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Election of Mayor
and Vice Mayor

Written Communications

From: [Betsy Shafer](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Mr Wang as mayor?
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 3:56:55 PM

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i don't want him for dogcatcher, let alone mayor. b shafer

From: [Debbie Timmers](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: City Council for Open Session for Dec. 11
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 5:13:07 PM

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City Clerk: Please include the attached email to Written Communications for the item for the Special City Council Meeting on December 11.

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore and Councilmembers,

I would like to express my concern about how last week's meeting concluded. The meeting ended abruptly when Councilmember Ray Wang disconnected, which halted the discussion and delayed action on Item 12. While he stated that the item was not properly agendaized, the agenda clearly included the direction to "consider the Mary Avenue project and provide direction on next steps, including appointing the City Manager and Interim City Attorney as negotiators." From my perspective, it appeared the discussion was on solid procedural footing. It seemed that the city attorney and Mayor Chao agreed as well and they clearly stated that to him.

The sudden disconnection had the effect of stalling the entire item, even though the Council was actively engaged in discussion. This raises broader concerns about the use of remote attendance in noticed locations and the ability of a single councilmember to end a meeting. Until recently, this had not been an issue, and I hope the Council will consider steps to ensure that meetings can proceed without disruption.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Council not appoint Councilmember Wang as Vice Mayor at the December 11 meeting. I believe it is important for all councilmembers to demonstrate consistent ethical conduct and respect for the Council's collective work.

I also ask that the Council reconsider allowing Councilmember Wang to attend meetings remotely, given the pattern of disruptions that have occurred. It is important that all members participate in a manner that supports the functioning of our city government.

Finally, I request that the Mary Avenue Project be placed on the December 11 agenda. The discussion that began on December 2 should have been completed, and the community deserves clarity and forward progress on this important issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debra Timmers

From: [Gail Smith](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)
Cc: cupertinoforall@gmail.com
Subject: Ray Wang as Vice-Mayor
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 5:01:59 PM

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I would like to object to the election of Ray Wang as Vice-Mayor of Cupertino. In my opinion he has not acted in an ethical manor as a council member, as evidenced by his actions in the City Council meeting of December 2. Please do not elect Ray Wang as Vice-Mayor at the December 11th City Council meeting.

Thank you,
Gail Smith
Cupertino resident.

From: [Glenn Fishler](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Cc: [Glenn Fishler](#)
Subject: Subject: Cupertino Mayor/Vice-Mayor Vote on December 11, 2025
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 5:17:09 PM

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

First, thank you all for your service to our City; I appreciate you all.

It is my understanding you are planning to vote in a Mayor and Vice-Mayor for the upcoming year at the December 11, 2025 Special Meeting. I urge you not to vote-in Council Member Wang for either position. Doing so would be a mistake and a disservice to Cupertino's residents. You will be rewarding the poor performance of Council Member Wang. One of the worst things an organization can do is to promote/reward poor performance. Why am I making this request?

Council Member Wang violated multiple provisions of the City Code of Ethics in the City Council meeting of December 2, 2025. He threatened the City Attorney and City Council Members with retaliation if they did not accept his viewpoint, then followed through on that threat by disconnecting from his remote Zoom meeting attendance at that meeting, knowing it would require the City Council meeting to end abruptly, which is a violation of the City Code of Ethics for Cupertino Council Members. We cannot unsee what we saw or unhear what we heard. If you do not recall what you all (and the public) witnessed, I ask that you go back and watch this video link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBWv1q3hbvk>

Watch 2:53:26 through 3:04.22 of the meeting.

I have also become aware that Council Member Wang issued an "apology letter" to City Manager Kapoor and Mayor Chao dated December 8, which I have obtained a copy of. In that letter, he blames his computer battery as the reason he had to hang up from the Zoom meeting on December 2. Having watched the meeting video in the link multiple times, it is obvious his threat to end the meeting had nothing to do with his computer battery. Rather, it was an intentional act to disrupt the meeting. And instead of apologizing for his bad behavior, he is blaming his computer battery, meaning he is not being truthful, which is another ethical issue.

After seeing and hearing Council Member Wang's behavior at the December 2 meeting, how can you almost immediately thereafter justify rewarding this behavior with a vote to promote/appoint him to Vice-Mayor or Mayor of our City?

In addition, I also urge you to determine and implement whatever appropriate punitive actions the City Council should take to ensure Council Member Wang's unfortunate actions do not recur. Cupertino's residents deserve much better.

I hope you can see the logic in my request.

Thank you for your consideration,

Glenn Fishler
Cupertino Resident since 1997

From: [Hal and Janet Van Zoeren](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Ray Wang: destroying good governance, quality of life and reputation of Cupertino
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 11:24:58 AM

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Dear Mayor Chao, Vice-Mayor Moore, City Councilmembers, City Manager, and City Attorney:

The December 2 behavior of Cupertino City Council member Ray Wang was outrageous and must be curtailed! He is abusing his privilege to attend the city council meetings from afar, and that needs to stop immediately. By violating his perceived rights, he is destroying Cupertino's good governance, thereby threatening the quality of life of its citizens and the reputation of this fine city.

His behavior clearly violates the code of ethics he swore to uphold and undermines the goals of the Brown Act! This is the third time he has curtailed a Cupertino City Council meeting to satisfy his personal desires and the first time he has done so as a threat to his perceived future actions of the other council members. He has figured out how he, alone, can control the entire council. This is not acceptable because it destroys the quality of governance for this city.

Please find a legal way to reprimand and curtail this behavior immediately, and do not even consider rewarding it by electing him to vice-mayor in your upcoming election. Implement a policy that prevents him from participating, as a city council member, in any future City Council meetings when he is physically absent!

Thank you!

Most sincerely,

Janet, Hal, and Cindy Van Zoeren

From: [Hema Kundargi](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: VICE MAYOR ELECTIONS DEC 11, 2026
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 6:45:32 AM

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney

I am Hema Kundargi, a resident of Cupertino for 30+ years . I voted for a city council that was fair and democratic and honored the laws and ethics.

I ask that Council Ray WANG NOT BE APPOINTED TO VICE MAYOR as he has shown in the past council meeting that he violates the law to suit his agenda . He was aware about his other work/personal commitment when he stood for city council election last year. He needs to uphold his commitments to the city and if he cannot then he should resign from the council

SUGGEST Council member SHEILA MOHAN for vice mayor position and

STRONGLY VOTE AGAINST RAY WANG for vice mayor for Cupertino

Thanks,

Hema Kundargi

10890 Santa Teresa Dr Cupertino CA 95014

From: [John G](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Cc: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Special City Council Meeting on December 11, Councilmember Wang
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 10:18:32 AM

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Hello Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore and Council Members,

My comments are regarding Councilmember Wang.

- Do not allow Councilmember Wang to be Vice Mayor. His repeated unprofessional termination of a remote connection during council meetings has caused council meetings to end prematurely. This behavior is not appropriate for someone wishing to be Vice Mayor.
- Do not allow Councilmember Wang to attend Council meetings remotely in the future. He is abusing the privilege of using a remote connection.
- Consider censuring Councilmember Wang for violating the City code of Ethics.
- Please agendaize the Mary Avenue Project for the December 11 Council meeting to continue discussion of the December 2 agenda item.

Thank you,

John Geis, Cupertino Resident
jgeis4401@gmail.com

From: [Michael Chang](#)
To: [Liang Chao](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#); [Kirsten Squarcia](#)
Subject: Re: Support for Ray Wang
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:19:08 AM
Attachments: [2025-12-10-MichaelChang-SupportForRayWang\[600x600\].pdf](#)

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Ah ... finally ... no bounced email!

Adding a few more emails ...

+ City Council, City Manager, Kirsten ...

Thank you!

From: Michael Chang <michael_chang86@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:12 AM
To: Liang Chao <lchao@cupertino.gov>
Subject: Support for Ray Wang

Good morning Mayor Chao,

My emails keep getting blocked by Cupertino's spam filters.

Can you please distribute the attached signed letter of support for Council member Ray Wang?

Many thanks,

Michael

Michael and Kah Chang
21300 Dana Point Lane
Cupertino, CA 95014-5737
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Tel: (408) 204-2853 (Cell)

December 10, 2025

City Council
City of Cupertino
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014-5737

Re: Support of Council member Ray Wang

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore, and City Council members

As a homeowner, residents, and concerned citizens of Cupertino, we are writing to express to you our wholehearted support for Council member Ray Wang. During his time in office, Council member Wang has consistently demonstrated integrity, honesty, and a deep commitment to serving the *residents* of Cupertino, and his leadership and actions always have reflected the values of fairness, openness, and collaboration that our community expects and deserves from its elected officials.

It is unacceptable for any special interest groups, *non-residents*, or other duly-elected and oath-bound City officials to unjustifiably attempt to undermine or remove a duly-elected representative who has served with such distinction. Such inappropriate actions completely undermine the trust and democratic principles that guide our City. Council member Wang has earned the respect of the community through his continued dedication and transparency by listening to, informing, and helping residents regarding community concerns and complex City matters.

Moreover, with the impending conclusion of Mayor Chao's term, we are also urging you, Mayor and Vice-Mayor, and current City Council members, to recognize Council member Wang's contributions to our community, and to elect him as our new Mayor or Vice-Mayor. Ray Wang's experience, integrity, and commitment to Cupertino definitively ensure that he will be the right choice to lead and represent its residents in this capacity. Electing him will strengthen public trust and ensure that the Council is guided by an honest and open voice that truly represents the *residents* of this City, and not outside special interest groups or non-resident individuals.

Our city benefits from leaders who put its *residents* first, and Council member Wang exemplifies this standard. Cupertino stands firmly behind him, and we ask that you affirm his contributions by supporting his election as Mayor or Vice-Mayor.

