



## CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Meeting: Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Reporting Councilmember: Mayor Liang Chao

Report Dates: 6/11/25 to 7/8/25

- Last Activity Report in the [June 17, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda](#)

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

#### ❖ **Mayor's Initiatives** and other updates:

- **Cupertino Stories:** You are welcome to email entries to [CupertinoStories@gmail.com](mailto:CupertinoStories@gmail.com).
  - Thank you to Cupertino Science Technology University (CSTU) for managing the project. They have developed tools to convert audio/video stories to text.
  - The website will be redesigned soon to accept story submissions.

#### ❖ **Monthly Chat with Mayor 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 last Mayor's Chat was held at Thai Bangkok Cuisine on June 9th at the Stanley Square, across from the U.S. Post Office. We had the monthly chat in a packed room with Acting City Manager Tina Kapoor while we enjoyed samples of Thai appetizers.
- The next Monthly Chat with the Mayor will be held on Monday July 14th at 5pm. The location at La Pizzeria, 10088 N Wolfe Rd Ste 120 Cupertino, CA 95014 (At the Wolfe Road side of the Nineteen800 Plaza, by the Vallco Parkway)

**YOUR CITY, YOUR VOICE MATTERS !**

**MONTHLY CHAT WITH MAYOR**

**MONDAY, JULY 14**  
**5PM - 6PM**

Residents and businesses are invited to these meetings to talk about any topic they wish in a relaxed setting.

Meet you at

**La Pizzeria**

THE PREMIER VEGAN PIZZA DESTINATION

10088 N WOLFE RD, STE 120  
CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(At the Wolfe Road side of the Nineteen800 Plaza, by the Valico Parkway)

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES:  
www.LaPizzeria.us 408-863-0308

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**MONTHLY CHATS**

**With Cupertino Mayor Liang Chao**

Get ready to discuss the issues that matter most to you. Mayor Liang Chao is hosting a Monthly Chat Series in Cupertino throughout 2025. Residents and businesses are invited to these meetings to talk about any topic they wish with one of the City's decision-makers.

Monthly Chats will be held on the **second Monday** of each month at **5 to 6 p.m.**, with the location to be announced ahead of each Monthly Chat.

Suggestions for future locations to host Monthly Chats are welcome. Please email your ideas to [LChao@cupertino.gov](mailto:LChao@cupertino.gov).

**2025 DATES**

Monday, January 13	Monday, July 14
Monday, February 10	Monday, August 11
Monday, March 10	Monday, September 8
Monday, April 14	Monday, October 13
Monday, May 12	Monday, November 10
Monday, June 9	Monday, December 8

For more details and upcoming locations, please visit [cupertino.gov/mayorchat](https://cupertino.gov/mayorchat).

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❖ **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.
- 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](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.

## Section 2: Committee Assignment

**2025-06-12 Attended the Quarterly Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara Mayors and City Managers Meeting at the Sunnyvale City Hall**

**2025-05-21 Attended the Monthly West Valley Mayors and City Managers Meeting at Jake's in Saratoga**

- The meeting is attended by mayors and city managers of Campbell, Saratoga, Los Gatos and Cupertino.
- The CEO of VTA gave a presentation and we asked questions. We have invited the CEO to give a presentation at a future City Council meeting.

**2025-06-25 Santa Clara County Recycle and Waste Reduction Committee Regular Meeting**

- Received an overview on SB 54: The Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act from staff and how the new law will impact local jurisdictions
- Receive a presentation on the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission's Reuse and Recycling Outreach Services provided by the San Jose Conservation Corps
- Received an update from staff on the status of the following components of the Recycling And Waste Reduction Commission workplan/budget.

**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.

**2025-06-12 Attended the Council Governance workshop by Kevin Duggan, hosted by Cal Cities Peninsula Division, at the Sunnyvale City Hall**

**2025-06-13 Grand Opening of the Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground**

- The Dream band from the Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) played before and during the ceremony with great tunes for dancing.
- The staff and consultant design teams spoke and were recognized for their contribution. The donors, such as PG&E were recognized.
- Many children were excited to explore the various features.

**2025-06-14 Attended the [Dilli Haat Festival](#) at the Memorial Park, organized by WomenNow**

- The festival has many booths and great stage performances.
- A highlight is the Sari parade and the Sari show, where many groups of community members put on their Sari and performed at the Amphitheater.

