handle increased density. This approach would align new development with community priorities and infrastructure capacity.

### **2. Improve Engagement and Transparency**

Reinstate prior council procedures that allowed for greater public involvement. Additionally, ensure that commission appointments are decided solely by the council, giving residents a fair and transparent opportunity to serve.

### **Closing Thoughts**

Cupertino is at a turning point, and this council has a tremendous opportunity to lead with vision, accountability, and a focus on residents' needs. By fostering collaboration with staff and making thoughtful, impactful decisions, you can build a legacy that benefits our community for generations.

Thank you for your service to our city. I look forward to seeing the great progress all stakeholders can achieve together.

Sincerely,  
James Choi  
Cupertino Resident

**From:** [Unique Family](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Pamela Wu](#); [City Clerk](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [David Stillman](#); [Rachelle Sander](#); [Kristina Alfaro](#); [Benjamin Fu](#)  
**Subject:** Building a Strong Foundation for Cupertino's Future  
**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2024 3:30:04 PM

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Selvi Sathya  
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**From:** [K-](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Pamela Wu](#); [City Clerk](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [David Stillman](#); [Rachelle Sander](#); [Kristina Alfaro](#); [Benjamin Fu](#)  
**Subject:** Building a Strong Foundation for Cupertino's Future  
**Date:** Friday, December 13, 2024 7:02:25 PM

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Keith Bachmeier  
Cupertino Resident

**From:** [Ram Sripathi](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Pamela Wu](#); [City Clerk](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [David Stillman](#); [Rachelle Sander](#); [Kristina Alfaro](#); [Benjamin Fu](#)  
**Subject:** Building a Strong Foundation for Cupertino's Future  
**Date:** Friday, December 13, 2024 5:25:20 PM

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Ram sripathi  
Cupertino Resident

**From:** [Liang Chao](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Santosh Rao](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Setting Priorities for a New Era in Cupertino  
**Date:** Friday, December 13, 2024 11:02:50 AM

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Please add this to the written communication for the 12/17 council meeting.



**From:** Santosh Rao <santo\_a\_rao@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2024 10:07 AM  
**To:** City Council <citycouncil@cupertino.org>; David Stillman <davids@cupertino.org>; Chad Mosley <chadm@cupertino.org>; City Clerk <cityclerk@cupertino.org>; Ray Wang <rwang@cupertino.gov>; Pamela Wu <pamelaw@cupertino.org>; Rachelle Sander <rachelles@cupertino.org>; Kristina Alfaro <kristinaa@cupertino.org>; Benjamin Fu <benjaminf@cupertino.gov>; Christopher Jensen <christopherj@cupertino.org>  
**Subject:** Setting Priorities for a New Era in Cupertino

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*Dear City Clerk,*

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**Subject:** Setting Priorities for a New Era in Cupertino

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice-Mayor Moore, Cupertino Council Members, City Manager Wu, and Department heads,

Congratulations to Mayor Chao on your election as Mayor, Vice-Mayor Moore on your election as Vice-Mayor, and Council Member Wang on joining the council. I was delighted to

see the beaming smiles on the new council member page—may it reflect the collaborative spirit and humor needed to build strong working relationships with staff.

As residents, we deeply value the contributions of city staff and leadership. A thriving workplace for city employees is essential to retaining and attracting top talent, but it must be paired with a commitment to excellence and a focus on the priorities that residents clearly voiced during the 2024 election.

I respectfully urge the council to prioritize the following:

1. **Public Safety**

Increase neighborhood patrols and traffic enforcement. This visible commitment to safety will reassure residents and should be a straightforward, impactful initiative to implement.

2. **Preserve DeAnza, Stevens Creek Boulevard and Bollinger, Homestead Rd,**

Halt lane reduction projects. Residents have overwhelmingly opposed these changes, favoring roadway improvements over lane eliminations. Redirect resources toward repaving and maintaining our roads.

3. **Enhance Pedestrian Safety**

Prioritize pedestrian safety by equipping all crosswalks with beacon-activated lights. Prioritize pedestrian safety.

4. **Eliminate Wasteful Spending**

Publish a transparent list of consultant projects and reduce reliance on external consultants. Instead, empower staff to take on projects in-house, as demonstrated by the excellent work of Kristina Alfaro's team on budget outreach.

5. **Reassess Capital Projects**

Cancel plans for a new city hall and private-public partnerships for office buildings. Instead, fund seismic retrofits for the existing city hall and focus on essential infrastructure.

6. **Improve Financial Transparency**

Publish a clear list of third-party organizations and projects receiving city funding. Eliminate wasteful expenditures on non-essential initiatives and redirect resources to impactful projects, such as parks, public works, and community events.

**7. Restore Stakeholder Engagement**

Reinstate transparent council procedures and ensure that commissioners are chosen directly by the council. Staff pre-screening and shortlisting of volunteers undermines public trust.

**8. Expand Community Engagement**

Bring back hybrid Zoom meetings for Parks and Recreation and explore virtual options for the Audit and Public Safety Commissions. These tools enhance accessibility for residents.

**9. Support Economic Development**

Focus on attracting experiential retail and restaurants that align with residents' preferences. Simplify regulations that hinder small businesses, and reimagine Main Street as a vibrant destination for dining and leisure.