Sincerely,



Michael and Kah Chang
Email: michael_chang86@hotmail.com

From: [Nader Vahdat](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Ray Wang
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 3:41:16 PM

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Dear Mayor

The behavior of Ray Wang during the December 2 council meeting was highly unprofessional and rude. He should be dismissed from the council. Under no circumstances he should be allowed to stay on the Cupertino council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nader Vahdat

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Philip Nguyen](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Written Communications for the Special City Council Meeting on December 11
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 10:57:19 PM

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City Clerk: Please include the attached email to Written Communications for the item for the Special City Council Meeting on December 11.

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice-Mayor Moore, City Councilmembers, City Manager, and City Attorney:

I think it is important to take into account that Councilmember Ray Wang has violated multiple provisions of Cupertino's City Code of Ethics in the Council meeting of December 2, 2025. He threatened the City Attorney and City Council members with retaliation if they did not accept his viewpoint, then carried out that threat by disconnecting from the meeting, knowing that it would require the Council meeting to end immediately.

The City Council needs to take swift and immediate action to make sure no single council member can EVER have the power to shut down a council meeting as this event has made clear can happen. The city needs to send a message to the city residents that the City Council takes the responsibility to behave in a professional, collaborative, and supportive manner seriously.

1. **Do not elevate Councilmember Wang to Vice Mayor on December 11.**
Through his extraordinary behavior on December 2, he has shown his lack of professionalism and lack of willingness and ability to build consensus on the dais – a key requirement for anyone seeking to be Vice Mayor.
2. **Immediately revoke Councilmember Wang's remote attendance privileges except in the case of an emergency as required by state law.** Attending a City Council meeting remotely because of a personal commitment is a privilege, not a right, and Councilmember Wang has repeatedly misused this privilege.
3. **Censure Councilmember Wang for his multiple violations of the City Code of Ethics** which he swore to uphold when he joined the Council.
4. **Agendize the Mary Avenue Project for the City Council meeting on December 11, 2025** to rectify the injury to the Mary Ave applicants as a result of the gross misuse of his office by Councilmember Wang which led to the meeting ending without a vote on December 2, 2025.

Sincerely,
Philip

From: [Ram Sripathi](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Clerk](#); [City Attorney's Office](#)
Subject: Email of Support for Ray Wang for Vice Mayor
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 1:50:07 PM

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for Councilmember Ray Wang. He has consistently demonstrated integrity, honesty, and a deep commitment to serving the residents of Cupertino. His leadership reflects the values of fairness, transparency, and collaboration that our community expects from its elected officials.

It is unacceptable for any individuals or officials to gang together in an effort to remove him from office. Such actions undermine the trust and democratic principles that guide our city. Councilmember Wang has earned the respect of the community through his dedication to listening, informing, and helping residents navigate complex city matters.

I'm also surprised at the amount of information that leaks out and is being posted in the public forum.

I urge you, as the current City Council members, Mayor, and Vice-Mayor, to recognize his contributions and elect Councilmember Wang as our new Vice-Mayor. His experience, integrity, and commitment to Cupertino make him the right choice to lead in this capacity. Electing him will strengthen public trust and ensure that the Council is guided by a voice that truly represents the people.

Our city benefits from leaders who put residents first, and Councilmember Wang exemplifies this standard. Cupertino stands firmly behind him, and we ask that you affirm his contributions by supporting his election as Vice-Mayor.

Sincerely,
Ram Sripathi
Cupertino Resident for 20 years .

From: [Ram Sripathi](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Clerk](#); [City Attorney's Office](#)
Subject: Support for Councilmember Ray Wang
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 1:44:34 PM

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Good afternoon Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Councilmembers,

I would like to express my strong support for Councilmember Ray Wang as Vice-Mayor. Over his service, he has consistently demonstrated integrity, fairness, and a deep commitment to Cupertino residents. He listens carefully, communicates clearly, and helps our community navigate complex issues with transparency and collaboration.

Attempts to undermine his role do not reflect the values of our city. Cupertino deserves leaders who put residents first, and Councilmember Wang has earned our trust through his dedication and honesty.

Electing him as Vice-Mayor will strengthen public confidence and ensure that this Council is guided by a voice that truly represents the people. His leadership is exactly what Cupertino needs at this moment.

Thank you.
Ram Sripathi
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ravi Kiran Singh Sapaharam](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Clerk](#); [City Attorney's Office](#)
Subject: * * * Strong Support for Council member Ray Wang's Election as Vice-Mayor
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 1:06:48 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I strongly support Councilmember Ray Wang, a leader who exemplifies honesty and dedication to Cupertino residents.

Attempts to marginalize or remove him are undemocratic and contrary to the values of our city. Instead of such divisiveness, I urge you to recognize his track record of service by electing him as Vice-Mayor.

Cupertino benefits most when we have leaders who put residents first. Please listen to the community and vote for Councilmember Wang as Vice-Mayor.

Sincerely,

Ravi Kiran Singh || Cupertino Resident

From: [Rekha Marathe](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Please take an action
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 2:27:54 PM

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Dear city council memebbers,

I sincerely think Ray Wang is not the right person for his position. I strongly feel that the council can have a better person for doing his job.

Thank you
Rekha Marathe

Sent from my iPad
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From: [Sabrina Tsui](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: written communication for 12/11/2025 special city council meeting
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 10:04:53 PM

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Dear Cupertino City Councilmembers , City Manager, and City Attorney ,

I found councilmember Ray Wang's conduct during the December 2nd 2025 city council meeting incredibly disheartening when he deliberately disconnected his zoom connection due to a disagreement with his fellow councilmembers and therefore no vote could be taken for the agenda item.

To be more specific I am referring to around the 3:00:00 timestamp to the end of the meeting video recording (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BWv1q3hbvk>)

Due to this, I suggest the following actions be taken to rectify

- **Do not elevate councilmember Wang to Vice Mayor on December 11 and censure his multiple violations of the City Code of Ethics**
- **Immediately revoke councilmember Wang's remote attendance privileges except in the case of emergency**
- **Agendize the Mary Avenue Project for December 11, 2025 since the Dec 2 meeting ended without a vote due to councilmember Wang's actions.**

I have been a resident of Cupertino for over 20 years and it is a shame to see the level of unprofessionalism displayed by councilmember Ray Wang.

Thank you,
Sabrina Tsui

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From: [Seema Lindskog](#)
To: [J.R. Fruen](#)
Cc: [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); [City Clerk](#); Imeleciozambrano@bayareanewsgroup.com; mike@langberg.com
Subject: Ray Wang apology
Date: Monday, December 8, 2025 9:18:58 PM

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Councilmember Fruen,

I am a Planning Commissioner for the City of Cupertino, writing as myself today. City Manager and City Clerk, please include this email in the public record for the December 11, 2025 council meeting.

I was forwarded the email below that Councilmember Wang sent to his fellow Cupertino Council members. I am offended that Councilmember Ray Wang is telling us to "believe what I say now, not what I said during the Dec 2 council meeting or what you saw with your own eyes." The city residents are not fools. Councilmember Wang could have chosen to admit his wrongdoing and apologize sincerely. Instead, he decided to dig himself an even deeper hole by blatantly misrepresenting what occurred as if we didn't all witness his behavior in real time. [Here's the link to the discussion during the council meeting.](#)

At timestamp 3:01:54, Councilmember Wang says "Well, at this point, then, I will have to leave the meeting. You do understand the ramifications?" He doesn't say "Oh sorry, my battery is dying". He does not appear frantic, he's actually quite calm. He makes a clear threat that everyone on the dais understands as a threat, as you can see from everyone's shocked faces. If Councilmember Wang's intention had been to "shut down my camera and leave in protest, NOT to end the meeting" as he now claims, there would have been no ramifications, the meeting would have continued unimpeded. So the very fact that he mentions ramifications means he was threatening to end the meeting.

At timestamp 3:02:05, Councilmember Wang repeats "At this point, I will have to leave the meeting... and the meeting will conclude." He is again clearly threatening to leave the meeting and force the council meeting to end as a result. He knows and clearly states the implications of his actions in that the meeting will be forced to conclude if he hangs up. Again, he is calm, he is not in a hurry, he is not frantically trying to fix battery issues, he is staring right at the City Attorney as he is making his threat and then he waits to see what her response will be.

At timestamp 3:02:11, Mayor Chao responds "Then we cannot vote on anything" indicating that she understands the threat made by Councilmember Wang will result in the meeting ending. Councilmember Wang responds by nodding his head in a manner indicating he understands the implication of Mayor Chao's statement and reiterates his assertion that the item cannot be voted upon because it is agendaized as a study session.

At timestamp 3:02:42, after Councilmember Fruen reminds him that two attorneys (The City Attorney and Councilmember Fruen who is an attorney) have confirmed that a vote on the agenda item is appropriate, Councilmember Wang retorts "Then I will leave the meeting". This is a clear case of retaliation because the City Attorney did not capitulate to his threat.

At timestamp 3:02:47, Councilmember Fruen specifically says to Councilmember Wang "If you leave the meeting, you can leave the room open for the public to participate" so that the meeting can continue and Councilmember Wang responds "I cannot according to the Brown Act." which is a false assertion because the Brown Act specifically requires the exact opposite. It is clear from this exchange that Councilmember Wang is fully aware of what he's about to do and its consequences.

At timestamp 3:03:27, Councilmember Wang calmly says "Ok, well, have a wonderful evening everybody and thank you." He then disconnects from the meeting. He is clearly not rushed and fully aware that he's ending the entire council meeting with his actions.

Under [California Penal Code Section 403 PC](#), it is illegal to disrupt a public meeting, defined as:

- The defendant intentionally committed acts that violated implicit customs or explicit rules for governing a public meeting
- The defendant knew or reasonably should have known that his or her acts violated those customs or rules
- AND the defendant's acts substantially and unlawfully interfered with the conduct of the meeting

This is a misdemeanor offense “that may be punishable by up to six months in county jail, substantial court fines, fees and assessments, community service and/or labor requirements.” It seems quite clear that Councilmember Wang disrupted the December 2, 2025 council meeting, based on these criteria.

