



CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Reporting Councilmember: Mayor Liang Chao

Report Dates: 2/7/25 to 3/11/25

- Last Activity Report in the [February 19, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda](#).

Section 1: Announcement - Message from the Mayor:

❖ **Mayor's Initiatives**

- You are welcome to submit entries to CupertinoStories.org.
- The first Dance at the Plaza will be held on Saturday April 12 from 3-5pm.
- The Cupertino Art Show will be held on Saturday May 24, from 12pm to 4pm in collaboration with the APPI Multicultural Festival.

❖ **FY 2025-27 Work Program Prioritization:** The staff has proposed a new process for Work Program Prioritization in an [info memo](#). Check the [Work Program](#) page for updates.

- The Council has reviewed the initial top-10 lists at the 1/22 council meeting. Each councilmember has submitted their revised top-10 list and they will submit a ranking on 20 projects by February 28. See an upcoming info memo for the revised lists.
- At the March 3 Council Workshop, the Council ranked the projects. At the March 18 Council Meeting, the Council will identify a final list for the FY 2025-27. Work Program.
 - [Combined ranking sheet for all proposed items](#), shared with councilmembers at the meeting
 - For the ranking, each councilmember assign 5 items for 10 points, 5 items for 7 points, 5 items for 4 points and 5 items for 1 points.
 - The items are grouped into three groups: the green group for 12 top ranking items, the black group for 23 middle ranking items and the red group for 9 low ranking items.
 - [Combined ranking sheet for the items in the middle black group](#)
 - For the ranking, each councilmember assign one point for 5 items in the middle black group.
 - The temporary top list consists of the 6 items getting 2 or more votes from the middle black group plus the 12 items from the green group.
- At the March 18 Council Meeting, the Council will attempt to create a final list for consideration for the FY 25-26 budget.
- The final decision will likely be made in April/May before the Council adopts the FY 25-26 budget in June 2025.

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- ❖ **The State of the City Address:** Thank you for attending [the State of the City Address](#) on Wednesday February 26.

- The message was sent out to all attendees who signed up at the EventBrite:

It was truly an honor to have so many residents, organizations, businesses, and representatives from the community at our 2025 Cupertino State of the City. We talked through new initiatives for the community, key challenges we face, and also highlighted excellent accomplishments from the Santa Clara County Fire Department and West Valley Division Sheriff's Office.

We also invite you to participate in a new initiative, [Cupertino Stories](#). Cupertino Stories allows everyone to help create history by sharing their Cupertino stories online. This citywide effort is made possible by a collaboration across the Cupertino Library Foundation, Cupertino Historic Society, Cupertino Mayor Liang Chao, and local residents.

Together, we share a passion for making our city and community a better place.

If you missed the event, the video recording can be found [here](#).

Additional links:

[2025 State of the City Presentation](#)

[Poem for Cupertino](#)

Press Coverage for the State of the City:

[Mercury News](#)

[Singtao USA](#)

[World Journal](#)



- ❖ **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 third Monthly Mayor's Coffee was held on Monday March 10 at 5pm at Duan Chun Zhen NoodleHouse, a Taiwanese restaurant, who provided free appetizers for everyone. More than 30 people attended. I gave an update on actions from the last council meeting and answered questions.
 - Many had questions about the inadequate parking for Westport independent BMR housing and the 55 spaces to be taken away by the upcoming Mary Ave BMR housing.
 - The next Mayor's Coffee will be on Monday March 10th at 5pm. The location is TBD.
- ❖ **Cupertino Mayor at the Chamber LAC Meeting:** On Thursday February 6th, I spoke at the [Legislative Action Committee \(LAC\) of the Cupertino Chamber](#) with a [presentation on Economic Development Reflection and Outlook](#). The video is already posted to the [Chamber LAC page](#).
 - I am happy to attend meetings at other organizations too with a presentation. You are welcome to submit your invitations to LChao@Cupertino.gov.
- ❖ **Process to Request Certificate of Recognition or Commendation:**
 - To ensure such requests are handled as smoothly and efficiently as possible, the City Manager's Office has implemented a dedicated process.

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➤ We kindly ask that you complete the following form, which will allow Mayor Chao to present a certificate of recognition: <https://cupertino.gov/councilmeetingrequest>.