**2025-06-18 Attended the 34th Korean War Veterans Appreciation Banquet at the Quinlan Center, organized by the Silicon Valley Korean American Senior Citizens League**

- Many American soldiers went to Korea to fight the war. Due to their efforts, the Koreans in the South Korea are able to thrive in a democratic country. Many Korean veterans were still missing.
- About 15 Korean War veterans were recognized at the event.

**2025-06-21 Attended a community meeting at the Sunnyvale Hindu Temple with Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens and Sunnyvale Councilmember Murali Srinivasan**

- We first toured the Hindu Temple and got blessings from them.
- Then, a presentation was given about the attacks on Hindu Temples around the U.S. and concerns were expressed about a state bill, which might stigmatize Hindus in the U.S. due to historic stereotypes.

**2025-06-22 Attended the Award Ceremony of the Cricket Academy at the Library Field**

- It was great to see many kids getting recognized with awards.
- Some teams came from other states and stayed for 4 days to participate in the tournament.

**2025-06-23 Attended a meeting with Block Leaders and CERT/CARE/ARM volunteers to find out the current state of the program**

- About 30 long-time volunteers in the Block Leader, Neighborhood Watch and CERT program attended. They shared comments on what might help improve the program..

**2025-06-26 Attended Business Women Luncheon, now hosted by the Chamber of Commerce at the Community Hall**

- Doron Noyman, VP of Development and Community Relations at KeyPoint Credit Union, gave a presentation on the Art of Networking. Then, the audience asked questions. KeyPoint Credit Union also sponsored the lunch.

**2025-06-27 Attended a meeting with SummarHill on their plan to develop the Staples/Pizza Hut site**

- The project will be on the upcoming 7/1 agenda. This is the third meeting with them. They have met with representatives from the Scofield neighborhood. They have adjusted their design to move one foot away from the fence, bordering the Scofield neighborhood.

**2025-06-27 Attended the Inaugural meeting of the [Small Builders' Association](#) at the Community Hall**

- The Community Hall was packed. The association brings together local builders, and other service providers, such as interior designers so they can help each other to grow.
- "To celebrate our launch, we're offering FREE lifetime SBA memberships to builders, contractors, vendors, and more" (<https://www.sbabayarea.org/>)

**2025-06-28 Attended the Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CARES) Field Day, at Memorial Park**

- The CARES volunteers use radio to communicate with other operators in other cities or states.
- There does not seem to be sufficient signage to bring community members to visit the Field Day to learn about what they do.

**2025-06-28 Attended the Summer Afternoon of Bollywood Beats and Dances at the Saratoga Community Center**

- A dynamic live band with great music for dancing.

**2025-07-04 Attended the Flag Raising for the Independence Day at the Veterans' Memorial in Memorial Park**

- The entire Council attended the Independence Day ceremony. Flag Raising was performed by Troop 688.
- In my [Independence Day remarks](#), I reflected on the enduring ideals of equality, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that have defined the United States since 1776. She honored the generations of Americans who have defended those freedoms, especially the veterans commemorated at the memorial. Emphasizing Cupertino's strength in its diversity and unity, she expressed gratitude to the city staff, volunteers, and public safety teams who made the day's festivities possible. With fireworks returning by popular demand and a new "Dine-Out for the 4th" campaign supporting local restaurants, the Mayor called on the community to celebrate not only the nation's founding but also the connections that make Cupertino strong and hopeful for the future.
- The Council joined the children's parade around the park and then the live concert at the Amphitheater.
- I visited the pancake breakfast by the Optimist Club and thanked the volunteers there.
- The field games were popular with young kids.
- Many residents were looking forward to the fireworks at night and were wondering whether it is cancelled like in San Jose due to the warehouse fire.