Councilmember Wang has a long standing history of threatening people and blaming his computer for his behavior. In 2003, he denied sending pornographic images to Rosanne Foust, a former Redwood City planning commissioner and city councilmember, and claimed that "his computer was hacked". Councilmember Wang also served community service in 2004 due to the related criminal case in which he pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of “making annoying telephone calls to a place of work”.

According to a [San Jose Spotlight article in July 2019](#), Councilmember Wang implied on the Nextdoor website in June 2019 that he would contact the employer of Richard Mehlinger, a pro-housing advocate and future Sunnyvale councilmember, who had been critical of him on Twitter. “Well that’s fun => we’ll have to talk to Richard’s employer, DropBox. [sic] =>”

The San Jose Spotlight article continues: "He also encouraged others in Cupertino who felt harassed by pro-growth activists known as YIMBYs...to “track down their employer and send their HR, Legal and CEO a letter outlining their YIMBY stance and all their tweets, their digital and social comms [sic] to show their lack of civility. It goes a long way to getting them reprimanded and in some cases a dose of reality.”"

He then published an apology for his behavior in a [letter to the Mercury News](#). It’s likely that Councilmember Wang may have apologized for his alleged sexual harassment of Rosanne Foust as part of his plea deal in 2004. And today he apologized for his many violations of the City Code of Ethics at the December 2, 2025 council meeting. So many apologies, yet it seems no real contrition.

I urge you to reject this insincere apology and do the following:

- Do not appoint Councilmember Wang as Vice Mayor on December 11, 2025
- Immediately revoke Councilmember Wang's remote participation privileges except in case of a documented emergency.
- Issue a public censure of Councilmember Wang for his many violations of the City Code of Ethics.
- Schedule a vote on the Mary Ave project at the Dec 11, 2025 council meeting to remediate the harm done to the applicants and the residents at the Dec 2, 2025 meeting.

Regards,
Seema Lindskog
Cupertino Resident

From: R "Ray" Wang <RWang@cupertino.gov>

Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 4:11 PM

To: Tina Kapoor <TinaK@cupertino.gov>; Liang Chao <LChao@cupertino.gov>

Subject: Sincere Apologies

Dear Fellow Colleagues,

I wanted to express my sincere apologies for abruptly ending the meeting on Tuesday December 2nd, 2025.

As our City Manager knows, while I was reminding everyone to add additional time, I was also suffering a battery issue and frantically trying to power my device. My intention that night was to shut down my camera and leave in protest, NOT to end the meeting. However, before I could do that, my battery died and I was not able to dial back in. By the time I was charged up to do so, the meeting had ended.

I recognize that this action has created a lot of consternation and I accept the blame for this, though this was not my intention. Now that you know the back story, I hope you will also work to clear this up in the public.

Please accept this apology and understand it was not my intention to abuse the Brown Act. In

fact, it was my intention to discuss why we were violating the Brown Act with how we agendized and the irony of the situation is not lost upon me.

I intend to make a formal apology at our meeting on the 11th to clarify this matter as well.

Thank you in advance.



R "Ray" Wang

Councilmember

City Council

RWang@cupertino.gov

"You must be the change you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

This message is from my personal email account. I am only writing as myself, not as a representative or spokesperson for any other organization.

From: [Seema Lindskog](#)
To: [Sheila Mohan](#)
Cc: Imeleciozambrano@bayareanewsgroup.com; mike@langberg.com; [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Ray Wang apology
Date: Monday, December 8, 2025 9:18:04 PM

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Councilmember Mohan,

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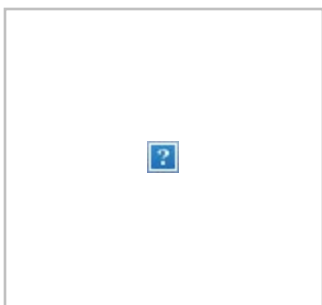
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To: [City Council](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Clerk](#); [City Attorney's Office](#)
Subject: Elect Councilmember Ray Wang as Vice-Mayor
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 12:25:55 PM

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and City Council Members,

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Our city benefits from leaders who put residents first, and Councilmember Wang exemplifies this standard. Cupertino stands firmly behind him, and we ask that you affirm his contributions by supporting his election as Vice-Mayor.

Sincerely,
Lucy Weng
Address: 22104 Clearwood Ct , Cupertino, CA 95014

From: [Swim5am \(Connie Cunningham\)](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Public Comments](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Intentional abuse of Brown Act to intentionally end City Council Meeting December 2, 2025
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 8:17:56 PM

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City Clerk: Please include the attached email to Written Communications for the Special City Council Meeting on December 11.

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Watch the last five minutes of the meeting at the link below to see for yourself. R. Wang's actions fall under California Penal code Section 403: Disturbing a Public Meeting.

At 2:53:26 Council discusses wording of the motion.

At 3:00:12 Wang objects and says he will leave the meeting. Says he cannot leave the room open in accordance with the Brown Act.

At 3:04.22 City Clerk confirms that Wang has left the meeting.



I urge the City Council to take immediate action to make sure no councilmember can shut down a council meeting like this again. The Council must reassure the city residents that the

City Council takes seriously its responsibility to behave in a professional and collaborative manner.

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Connie L Cunningham, 38 year resident
Chair, Housing Commission, speaking for myself only.

From: [Taghi Saadati](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Clerk](#)
Subject: Council member Wang as Vice Mayor
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 1:07:25 PM

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Hello Mayor Chao, I urge you not to appoint council member Wang to Vice Mayor. Based on his comments & behavior, in my opinion as a 40 year Cupertino resident, he had shown no respect for the Cupertino residents. On December 2nd council meetings he got angry and left the zoom meeting resulting in the meeting to end. This shows a complete disrespect for those who were on the zoom meeting and those attending in person including the other 4 council members & City staff. He does not have the temperament & judgement to be Vice Mayor.

Also I request you put in policy that no one council member will be able to end the Council meeting, it should be done by a majority council vote.

Thank you
Taghi Saadati

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tiff](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Council meeting 12/2
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 2:27:29 PM

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Dear Sir:

According last meeting on 12/2,

Here are My personal options:

1. Councilmembers

Should be in person for the City Council Meeting.

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vice mayor.

Cupertino Resident,

Tiffany

From: tscannell01@earthlink.net
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: City Council consideration of Ray Wang for Vice Mayor
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 10:39:34 AM

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Hello

My name is Tom Scannell and I have been a resident of Cupertino since 1980.

It was recently brought to my attention that Councilperson Wang abruptly left a meeting of the City Council meeting that he was attending remotely. His sudden and abrupt absence resulted in the meeting having to end and left a key topic undecided. Listening to the recording of the meeting it appears that Councilperson Wang left the meeting specifically because he did not like the way the discussion was going. I do not believe this is the proper behavior for an elected representative. It shows a lack of respect for his colleagues, the City staff, the residents of Cupertino and the overall process of democracy.

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If Councilperson Wang would consistently attend City Council meetings in person and adopt a more cooperative and democratic attitude, he could be reconsidered for the position next year.

Best regards

Tom Scannell

From: [Walter Li](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
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I was at the Dec 2 , 2025 Special City Council Meeting from beginning to end. I applaud Mr. Wang for bringing up various items on Mary Ave Villas project for discussion. And it seems now a number of people are attacking him for defended the project classification.

I urge all of you to support and vote Ray Wang as Vice Mayor as he has demonstrated his continuous and strong support for the residents of Cupertino. Ray has been very responsive, communicate in person with residents through scheduled neighborhood meetings and at Mayor's Chat, etc.

I look forward to your support for the Cupertino Residents by voting Ray Wang as Vice Mayor.

Sincerely,

Walter Li
408-781-7894
wmbjt@hotmail.com

From: [Yvonne Strom](#)
To: [J.R. Fruen](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Special City Council meeting Dec 11. Leadership matters.
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 3:28:45 PM

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Dear Council Member Fruen,

The behavior of Council Member Ray Wang at the Dec 2 City Council meeting has been a hot topic on the socials this week. However, it is not the first time he has disrupted a meeting. The ability of one person to have veto power to stop a City Council meeting in this way is intolerable. Please do not reward his outbursts with a higher leadership role on the dais.

Furthermore, Mr. Wang has repeatedly shown that he is not a serious Council Member. He has proposed ideas that are not in the best interests of the City or the majority of residents. I am particularly concerned about his opposition to the Mary Ave Villas project. This project will provide homes for Extremely Low Income/Intellectually Developmentally Disabled people. This has been a City Council priority for several years, including offering city property and over \$3,000,000. Also, the City of Cupertino will face consequences if this Priority housing project from the Housing Element cannot be completed. No one wants the consequence of more Builders Remedy projects since they are not under local control!

In the coming year the City Council will face important decisions about housing projects and will need to stay on top of them to stay compliant with the Housing Element. That is why the City Council needs your leadership right now. You know the law and were instrumental in getting the Housing Element approved. In addition, since joining the Council you have worked successfully with all former mayors. Please consider asking the Council to elect you to a higher leadership level.

I appreciate how you have demonstrated the kind of thoughtful leadership we need in Cupertino today. The City needs your guidance, your knowledge, and your vision of fairness to face the unique challenges of the coming year.

Thank you for contributing your expertise to our fair city.

Yvonne Thorstenson,
a concerned community member

From: [Yvonne Strom](#)
To: [Kitty Moore](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Special City Council meeting Dec 11. Leadership matters.
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 2:54:39 PM

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Dear Vice Mayor Moore,

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Also very important, Council Member JR Fruen has consistently demonstrated the kind of thoughtful leadership we need in Cupertino today. Since joining the Council he has worked successfully with all former mayors. The City has important decisions to make and the City needs someone who leads with knowledge, patience, and a vision of fairness to everyone. As Vice Mayor JR Fruen would be a useful partner to tackle the unique challenges of this coming year.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yvonne Thorstenson,
a concerned community member

From: [Rhoda Fry](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: December 11, 2025 Agenda Item #1 Public Comment
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 3:25:06 PM
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December 11, 2025 Agenda Item #1 Public Comment

Hi City Council,

I am saddened to see so much nastiness in the public comment today among people who do not know the whole story of all of what happened at the meeting on December 2. I agree with Councilmember Wang that a vote should not have been agendized within a Study Session item. I wish that Councilmember Wang had been able to stay on the meeting and abstain from voting rather than his leaving unexpectedly, evidently due to not being able to locate an operable outlet (he needs to get a bigger battery pack). Councilmember Wang should be applauded for recognizing that there was a problem with the way the item was agendized. He has a unique set of skills, is extremely intelligent, and deeply cares about residents.