- ❖ **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.

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.

Section 2: Committee Assignment

2025-02-13 2x2x2 FUHSD-CUSD-Cupertino School Partnership meeting at the FUHSD Office

Section 3: 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.

2025-02-09 Book Signing for Yue-sai Kan, the Most Famous Woman in China at the Community Hall

- "The Most Famous Woman in China" presents an enthralling journey through more than half a century of China's explosive economic expansion. The memoir unfolds as a multifaceted narrative, exploring Yue-Sai Kan's evolution from a determined refugee to a revolutionary media icon and influencer.
- ue-sai Kan produced the first show in the U.S. that introduced the U.S. audience to the .

2025-02-10 Mayor’s Chat at the Avachi Biryani 10251 S. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino

- More than 30 residents attended.

2025-02-12 AlphaX RE grand opening

- A women-led real estate development company moved its office from San Jose to Cupertino. They focus on small scale developments using sustainable materials.

2025-02-12 Meeting with SummerHill on a preliminary proposal to build townhomes on an existing office site and an update on their complete application for the Pizza Hut/Staple site

2025-02-13 Attended Woman Who Dare Award Ceremony in Burlingame

2025-02-14 Interview with Radio Zindagi (FOG Community Radio)

2025-02-16 Meeting with APAPA board member Jasmin Yang and US-China Chamber of Commerce with a presentation for products for seniors

2025-02-28 interview with U-Channel TV by Liam Yan

2025-03-01 Chinese New Year by API Alliance and US-China Chamber of Commerce

- A great festival with a lot of food booths, including Chinese BBQ

2025-03-01 attended a lecture in Cupertino Library about books and a music composition based on the famous Chinese artist Beihong Xu by his daughter Fangfang Xu

2025-03-02 Annual Installation Ceremony for Global Federation of Chinese Business Women, Northern California Chapter at the Jade Tea Garden, Cupertino

2025-03-05 meeting with Startup Center at the California Science and Technology University (CSTU) for potential collaboration to use AI for Cupertino Stories project

2025-03-07 Meeting with Tech Icon, a project of a Cupertino High Student to interview technology leaders

- We will look into startup founders who lived or grew up in Cupertino for the Cupertino Stories project.

2025-02-08 Cupertino Little League Opening Ceremony

- Threw the opening pitch for the season as Cupertino Mayor

2025-02-08 International Women's Day Ceremony by A Compassionate World at the Union Church

- A Compassionate World promotes compassion towards human being and also animals.
- The keynote speaker has a sanctuary for farm animals who were discarded. She talked about the cruel treatment of animals for the mass production of milk.

2025-03-10 Mayor's Chat at the Duan Chun Zhen Noodle House at the Maria Plaza

Section 4: Information of Interest to My Constituents: (no update since the last report)

1. Builders' Remedy (BR) Projects

- ★ The Planning Staff has completed the "determination of completeness" reviews for the

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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. 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 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 signup 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:

- [February 28, 2025 - Housing Development as of February 2025\(PDF, 195KB\)](#)
- [February 27, 2025 - Loss of Retail and Sales Tax with Three Pending SB-330 Projects being Rezoned from Commercial to Residential Properties\(PDF, 146KB\)](#)
- [February 27, 2025 - Assistance for Intellectually Developmentally Disabled IDD](#)

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[Individuals and Households\(PDF, 144KB\)](#)

- [February 27, 2025 - Monthly Treasurer's Investment Report for January 2025\(PDF, 2MB\)](#)
- [February 27, 2025 - Monthly Treasurer's Report for January 2025\(PDF, 307KB\)](#)
- [February 13, 2025 - Parkland Dedication Fees\(PDF, 243KB\)](#)
- [February 13, 2025 - Analysis of City Council Meetings 2017-2024\(PDF, 277KB\)](#)
- [February 13, 2025 - City of Cupertino Recycled Water Feasibility Study\(PDF, 4MB\)](#)
- [February 13, 2025 - Step One Legislative Informational Memo\(PDF, 6MB\)](#)

2. **"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. **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"

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- Legislation
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- View City Channel Videos
- City Records
- YouTube Videos

- List View
- Calendar View

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