## **Section 4: Information of Interest to My Constituents: (updated on 4/8)**

- **Builders' Remedy (BR) Projects ([Status of Projects](#))**
  - ★ **BR Projects with incomplete application status (pursuant to Government Code Section 65941.1.)**
    - [20739 Scofield](#) (one block from Faria Elementary School, zoned R1-10): The project will replace one single-family home with 20-unit, 5 story, condominium on 15,004 sqft (0.34 acre) lot
    - [Vista Heights \(near entrance of Linda Vista Park\)](#) : The vacant site, zoned RHS, will build 33 units (8 condominiums and 25 single family homes on vacant hillside property of 86.1 acres.
    - [Upland Way](#) (11841 Upland Way, zoned RHS-70): 6 single family homes, including 2 affordable units, on vacant hillside property of 1.56 acres with average slopes greater than 30%
  - ★ **Other active BR projects:**
    - [Dividend Homes \(20085 & 20111 Stevens Creek Blvd\)](#), to the east of the Fire Station, on 2.6 acres, zoned R4 and commercial mixed use. The project will replace two existing office buildings with 57 for-sale townhomes., including 12 affordable units.
    - [Dividend Homes \(20045 & 20065 Stevens Creek Blvd\)](#), to the east of the Fire Station, on 1.77 acres, zoned commercial mixed use. The project will replace existing office buildings with 32 for-sale townhomes., including 6 affordable units.
  - ★ **Relevant News on the determination of incompleteness for BR projects:**
    - ["Los Gatos Files Declaratory Relief Action to Resolve Land Use Uncertainty"](#) (Press Release from the City of Los Gatos)
      - "That section [Gov. Code 65941.1] provides that applicants for land use approvals have 90 days after an initial 180-day deadline to submit any missing information needed to complete a formal application for a so-called "builder's remedy" housing project. **That section further stipulates that if the missing information is not submitted "within the 90-day period, then the preliminary application shall expire and have no further force or effect."**
      - "In an apparently conflicting reading, in letters dated August 30, 2024 and February 12, 2025, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) **stated its view that there is not just one 90-day period but that successive 90-day periods can run indefinitely.** By filing this lawsuit, the Town is acting in good faith so that it will know how to comply with the law and ensure it can continue to serve its residents and property owners, while lawfully processing land use applications."
  - ★ **Other docs:**
    - The July 25, 2024 info memo, titled ["Scofield Drive SB330 Preliminary Application pursuant to Builder's Remedy"](#), has information about proposed BR projects and their review process.
- **[Other Residential Projects](#) - complete applications submitted, not yet approved:**
  - [Pizza Hut/Staples/ Fontana's \(20770, 20830, 20840, & 20850 Stevens Creek Blvd\)](#). adjacent to the Cupertino Crossroads Shopping Center): on 2.97 acres, zoned commercial mixed use. The project will replace existing retail stores with 59 townhome condominium units across eight, three-story buildings
  - [United Furniture \(10065 & 10075 Stevens Creek Blvd, across from Vallco\)](#), on 2.72 acres, zoned



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commercial mixed use. The project will replace existing retail stores with 55 townhome condominium units, with 10 ADUs, three-story buildings

- [Stevens Office Center \(20813, 20823, 20883 and 20807 Stevens Creek Blvd\)](#), on 6.93 acres, zoned commercial mixed use. The project will replace two office buildings and one retail building with 122 for-sale units (66 small-lot single family and 56 townhomes), including 24 affordable units
- [20865 McClellan Rd](#): on 0.99 acres, zoned R3TH. The project will replace one single-family home with 27 townhomes, including 4 affordable units, in three-story buildings
- [Evelich Court \(10857, 10867, 10877 & 10887 Linda Vista Dr\)](#): on 2.53 acres, zoned R3TH. The project will replace 4 single-family homes with 51 townhomes, including 11 affordable units
- **Other Residential Projects - SB 330 preliminary application submitted, but not complete applications:**
  - [Wolfe Road Housing Project \(10333 N. Wolfe Road\)](#): 250-300 total units across the 5-acre property. It will be 100% rental apartments. The affordable housing will benefit those making 80% or less of the area median income (AMI).
    - a full report on our Listening Phase at [this link](#).
    - February 12 Community Co-Creation Event at Collins Elementary School
- **Other Residential Projects - Revision of already approved projects:**
  - **Westport Senior Assisted Living Housing (revision submitted):** The developer Related has submitted a revision to add more units, reduce retail space, remove the underground garage and request a waiver of Parkland dedication Fee. It is going to the Planning Commission in May
    - Previous approval in 2021 and 2024: [Westport \(21267 Stevens Creek Blvd\)](#)
  - [Marina Plaza \(10145 N. De Anza Blvd, 10118 Bandleby Dr.\)](#), on 5.1 acres, zoned commercial and mixed use: The project will add more units, slightly reduce retail space, deliver over smaller for-sale starter homes under 1500 sq. ft. and an outdoor amphitheater.
    - Previous approval in 2022L Marina Plaza.
- **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 (not updated):

### 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](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 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:

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- 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:

- No new info memos published since February 28
- **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”

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>