As your first item of business as a new City Council, I would ask that you codify that no votes are to be taken in a study session. I have resided in Cupertino, and I never saw a vote taken during a study session (except in 2023, when I complained about it); I was only able to go back 9 years to show that this is how our City has operated in the past. Because there has been so much discussion on this issue, below and attached are the contents of an email that I sent yesterday that I'd like to be posted for item #1 today.

Separately, this has been a great year with Mayor Chao's leading from the heart (in addition to her brilliant mind) and restituting canceled programs and instituting new ones. Councilmember Wang has been the fresh new face on the council and in spite of a busy schedule, has been extremely accessible to his constituents and has brought novel perspectives to our council. Let's give him some grace as our rookie on Team Cupertino. I am assuming that Kitty will be Mayor and she brings a wealth of experience from her days on the Planning Commission, City Council, independent study, and most of all, a curious mind. She is adept at running meetings and it has been a joy to watch her grow into this role.

Below and attached please find an email that I sent to you on December 10 and I would like it to be part of the public record for item #1 this evening.

Thanks,
Rhoda Fry, 40+ year Cupertino Resident

Dear City Manager,

On the December 2, 2025 Agenda (last attachment), an ACTION was listed under a STUDY SESSION ITEM #12. Agenda items with ACTIONS should be on the ACTION CALENDAR, not STUDY SESSIONS.

Please ensure that ACTIONS are not taken at STUDY SESSIONS in the future.

A similar error was made in January 2023 and you can see below an email that I wrote to the City about this along with a number of attachments illustrating that ACTIONS had NEVER been taken at prior STUDY SESSIONS.

Furthermore, I googled, "city government can actions be taken at study sessions" and got the following response (I'll leave it to the experts to study the issue in greater depth):

No, generally, city governments **cannot take formal action (like voting or passing ordinances) at study sessions**; these are for in-depth discussion, information gathering, and providing staff direction, with official votes reserved for regular meetings, though some "direction" can be given to staff to prepare items for a formal vote later. The key is that study sessions are for *deliberation*, not *decision-making*, and must still follow open meeting laws (like the Brown Act in California) by being public, noticed, and having agendas, ensuring transparency even without votes.

I don't know whether it is allowed to have an action on a study session (it doesn't look like it), but it just isn't good practice. Please also consider that an action tied to a Study Session could alter the nature of the discourse during the Study Session as it risks shifting discussion toward the specified action. Moving forward, please let's keep STUDY SESSIONS action-free.

Thanks Much!

:) Rhoda Fry

From: Rhoda Fry <fryhouse@earthlink.net>

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:27 PM

To: 'City Clerk' <CityClerk@cupertino.org>; 'citycouncil@cupertino.org'

<citycouncil@cupertino.org>; 'manager@cupertino.org' <manager@cupertino.org>;

'cityattorney@cupertino.org' <cityattorney@cupertino.org>

Subject: For Item #1 and #2 Study Session January 25 Final Actions are not made at Study Sessions

Hi City Clerk,

Just to clarify, please include this for public comment on Item #1 and #2 Study Session January 25 Final Actions are not made at Study Session

Thanks Much,

Rhoda Fry

From: Rhoda Fry [<mailto:fryhouse@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2023 5:41 PM

To: 'City Clerk' <CityClerk@cupertino.org>; 'citycouncil@cupertino.org' <citycouncil@cupertino.org>; 'manager@cupertino.org' <manager@cupertino.org>; 'cityattorney@cupertino.org' <cityattorney@cupertino.org>

Subject: Final Actions are not made at Study Sessions

Dear City Manager and City Council,

Final Actions are not made at Study Sessions.

Items are studied at Study Sessions, discussed at subsequent Regular Sessions, and subsequently decided.

This has been the case as far as I can remember in my 40 years as a Cupertino resident.

Attached you will find the facts to back up this assertion going back 9 years of Study Sessions (this was the maximum I was able to extract from the database).

In 9 years, Final Actions have never taken place on the same day as Study Session Items.

To continue transparency and public participation, at the next City Council meeting and moving forward, please

1. Do not take Final Action (vote on resolution) on Study Session items
2. Discuss the outcome of a Study Session and open public comment at a subsequent City Council meeting and then take action

Respectfully,
Rhoda Fry



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22-11369	Study Session	Agenda Ready	8/16/2022	9/20/2022	Subject: Study Session to consider potential Municipal Code Amendments to allow properties in Single Family Residential Districts to subdivide properties into two and/or develop properties with up to two units ministerially pursuant to CA Senate Bill 9
22-10837	Study Session	Conducted	4/27/2022	6/21/2022	Subject: Public Review Draft Climate Action Plan 2.0 Study Session
22-10947	Study Session	Agenda Ready	5/12/2022	6/7/2022	Subject: Study Session and Consideration of Design Professional Services Agreement between the City of Cupertino and Dialog Design LLP for the City Hall Annex at 10455 Torre Ave
22-10973	Study Session	Agenda Ready	5/18/2022		Subject: The fourth study session on the Housing Element Update focusing on the establishment of a housing sites selection inventory and strategies to promote the development of new housing.
22-10963	Study Session	Conducted	5/18/2022	5/19/2022	Subject: Initial Study Session on Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Proposed Budget (Continued from May 17, 2022)
22-10945	Study Session	Agenda Ready	5/11/2022	5/17/2022	Subject: Consider a Study Session on the Capital Improvements Program (CIP,) including review of the five-year CIP (Fiscal Year (FY) 22-27) and new proposed projects for FY 22-23; Consider the supplemental information for Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Study Session (Continued from May 3, 2022)
22-10458	Study Session	Continued	2/7/2022	5/17/2022	Subject: Initial Study Session on Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Proposed Budget
22-10583	Study Session	Agenda Ready	3/8/2022	5/3/2022	Subject: Consider a Study Session on the Capital Improvements Program (CIP,) including review of the five-year CIP (Fiscal Year (FY) 22-27) and new proposed projects for FY 22-23
22-10725	New Business	Agenda Ready	4/7/2022		Subject: Third study session on the Housing Element update focusing on the establishment of a housing sites selection inventory and strategies to promote the development of new housing.
21-10165	Study Session	Conducted	11/17/2021	3/1/2022	Subject: Consider a Study Session on the proposed ordinance language and phasing for a Single-Use Plastics Ordinance
22-10474	Study Session	Agenda Ready	2/8/2022		Subject: Housing Element Update study session focusing on the establishment of a housing sites inventory (Continued from January 25th Planning Commission meeting)
22-10325	Study Session	Agenda Ready	1/5/2022	2/1/2022	Subject: Study session to discuss the awarded PDA Planning Grant funds from the Association of Bay Area Governments/Metropolitan Transportation Commission (ABAG/MTC) for the Heart of the City Specific Plan Update in conjunction with the Housing Element Update
21-10292	Study Session	Agenda Ready	12/15/2021		Subject: Housing Element Update study session focusing on the establishment of a housing sites inventory

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21-10210	New Business	Agenda Ready	12/3/2021		Subject: Receive Budget Format Review and Opengov Study Session
21-10084	New Business	Agenda Ready	10/29/2021		Subject: Budget Form Review and OpenGov Study Session
21-9873	New Business	Agenda Ready	9/15/2021		Subject: Budget Format Review Summary and OpenGov Study Session
21-9544	Study Session	Agenda Ready	6/25/2021	9/21/2021	Subject: Study Session to provide an update on the Pre-Approved Accessory Dwelling Unit Program and Accessory Dwelling Unit implementation
21-9761	Study Session	Agenda Ready	8/19/2021		Subject: Study Session to provide an update on the Pre-Approved Accessory Dwelling Unit Program and Accessory Dwelling Unit implementation.
21-9382	Study Session	Agenda Ready	5/19/2021	6/4/2021	Subject: Study Session II on Fiscal Year (FY) 21-22 Proposed Budget
21-9142	Study Session	Agenda Ready	4/19/2021	5/18/2021	Subject: Initial Study Session on Fiscal Year (FY) 21-22 Proposed Budget.
21-9233	Study Session	Agenda Ready	5/5/2021	5/11/2021	Subject: Special joint study session meeting with City Council, Planning Commission, and Housing Commission on the Housing Element update.
21-9033	Study Session	Agenda Ready	3/16/2021	5/4/2021	Subject: Study Session on the Capital Improvement Programs (CIP): Review of Projects Proposed for Fiscal Year (FY) 21/22.
21-9144	Study Session	Agenda Ready	4/19/2021	4/27/2021	Subject: Special joint study session meeting with City Council, Planning Commission, and Housing Commission on the Housing Element update.
21-8728	Study Session	Agenda Ready	1/21/2021	4/20/2021	Subject: Study Session on the City of Cupertino's Permitting Guidelines for Small Cell Facilities within the Public Right-of-Way.
21-8747	Study Session	Agenda Ready	1/27/2021	2/16/2021	Subject: Study Session to compare standards for mixed-use developments and high density residential guidelines with other cities.
20-6960	Study Session	Agenda Ready	1/29/2020	1/26/2021	Subject: Study Session to compare standards for mixed-use developments and high density residential guidelines with other cities
20-8322	Study Session	Agenda Ready	10/21/2020	1/19/2021	Subject: Study Session on Lehigh Southwest Cement Company/Permanente Quarry and Stevens Creek Quarry regarding Reclamation Plan Amendment and Use Permit Applications to County of Santa Clara.