**10. Pursue New Parks**

Consider acquiring and converting parcels near Sedgwick Elementary and Montebello Road into parks to enhance public green spaces.

**11. Increase Accessibility**

Reopen in-person service desks for Building and Planning departments and improve responsiveness to resident inquiries. Timely and direct communication is critical.

**12. Bring Back Events**

Restore beloved community events like the July 4th evening celebration, Pacific Coast Farmers Market, and Bobateeno. These initiatives strengthen community bonds.

**13. Enhance Community Interaction**

Establish office hours at popular community events, such as the Farmers Market, and offer virtual options. This practice, as modeled by other agencies, fosters trust and transparency.

**Conclusion**

This is a new chapter for Cupertino, and residents are hopeful. I urge you to focus on creating a legacy of excellent infrastructure, vibrant events, and a thriving community. None of this can be achieved without strong, positive relationships between leadership and staff. Treating all

parties with respect and working in good faith will make Cupertino a great place to work and live.

Thank you for your dedication to our city.

Sincerely,

San Rao  
Cupertino resident and voter

**From:** [e.wong@yahoo.com](mailto:e.wong@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to 20865 McClellan Rd rezone  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 4:34:04 PM

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Dear City Clerk,

Please include the below in written communications for the 12/17/24 city council meeting.

Thank you.

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Dear Mayor Chao and Cupertino city council members,

I'm writing to express my concern about the rezoning of the 1 acre lot next to my home. The last I heard was there would be four homes built on the property which would be cohesive with the character of the neighborhood.

To my surprise, the four homes had already been re-zoned to up to 20 homes without any notification of neighbors, especially the neighbors that are adjacent. A sign went up to announce a planning commission meeting to rezone the property to R3/TH. I had no idea what that meant, but learned that this would be 27 three-story townhouses.

The planning commission listened to our concerns, but went ahead and approved R3/TH and ignored an entire room of residents that expressed concerns from lack of notification, narrow and busy road feeding Monte Vista high school, Lincoln Elementary Kennedy middle school, Faria elementary, De Anza, and the private school directly across the street leadways. There is absolutely no parking on McClellan nor has the developer set aside guest parking. Most residences have at least 2 cars and this would equate to at least 54 cars in a 27 unit complex.

Many of us indicated that IF the planning commission used our local newsletter to inform us of rezoning..... this approach is completely inadequate! Mr. Fung closed the meeting by saying we were notified by newsletter that is absolutely a ridiculous justification. We are feeling cheated, and this lack of transparency is incredibly nefarious and disrespectful to the neighborhood!!!!

It's hard to believe how greedy developers have hijacked our planning commission  
Most of us are single story homes and three stories packed like sardines next-door would destroy our privacy.

I, along with the neighborhood, would like to understand how this was upzoned without adequate notification or input from residents. What actions are needed to bring this back to R1 zone and be cohesive with this neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter!  
Esther Wong

**From:** [valerie](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** stop the 20865 McClellan 27 units townhomes project  
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Thanks!

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Dear Mayor Chao and Cupertino city council members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development of a three-story, 27-unit townhome complex on 20865 McClellan. I believe this development would significantly compromise the safety, well-being, and quality of life of our community. Below are the primary reasons for my opposition:

**1. Safety Concerns:** The 0.99-acre lot designated for this project is far too small to accommodate 100+ residents, especially considering that each townhome is likely to house families with multiple members, including young children and older adults. In the event of an emergency, there is only one access point for residents to evacuate, which would likely be insufficient to allow for a safe and quick evacuation. Furthermore, this single access road must also accommodate emergency vehicles, which could further delay response times and put lives in danger.

**2. Overburdened Infrastructure:** The only access point to this development is connected to McClellan, a two-lane street that already serves as a thoroughfare for multiple schools in the area, including 4-5 nearby schools. This street is already heavily congested, and adding significant traffic from 27 new units will exacerbate the problem, creating a hazardous environment for pedestrians, particularly children. The increased traffic will put the lives of schoolchildren and other residents at greater risk.

**3. Negative Psychological Impact on the Neighborhood:** The proposed townhomes will be much taller than the surrounding homes, which could have a negative psychological impact on the existing residents. The feeling of being overshadowed, both literally and figuratively, may diminish the sense of autonomy and community. Furthermore, the additional height and density of the new development will lead to a loss of privacy for neighboring homes, making residents feel vulnerable and insecure. To maintain some sense of privacy, neighbors may be forced to keep their blinds closed, which not only blocks out sunlight but also limits their ability to enjoy their own homes freely.

**4. Prioritization of Developer Profit Over Community Well-being:** Ultimately, this development seems to benefit the developers, who are motivated by profit, rather than considering the needs and concerns of the current as well future residents in our neighborhood.

It is disheartening to think that decisions being made may prioritize financial gain over the safety, privacy, and quality of life of long-time residents.

I urge you to carefully consider the significant negative impacts this development will have on our community and to take appropriate action to prevent this development from moving forward. The well-being of all the residents should be the top priority, and this project, as currently proposed, does not serve our best interests.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I hope that you will consider the concerns of the community before making any decisions.

Sincerely,

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