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20-8307	Study Session	Agenda Ready	10/14/2020	12/1/2020	Subject: Study Session on Climate Action Plan 2.0 initial draft goals and vision statement	
20-8179	Study Session	Agenda Ready	9/9/2020	10/6/2020	Subject: Study session to receive input on services to be provided in a new 10-year franchise agreement	
20-8046	Study Session	Agenda Ready	8/3/2020	9/22/2020	Subject: Study Session and presentation on the transition from Level of Service (LOS) to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for determination of transportation impacts under CEQA, a change required by Senate Bill (SB) 743.	
20-7438	Study Session	Conducted	8/10/2020	9/15/2020	Subject: Study Session on Proposed Revisions to the Permitting Guidelines for Small Cell Facilities within the Public Right-of-Way	
20-7898	Study Session	Conducted	7/20/2020	9/15/2020	Subject: Study session regarding policy options to reduce secondhand smoke exposure in Cupertino	
20-7102	Study Session	Conducted	2/23/2020	7/7/2020	Subject: Study Session regarding General Plan Amendment Authorization Procedure adopted by the City Council in September 2015 by Resolution No. 15-078 (see Attachment A) ("GPA Authorization Procedure").	
20-7716	Study Session	Agenda Ready	6/15/2020	6/23/2020	Subject: Study Session to provide an update on the Accessory Dwelling Unit implementation	
19-6648	Study Session	Agenda Ready	11/25/2019	6/2/2020	Subject: Study Session on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP): Review of Funded FY19-20 Projects Recommended to Defer One-Year and Projects Proposed for FY20-21	
20-7311	Study Session	Conducted	4/13/2020	5/19/2020	Subject: Study Session regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 - 2021 Budget	
19-5039	Study Session	Agenda Ready	2/20/2019	5/19/2020	Subject: Study Session regarding Plan Bay Area 2050 and Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA) (including impact of Jobs-Housing Balance and Jobs-Housing Fit to RHNA)	
20-7092	Study Session	Agenda Ready	2/20/2020	5/5/2020	Subject: Study Session on Small Cell Facilities within the Public Right of Way	
20-7093	Study Session	Conducted	2/20/2020	4/7/2020	Subject: Joint study session with the City Council and Planning Commission on state housing law: Housing Accountability Act, SB 330, and Density Bonus Law.	
20-7127	Study Session	Agenda Ready	2/26/2020	3/10/2020	Subject: Study Session regarding common terms and documents related to the CEQA process	
19-6304	Old Business	Agenda Ready	10/8/2019	1/28/2020	Subject: Study Session on the General Plan Annual Review/Implementation Plan and to consider General Plan Policies and Strategies that could benefit from clarification.	
19-6303	Old Business	Agenda Ready	10/8/2019	1/14/2020	Subject: Study Session on the General Plan Annual Review/Implementation Plan and consider General Plan policies and strategies that could benefit from clarification	



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19-6707	Study Session	Agenda Ready	12/4/2019	12/10/2019	Subject: Study Session on the General Plan Annual Review/Implementation Plan and consider General Plan Policies and Strategies that could benefit from clarification. Postponed from the November 12, 2019 meeting.	
19-6504	Study Session	Agenda Ready	11/7/2019	12/2/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding the proposed policy document for the City of Cupertino Code of Ethics/Ethics Protocol	
19-6592	New Business	Agenda Ready	11/19/2019	11/25/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding the proposed policy document for the City of Cupertino Ethics Protocol for Elected and Appointed Officials	
19-6553	Old Business	Agenda Ready	11/18/2019		Subject: Discuss November 19th City Council Study Session on building electrification policy and reach codes adoption process	
19-6525	Postponements and Orders of the Day	Agenda Ready	11/13/2019	11/19/2019	Subject: Continue Item No. 15 Adoption of the 2019 California Energy and Green Building Standards Codes with local amendments to a future meeting date and item will be renoticed. These topics will be discussed in the study session.	
19-6524	Public Hearings	Postponed	11/13/2019	11/19/2019	Subject: Adoption of the 2019 California Energy and Green Building Standards Codes with local amendments has been continued to a future meeting date and item will be renoticed. These topics will be discussed in the study session.	
19-6276	Study Session	Conducted	10/3/2019	11/19/2019	Subject: Study session regarding policy options to reduce the use of natural gas and increase electrification of Cupertino's building stock via local amendments to the 2019 California Energy & Green Building Standards Codes (Reach Codes).	
19-6507	Study Session	Agenda Ready	11/7/2019	11/12/2019	Subject: Study Session on the General Plan Annual Review/Implementation Plan and consider General Plan Policies and Strategies that could benefit from clarification.	
19-6404	Study Session	Agenda Ready	10/29/2019	11/12/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding amendments being proposed to City standards for parkland dedication and fees (Chapter 13.08 - Park Land Dedication Fee, Chapter 14.05 - Park Maintenance Fee, and Chapter 18.24 - Dedications and Reservations) and the 2014 Certified General Plan Amendment, Housing Element Update, and Associated Rezoning Draft EIR	
19-6502	Postponements and Orders of the Day	Agenda Ready	11/7/2019	11/14/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding the proposed policy document for the City of Cupertino Ethics Protocol for Elected and Appointed Officials	
19-6342	Study Session	Agenda Ready	10/15/2019		Subject: Study Session related to Bird-Safe Development policies and guidelines. Application No(s): MCA-2019-004; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: citywide	
19-6341	Study Session	Agenda Ready	10/15/2019		Subject: Study Session related to Dark Sky policies and/or standards. Application No(s): MCA-2019-003; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: citywide	
19-6300	Study Session	Agenda Ready	10/8/2019		Subject: Study Session on the General Plan Annual Review/Implementation Plan	
19-6259	Study Session	Postponed	9/30/2019	10/17/2019	Subject: Study Session and presentation of proposed Municipal Code Amendments to Chapter 19 to incorporate "Bird Safe" policies or guidelines. Application No(s): MCA-2019-00X; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: citywide	
19-6258	Study Session	Postponed	9/30/2019	10/17/2019	Subject: Study session related to Dark Sky policies and/or standards. Application No(s): MCA-2019-003; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: citywide	
19-6207	Study Session	Continued	9/19/2019	10/1/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding status of the Objective Standards Update to General Plan and Zoning Ordinance FY-2019-2020 Work Program Item (Application No.: CP-	

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					2019-03; Applicant: City of Cupertino; Location: City-wide), provide direction to staff (continued from 9/18/19).
19-5995	Ordinances and Action Items	Agenda Ready	8/8/2019	9/18/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding status of the Objective Standards Update to General Plan and Zoning Ordinance FY-2019-2020 Work Program Item (Application No.: CP-2019-03; Applicant: City of Cupertino; Location: City-wide), provide direction to staff.
19-6143	Study Session	Agenda Ready	9/5/2019	9/10/2019	Subject: Study Session on the General Plan Annual Review/Implementation Plan
19-5231	Study Session	Conducted	3/25/2019	9/3/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding Below Market Rate (BMR) Residential Housing Mitigation and Commercial Linkage Fees for the Cupertino BMR Housing Program. Application No(s): CP-2019-01; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: Citywide
19-5822	Study Session	Conducted	7/18/2019	8/20/2019	Subject: Study session to discuss how the 2016 Bicycle Transportation Plan and 2018 Pedestrian Transportation Plan Projects have been brought to Council for consideration, how currently funded projects are being scheduled for completion, and recommendation of project information and impacts staff is to consider and describe for future funding requests
19-5820	Study Session	Conducted	7/17/2019	8/6/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding Application and Review Procedures for Projects Proposed Pursuant to Senate Bill 35. (Application No(s): CP-2019-04; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: Citywide)
19-5701	Study Session	Conducted	6/24/2019	8/6/2019	Subject: Study session regarding policy options to prevent youth access to tobacco products, including flavored tobacco products, and to reduce the density of tobacco retailers.
19-5838	Old Business	Agenda Ready	7/23/2019	7/30/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding Application and Review Procedures for Projects Proposed Pursuant to Senate Bill 35. (Application No(s): CP-2019-04; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: citywide) Continued from the July 23rd cancelled Planning Commission meeting.
19-5692	Old Business	Continued	6/20/2019	7/23/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding Application and Review Procedures for Projects Proposed Pursuant to Senate Bill 35. (Application No(s): CP-2019-04; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: citywide)
18-4769	Study Session	Conducted	12/20/2018	7/16/2019	Subject: Study session regarding improving communications with and effectiveness of advisory commissions and committees
19-5705	Study Session	Conducted	6/24/2019	7/16/2019	Subject: Study session and demonstration regarding options for unofficial transcription of City Council and commission/committee minutes
19-5639	Ceremonial Matters & Presentations	Agenda Ready	6/10/2019	7/16/2019	Subject: Study Session on Small Cell Facilities within the Public Right of Way
19-5731	Public Hearings	Agenda Ready	7/1/2019	7/9/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding status of Objective Standards Update to General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. FY-2019-2020 Work Program Item (Application No.: CP-2019-03; Applicant: City of Cupertino; Location: City-wide) Continuation of discussion from the June 25, 2019 study session
19-5631	Study Session	Agenda Ready	6/5/2019		Subject: Study Session regarding status of Objective Standards Update to General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. FY-2019-2020 Work Program Item (Application No.: CP-2019-03; Applicant: City of Cupertino; Location: City-wide)
19-5580	Study Session	Conducted	5/23/2019	6/18/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding Vallco Shopping District Special Area Initial General Plan Amendments. Application No(s):CP-2019-02; Apploicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: Vallco Shopping District Area
19-5402	Old Business	Agenda Ready	4/30/2019	5/14/2019	Subject: Study session to create a list of objective standards topics as suggested by the Planning Commission and the public.
19-5464	Study Session	Conducted	5/6/2019	5/13/2019	Subject: Study Session on the FY 2019 - 2024 Proposed Capital Improvement Program with Funding Options
18-4307	Study Session	Conducted	8/28/2018	5/13/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 Budget
19-5154	Study Session	Conducted	3/12/2019	5/7/2019	Subject: Study Session for an application by AT&T to locate a personal wireless service facility consisting of 16 panel antennas mounted on an 80 foot tall treepole, a base equipment station, and an emergency power generator at the Cupertino Sports Center located at 21111 Stevens Creek Boulevard.
19-5047	Study Session	Continued	2/21/2019	4/30/2019	Subject: Study Session on the FY 2019 - 2029 Proposed Capital Improvement Program with Funding Options
19-5005	Study Session	Conducted	2/12/2019	4/16/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) Review and Implementation Action Items related to possible amendments to the Municipal Code related to Mobile Vendors, allowing Incubator/Co-working uses in General Commercial zoning districts, and an Innovation District Vision Plan in the Bubb Road Special Area
19-4911	Study Session	Conducted	1/23/2019	4/2/2019	Subject: Study Session regarding short-term rental (e.g. Airbnb) regulations
19-5261	Study Session	Agenda Ready	3/27/2019	4/2/2019	Subject: Presentation and study session on City's updated financial forecast and capital financing options.
19-5227	New Business	Agenda Ready	3/22/2019		Subject: Presentation and study session on City's updated financial forecast and capital financing options.
19-5004	Study Session	Conducted	2/12/2019	2/19/2019	Subject: Study Session on new budget process

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18-4663	Ordinances and Action Items	Approved	11/29/2018	12/18/2018	Subject: Schedule a study session to review, clarify, and discuss the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials adopted by Council on November 20, 2018
18-4133	Study Session	Conducted	6/29/2018	11/5/2018	Subject: Study Session regarding the Citywide Building Condition and Use Assessment
18-3976	Study Session	Agenda Ready	5/8/2018	10/16/2018	Subject: Study Session on homelessness
18-4081	Study Session	Conducted	6/12/2018	8/21/2018	Subject: Study session regarding the annexation process and options for Lehigh Permanente Quarry.
18-4240	Study Session	Conducted	7/30/2018	8/21/2018	Subject: Study Session on the potential formation of a Santa Clara County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) subregion
18-4253	Old Business	Agenda Ready	8/2/2018		Subject: Consolidation of Commissions
18-4236	New Business	Agenda Ready	7/30/2018	8/9/2018	Subject: Study Session on the potential formation of a Santa Clara County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) sub-region
18-4084	Study Session	Conducted	6/12/2018	7/31/2018	Subject: Study session to explore consolidation of Senior Citizen, Library, and Safety issues into Parks & Recreation Commission
18-4174	Study Session	Agenda Ready	7/12/2018		Subject: Study session to explore consolidation of Senior Citizen, Library, and Safety issues into Parks & Recreation Commission.
18-4189	Study Session	Agenda Ready	7/19/2018	7/24/2018	Subject: Study session to explore consolidation of Senior Citizen, Library, and Safety issues into Parks & Recreation Commission.
18-4116	Study Session	Conducted	6/21/2018	7/3/2018	Subject: Study session on proposed restructuring of Cupertino's business license tax
18-4080	Study Session	Conducted	6/12/2018	7/3/2018	Subject: Study Session promoting school safety and preventing gun violence
18-4036	Consent Calendar	Approved	5/29/2018	7/3/2018	Subject: Approve the June 11 (Study Session) City Council minutes
18-4035	Consent Calendar	Approved as Amended	5/29/2018	6/19/2018	Subject: Approve the June 4 (Study Session) City Council minutes
18-3972	Study Session	Conducted	5/8/2018	6/5/2018	Subject: Study session on potential revenue measures related to business license tax and storm drain fee.
18-4004	Study Session	Conducted	5/17/2018	6/4/2018	Subject: Study Session regarding Vallco Specific Plan
17-3364	Study Session	Conducted	11/30/2017	5/15/2018	Subject: Budget Study Session regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget, including CIP
18-3895	Study Session	Conducted	4/18/2018	5/1/2018	Subject: City of Cupertino Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Program Study Session
17-3365	Study Session	Conducted	11/30/2017	2/20/2018	Subject: Study Session on the fiscal year 2018-2019 City Work Program
17-3428	Study Session	Conducted	12/12/2017	2/6/2018	Subject: Study Session regarding short-term rental compliance

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17-3263	Study Session	Conducted	11/13/2017	11/27/2017	Subject: State of California's 2017 Legislative Housing bills	
17-2662	Study Session	Continued	5/23/2017	6/6/2017	Subject: Study Session Regarding the Amended Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget	
17-2371	Study Session	Conducted	2/14/2017	5/16/2017	Subject: Study session regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget	



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15-1050	Study Session	Conducted	8/20/2015	11/17/2015	Subject: Study Session on the Civic Center Master Plan - Financing Alternatives and Affordability Analysis
15-1096	Study Session	Conducted	9/16/2015	10/20/2015	Subject: Study Session on potential Ballot Measures regarding Civic Center Master Plan and Vallco Shopping District Special Area
15-0920	Study Session	Conducted	6/2/2015	6/30/2015	Subject: Study Session on policy for processing General Plan Amendment applications
15-0833	Study Session	Conducted	4/21/2015	6/2/2015	Subject: Study Session on Santa Clara County Potential Transportation Tax Measure for 2016 - Envision Silicon Valley
14-0590	Study Session	Conducted	12/12/2014	5/12/2015	Subject: Study session regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget
15-0808	Consent Calendar	Approved	3/31/2015	4/21/2015	Subject: Provide formal direction regarding the Stevens Creek Boulevard to McClellan Ranch Road Corridor Master Plan in regards to scoping an Environmental Impact Report in conjunction with new facts associated with camp transportation using the Blackberry Farm swim and picnic facility
14-0596	Study Session	Conducted	12/16/2014	3/3/2015	Subject: Work Program study session
14-0598	Study Session	Conducted	12/16/2014	2/3/2015	Subject: Study session for the Stevens Creek Boulevard to McClellan Road Creek Corridor Master Plan (SCC Master Plan) and recommend alternatives to proceed with an Environmental Impact Analysis. (Re-noticed from January 21, 2015)
14-0607	Postponements and Orders of the Day	Authorized	1/7/2015	1/20/2015	Subject: Cancel the Adjourned Special Meeting scheduled for January 21 regarding Council deliberation and to provide staff direction on the Study Session for Stevens Creek Boulevard to McClellan Road Creek Corridor Master Plan and recommended alternatives to proceed with an EIR and direct staff to re-notice the meeting for February 3 at 6:45 p.m.

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16-2198	Study Session	Conducted	11/28/2016	12/6/2016	Subject: Aircraft Noise Study Session	
16-2103	Study Session	Conducted	10/17/2016	12/6/2016	Subject: Study Session on Wireless Facilities within the Public Right of Way	
15-1163	Study Session	Conducted	10/12/2015	10/18/2016	Subject: Study Session regarding Sustainable Strategies for Recycling and Waste Management	
15-1171	Study Session	Conducted	10/15/2015	5/17/2016	Subject: Study session regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget	
14-0597	Study Session	Conducted	12/16/2014	3/15/2016	Subject: Work Program study session	
16-1458	Study Session	Conducted	2/1/2016	3/1/2016	Subject: Study session on options for increasing business license taxes	
15-1270	Study Session	Conducted	12/7/2015	1/19/2016	Subject: Study Session to consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rotary Club of Cupertino to renovate the Stocklmeir home and surrounding property to utilize as a non-profit center for Cupertino	
15-1282	Study Session	Conducted	12/15/2015	1/19/2016	Subject: Study session regarding Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) draft background report	

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14-0433	Study Session	Conducted	9/15/2014	12/16/2014	Subject: Study session for Stevens Creek Boulevard to McClellan Road Creek Corridor Master Plan on recommended alternatives to proceed with an EIR	
14-0332	Study Session	Conducted	7/14/2014	10/7/2014	Subject: Study Session on the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed General Plan Amendment, Housing Element Update, and associated Rezoning	
14-0330	Public Hearings	Item Heard	7/14/2014	9/10/2014	Subject: Environmental Impact Report for General Plan Amendments, Housing Element Update and Associated Rezoning	
14-0260	Study Session	Conducted	6/12/2014	7/15/2014	Subject: Study Session to provide an update on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) process and review greenhouse gas reduction measures to be considered for analysis in the City's Initial Study/Negative Declaration. Proposed measures focus on options to reduce community-wide emissions in the energy, transportation, water, and solid waste sectors	
14-0259	Public Hearings	Item Heard	6/12/2014	7/9/2014	Subject: Climate Action Plan Description: Climate Action Plan Study Session to provide direction on a preferred project	
14-0258	Study Session	Conducted	6/12/2014	7/7/2014	Subject: Study Session to discuss proposed changes to Municipal Code Chapter 14.18, Protected Trees Description: Application No(s): MCA-213-01 (EA-2013-02) Applicant(s): City of Cupertino Location: Citywide	
14-0133	Study Session	Conducted	5/19/2014	7/7/2014	Subject: Civic Center Master Plan Study Session	

From: [Venkat Ranganathan](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Annual election of the Vice Mayor
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 2:29:08 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and services to our city.

As you prepare to select the Vice Mayor at your annual December appointment, I respectfully encourage a clear, criteria-driven approach and a brief public explanation of your rationale. The City's process of choosing the Mayor and Vice Mayor annually helps keep leadership accountable and responsive to evolving priorities, and I appreciate the intent behind this structure.

In considering the appointment, I hope you will weigh factors such as consistent meeting preparedness, respectful and fair facilitation, collaborative problem-solving, and a demonstrated ability to advance the City's goals through constructive engagement with colleagues, staff, and residents. In addition, strengthening public trust often depends on leaders who communicate clearly, respect process, and follow through on commitments.

For context as you evaluate leadership experience and committee engagement across the dais, councilmember R "Ray" Wang, who is serving his first term until December 2028, emerges as a great choice. In March 2025 the Council established a two-member legislative review-style subcommittee for the 2025 session, comprised of Vice Mayor Kitty Moore and Councilmember Wang, to meet with the City's lobbyist on state legislation. This is one example of the type of governance work that may be relevant to your overall assessment of leadership readiness and policy engagement.

- More broadly, I hope the Council will prioritize a Vice Mayor who can help ensure orderly, effective meetings and support transparent, fiscally responsible, resident focused decision-making.

Here are highlights of some of his activities that I am impressed with and make him an ideal candidate for becoming the next Vice Mayor of the city.

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Economic Development: In 2025, he worked through the Economic Development Committee to address vacant storefronts and improve the business climate, serving as the primary Council representative and on a two-member ad hoc subcommittee refining its focus and priorities. He supported the 2025–27 City Work Program, which places economic growth and a healthy local business environment among Cupertino's core priorities.

Fiscal Responsibility: He has been consistently involved in fiscal housekeeping decisions, regularly moving or seconding consent items involving staffing changes, budget adjustments, and fee/lien actions. He supported bringing Treasurer's and Investment Reports directly to the Council agenda, increasing transparency and strengthening oversight of City finances. He backed a work-program structure that ties long-term fiscal sustainability to service levels and quality of life for residents.

Regional Transit and Mobility: He represents Cupertino on the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board and the Stevens Creek Corridor Transit Steering Committee, participating in regional mobility and transit discussions that directly affect local traffic and connectivity and has been representing the city's interests well. He also serves as an

alternate to ABAG and the VTA Policy Advisory Committee, helping link Cupertino's interests with broader Bay Area planning and transit policy.

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- Councilmember Ray Wang has demonstrated integrity, fairness, and a deep commitment to Cupertino residents in discharging his duties and has earned our trust through his dedication and honesty.
- I urge the council to not pay heed to the attempts from certain sections to undermine his role and elect him as the next Vice Mayor of the city. I trust you will make the best decision for our community.

Thanks

Regards

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Venkat Ranganathan

From: [louise saadati](#)
To: [Neil Park-McClintick](#)
Cc: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: Special Council Meeting Comments
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 2:20:33 PM

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I agree with you.

On Thu, Dec 11, 2025 at 2:18 PM Neil Park-McClintick <neil.parkmcclintick@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor, Council, and Staff,

Please do not designate Wang as Vice Mayor. Yes, the role is mostly ceremonial, but ceremonies exist for a reason! They signal legitimacy. And nothing undermines the legitimacy of this Council, or Cupertino itself, quite like rewarding someone whose leadership style can best be described as optional participation when he feels like it.

This is not about ideology or policy disagreements. This is about ethics, and basic respect for the position. Let's remember—Wang was already removed from the Planning Commission for poor conduct. The voters gave him a second chance. And how has he chosen to use that second chance?

Well, first, he doesn't even attempt to attend meetings in person! He has been granted the unusual privilege of near-permanent virtual participation. But apparently even that degree of distance from his constituents isn't enough! Now he needs even more distance, by quite literally disconnecting himself from public meetings, and conveniently shutting the entire meeting down with him.

If transparency and good governance truly matter, as many of you ran on, then the next logical action is obvious. **You should censure him.** Don't promote him. Don't elevate him. Don't hand him a title that suggests he is capable of leading the Council when he has demonstrated that he does not even want to participate.

From: [Peggy Griffin](#)
To: [Liang Chao](#); [Kitty Moore](#); [Sheila Mohan](#); [J.R. Fruen](#); [R "Ray" Wang](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Kirsten Squarcia](#)
Subject: 2025-12-11 City Council Meeting-Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 2:19:48 PM

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PLEASE INCLUDE THIS EMAIL AS PART OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE ABOVE MEETING.

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore, Councilmembers Mohan, Fruen and Wang,

There has been a lot of attention to the Mary Avenue Villa project and city meetings related to it. Accusations, finger pointing, etc both regarding how the project was handled and how meetings evolved.

My preference for the mayor/vice mayor is Kitty Moore as mayor and Councilmember Ray Wang as vice mayor. Councilmember Wang has delivered on his promise of representing the residents. He is a strong resident focused advocate who would be a strong support to the mayor.

IF this combination is not accepted, I would like to see Mayor Chao continue as mayor and Vice Mayor Moore continue as vice mayor. This would continue the status quo at a time when things are changing around us.

I am not comfortable with Councilmember Fruen being in either position due to his divided loyalties between Cupertino and the City of San Jose's District 1. His "day job" working for the City of San Jose as Chief of Staff for District 1 puts him in potential conflict with what is best for Cupertino. I want someone focused on what is best for Cupertino. You cannot serve two masters.

In summary, please elect Kitty Moore as mayor and Ray Wang as vice mayor. IF that is not possible, please elect Mayor Chao as mayor and Kitty Moore as vice mayor.

Sincerely,
Peggy Griffin

From: [Neil Park-McClintick](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Special Council Meeting Comments
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 2:19:12 PM

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From: [Howard Yang](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Please elect Ray Wang as our vice mayor or mayor
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 1:47:28 PM

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Dear Cupertino's Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members,

Mr. Ray Wang is the one who truly serves and protects Cupertino's residents. His integrity, honesty and deep commitment to our community gain all of our respect and support! Please elect him as Cupertino's vice-Mayor or Mayor. He has all the support from the Garden Gate community and other communities in Cupertino.

Thank you.

Howard Yang

From: [Pam Hershey](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); [City Clerk](#); [Liang Chao](#)
Subject: Support of Wang for Vice-Mayor
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 1:05:11 PM

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Council Members,

We are writing to express our **strong support for Council member Wang**. he has shown integrity, honesty and a strong concern for the residents and our our city.

There should not be any reason that other individuals or officials to gang together to remove him from office as he has accomplished so much in the last year .

Mr. Wang has earned respect from the community by being involved and listening to the residents concerns. He answers emails and shows up at the Mayor's coffees. I have not seen any other council member at the offices for many months.

We are urging you to appoint Ray Wang for Vice-Mayor because he is an **advocate for residents** of the city of Cupertino . How can others that are from outside of our city limits feel that they have a say in our governance? I actually do not understand this .

Please look at the **respect of the majority that Cupertino residents** have for Wang and consider him for vice-mayor.

Vote for Ray Wang for Vice-Mayor !

Pamela and William Hershey
Cupertino residents for 58 years

From: [Anne Ezzat](#)
To: [Liang Chao](#); [Kitty Moore](#); [Sheila Mohan](#); [J.R. Fruen](#); [R "Ray" Wang](#); [City Clerk](#); [Kirsten Squarcia](#)
Subject: Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 8:21:54 AM

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

It is that time of year again and I wanted to voice my support for the selection of Council Member Kitty Moore as Mayor, Council Member Ray Wang as Vice Mayor. I believe that these Council Members are focused on the residents and not on the residents of other communities that want to utilize city resources at cut rate prices when the city will be losing a significant amount of funding. I also believe that these two council members will be concerned with current residents, as they should be, and not future imaginary residents.

I hope you will be able to cut through the noise of individuals writing to the council whose supporters are merely a developer lobbying group and chose the candidates that are concerned with the good of the city and its residents. Please chose candidates that will work with council members who do not share their views instead of allowing the process to devolve into kangaroo courts and retribution campaigns as we have seen in the not-too-distant past.

Council Member Moore and Council Member Wang are best equipped to act in the residents' best interests.

Thank you and best regards,

Brooke Ezzat

From: [Duleep Pillai](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [City Attorney's Office](#)
Subject: Request to Elect Councilmember Ray Wang as Vice-Mayor
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 8:11:00 AM

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing as a long-time Cupertino resident to express my strong support for Councilmember Ray Wang and to respectfully urge you to select him as our next Vice Mayor.

In our community, we value leaders who act with integrity, listen with an open mind, and serve with a genuine commitment to the public good. Councilmember Wang has consistently demonstrated these qualities through steady, transparent service and a sincere willingness to engage with residents.

For many of us, especially those navigating city processes for the first time, his guidance and accessibility have been invaluable. It is therefore concerning to hear of any efforts by individuals or officials to marginalize or undermine him, as such actions run counter to the spirit of fairness and healthy democratic dialogue that Cupertino deserves.

Councilmember Wang's integrity, his dedication to residents from all walks of life, and his record of thoughtful, principled leadership make him exceptionally well-qualified to serve as Vice Mayor. Cupertino needs leaders who place community above politics, and he has shown time and again that he does exactly that.

Thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully ask that you recognize his contributions by supporting Councilmember Ray Wang as our next Honorable Vice Mayor.

Sincerely,

Duleep Pillai

From: [Shaun Fong](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for Councilmember Ray Wang as Vice Mayor
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 12:14:37 AM

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Members of the Cupertino City Council,

As a long-time resident and deeply concerned citizen of Cupertino, I am writing to express my strong and unwavering support for **Councilmember Ray Wang**. Throughout his service on the Council, Mr. Wang has consistently demonstrated integrity, transparency, and a genuine commitment to the people of Cupertino. His thoughtful leadership reflects the values of **fairness, accountability, and open dialogue** that residents expect from their elected officials.

It is both troubling and unacceptable that any **special interest groups, non-residents, or elected officials** would attempt to undermine or remove a Councilmember who has served this city with distinction. Such actions not only disrespect the will of Cupertino's voters, but also erode public trust in the democratic process that safeguards our community.

Councilmember Wang has earned the respect of residents across Cupertino through his accessibility, responsiveness, and principled decision-making. He listens to residents' concerns, engages constructively on complex city matters, and upholds the public interest above all else.

With the conclusion of Mayor Chao's term approaching, I respectfully urge the Council to recognize Councilmember Wang's leadership and integrity by electing him as our next Vice Mayor. His experience, professionalism, and dedication to Cupertino's long-term well-being make him an ideal choice to lead the city with balance, transparency, and vision.

Our city needs leaders who prioritize residents over political agendas. Councilmember Ray Wang exemplifies this standard. Electing him to a leadership role will reinforce public confidence and ensure Cupertino continues to be guided by voices that truly represent its residents—not by external influences or special interests.

Thank you for your attention and continued service to our community.

Sincerely,
Shaun Fong
Resident of Cupertino, directly impacted by the narrowing of Mary Ave.

From: [Joe Naik](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Clerk](#); [City Attorney's Office](#)
Subject: Councilmember Ray Wang as Vice-Mayor
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 11:19:58 PM

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and City Council Members,

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I urge you, as the current City Council members, Mayor, and Vice-Mayor, to recognize his contributions and elect Councilmember Wang as our new Vice-Mayor. His experience, integrity, and commitment to Cupertino make him the right choice to lead in this capacity. Electing him will strengthen public trust and ensure that the Council is guided by a voice that truly represents the people.

Our city benefits from leaders who put residents first, and Councilmember Wang exemplifies this standard. Cupertino stands firmly behind him, and we ask that you affirm his contributions by supporting his election as Vice-Mayor.

Sincerely,

Venkatesh Nayak

From: [Santosh Rao](#)
To: [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Attorney's Office](#); [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Please elect Ray Wang for Vice-Mayor.
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 8:47:35 PM

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Dear City Clerk,

Could you please include the below for the 12/11/2025 city council meeting. Thank you for all that you do for the city. We appreciate your service to the city.

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

Subject: Council Should Support Ray Wang for Vice-Mayor

Dear Mayor Chao, Vice-Mayor Moore, Council Members,

I am writing because, as a resident, I believe it is important to acknowledge leaders who consistently stand up for the people they serve. Councilmember Ray Wang has shown a rare level of commitment to the residents of Cupertino. Time after time, in meeting after meeting, he listens to what residents say, weighs their concerns seriously, and votes in line with what the community is asking for. That kind of steady alignment with Cupertino residents is not something we see every day, sadly and it deserves to be recognized. We need to see more of it from more of you not less

I have watched him take positions that were not always the easiest politically, but were clearly the choices Cupertino residents wanted. Not special interest groups. Not organizations or clubs but ordinary residents of Cupertino. He does not pick convenience over responsibility. He chooses the Cupertino resident community time after time on every single vote he casts and position he takes. That is exactly the kind of leadership that builds trust in local government.

With this in mind, I am very concerned about any efforts by people preaching a moral higher ground to push him aside or reduce his role. When the council sidelines the member who listens most closely to the public, it sends the wrong message about priorities. These same people preaching today were nowhere to be found when prior council majority went after then council members Liang Chao and Kitty Moore including stripping them of committee assignments and did not even spare a past Mayor who served his 8 years

I strongly encourage you to elect Councilmember Ray Wang as Vice-Mayor. He has earned that position through his consistency, his respect for Cupertino residents' voices, and his willingness to act on what people actually want, not what is politically comfortable or aligned with special interest groups, organizations and clubs.

Residents would love to see the rest of the Council follow his example of always standing by residents, meeting with residents, voting for residents positions and respecting the rights of home owners, land owners and neighborhoods who pay enormous property taxes to live here

and fund the operations of the city. Cupertino residents deserve council members and Mayors, Vice-Mayors who stand with them, not above them. Councilmember Ray Wang has set a standard, and it would benefit the whole city if every Councilmember approached decisions with that same commitment to the public's will.

I hope you will take this opportunity to show the community that their voices matter by supporting him for Vice-Mayor. Stand with Cupertino residents not with special interest groups, clubs, organizations and those that preach morals when they showed none in attacking Ray Wang previously to take him off planning commission.

Thanks,

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

From: [Carol Stanek](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Clerk](#)
Subject: Leadership on the Council and Good Governance
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 8:30:01 PM

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Dear Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore, and City Council-members,
I believe that Council-member Wang's behavior at the end of the meeting on December 2nd, where he intentionally prevented the Council from moving forward with important business, is disqualifying for any leadership position (e.g. Mayor or Vice Mayor) on the Council.

Council-member Wang's action was an intentionally hostile act toward the full Council and, by extension, all residents of Cupertino. You and Cupertino deserve better. You should not be in a position of having an entire meeting aborted due to the whims of one councilmember. Quorums were created for a reason.

Therefore, in addition to denying Council-member Wang any position of leadership on the Council, the Council should implement rules that ensure that the City's business moves forward. To that end, Council-member Wang's privilege to attend meetings remotely must be revoked. This is just common sense and good governance.

Council-member Wang's behavior reflects poorly on the Council and our great city. Please implement rules to ensure Council-member Wang can not be in a position to pull this kind of stunt again. Fool us once, shame on him. Fool us twice, shame on us.

And please, do not elevate him to a position of leadership on the Council.

Sincerely,
Carol Stanek
Speaking for myself

From: [Dan Marshall](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Please do not promote a City Council member to the level of Vice Mayor, and then probably mayor if they play dirty tricks to get there way, such as abruptly leaving a City Council meeting to stop it (because a quorum is required)
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 8:02:51 PM

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Dan Marshall 
408-859-6628

From: [louise saadati](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Ray Wang's misconduct cannot be rewarded by him beoming Vice-Mayor or Mayor of Cupertino
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 6:17:12 PM

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City Clerk: Please include this email to the Written Communications for the item for the City Council Council Meeting on December 11.

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

At the Dec 2, 2025 City Council Meeting, Ray Wang, city councilmember, behaved in an incredibly disgraceful and disrespectful manner to the entire city council when he argued with the city attorney, attorney and councilmember, JR Fruen and Mayor Liang Chiao, when he repeatedly vehemently refused to accept the legal council of the two lawyers present, ignored the Mayor's control of the meeting, threatened to hang up from his Zoom call attendance even though it would prematurely end the council meeting before the council finished all the items on the agenda, and finally hung up on the meeting terminating the meeting unilaterally.

He now offers a late and flimsy excuse that he had "computer battery" issues. The video of the meeting especially the last 10 minutes of the YouTube of Cupertino City Council Meeting Dec 2, 2025 (Part 2) from 2:53:26 to 3:04:22 shows the truth and how his late flimsy apology is a lie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBWv1q3hbvk>

The entire heated verbalization from Ray Wang was that the title of the meeting was a "study session" and he repeatedly adamantly stated that the second item of appointing a negotiator for Mary Ave Villas could not be done. He threatened to terminate the meeting by leaving. He would not accept the legal advice of the 2 attorneys present and ignored the Mayor. He then hung up thereby unilaterally forcing the council meeting to close. He NEVER said he was having computer battery issues during the entire council meeting including the last 10 minutes.

We cannot reward such behavior by electing him Vice-Mayor nor Mayor. As Vice-Mayor and eventually Mayor he would be in charge of running and managing our city council meetings. Through his behavior on Dec 2, 2025 and his long history outlined below, he lacks the willingness and the ability to build consensus on the dais and city. He is not professional, and frequently falls into extremely inappropriate behavior. We cannot have such a "loose cannon" running our city council meetings.

He must be censured and have his Zoom attendance privileges revoked. He has abused his attendance via Zoom by having the vast majority of his council attended by him via Zoom and now has caused 3 meetings to end early. Two other meetings he ended early claiming he needed to board his plane. He should have scheduled his plane flights to not force the city meetings to adjourn early. He has totally abused his attendance by Zoom and now is using his Zoom attendance to veto item(s) he disagrees with by terminating the meeting. He has demonstrated extremely poor behavior and extreme self entitlement including violating California Penal Code vSection 403 PC: Disturbing A Public Meeting violation and lack of collaboration and compliance in the business and procedures of the city and city council.

Do not make him Vice-Mayor or Mayor which would highlight and reward his bad behavior. He would terminate/interrupt fruitful council discussions and entangle the city and city council in his misdeeds followed by flimsy excuses. Let his shortcomings be his. Do not reward him for them nor entangle the city and the council in his shortcomings.

His history of misconduct includes blaming his computer for his behavior. In 2003, he denied sending pornographic images to Rosanne Foust, a former Redwood City planning commissioner and councilmember, and claimed his "computer was hacked". He has a long history of misconduct

documented by San Jose Spotlight in July 2019 and his NextDoor postings June 2019 implying he would contact the employer of Richard Mehlinger, a pro-housing advocate and future Sunnyvale councilmember. According to SJ Spotlight he encouraged others to “track down their employer and send their HR, Legal and CEO a letter outlining their YIMBY stance...to getting them reprimanded...” He also served community service in 2004 in which he pleaded no contest to charges of “making annoying telephone calls to a place of work”.

The council has other members who can be elected Mayor and Vice-Mayor. The city needs to have a Mayor and Vice-Mayor who have demonstrated the ability to follow the law, navigate the complicated issues Cupertino will face including having enough housing units to avoid the Builder’s Remedy to occur again and having the ability to be ethical without repeatedly blaming their computer for their misdeeds. Cupertino deserves much better.

From: [Paul Joseph](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Support for Ray Wang
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 7:28:50 PM

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Public Comment Email

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

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For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to elect City Councilmember Ray Wang as Vice Mayor.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Paul Joseph

Paul

From: [Madhan Jaganathan](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Support for City Councilmember Ray Wang as Vice Mayor
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 5:34:37 PM

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Thank you for considering my comment.
Madhan Jaganathan

From: bnataraj@gmail.com
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Support for Ray Wang
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 5:25:59 PM

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Respected Council Members,

I am disappointed that Council members do not get along well.
You are our elected leaders. Please find a way to be a harmonious working group.

Bottom line: Be the leaders you were chosen to be.

Regards,
Nataraj

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Deepa Mahendraker](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Elect Councilmember Ray Wang as Vice-Mayor
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 5:16:40 PM

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It is unacceptable for any individuals or officials to gang together in an effort to remove him from office. Such actions undermine the trust and democratic principles that guide our city. Councilmember Wang has earned the respect of the community through his dedication to listening, informing, and helping residents navigate complex city matters.

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Sincerely,
Deepa M
Festival Dr Cupertino resident
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