

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Good evening,

Welcome back! After a brief summer pause, I am excited to share updates from across the organization. While there were no Council meetings, we still accomplished a lot—advancing projects, preparing for upcoming initiatives, and supporting community programs and events that continued throughout the summer months. We look forward to returning to a regular meeting schedule and building on the momentum of the summer as we head into a busy and productive fall. Thank you for staying engaged, and I'm excited to keep sharing the great work of our City with you!

Updates and Announcements



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Trained!

The August CERT academy saw a large Cupertino contingency in attendance. This was the first time when a current Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Manager had signed up for this training. The class, hosted by the Santa Clara County Fire Department, focuses on disaster preparedness and provides a foundational overview of how local CERT members can support their communities in times of crisis. Please join me congratulating the recent graduates! I encourage everyone to [sign up for the upcoming class](#).

Celebrating 70 Years with the Fall SCENE

The Fall 2025 issue of the Cupertino Scene has been released and highlights several key community initiatives and celebrations. This edition is available digitally, and limited print copies will be available at City Hall and other facilities.

This edition highlights Cupertino's 70 years of history, a call for 2025 CREST Award nominations, resources for Emergency Preparedness Month, and an overview of the FY 2025-26 budget. The publication continues to serve as a valuable tool for keeping the community informed and engaged. Enjoy the full issue at cupertino.gov/scene.

Hybrid Meetings Are Starting In September

We are excited to share that the City will begin offering fully hybrid Commission and Committee meetings in September. This new format will make it easier for the public to participate—whether in person or virtually—helping to encourage broader community engagement.

Thanks to the support from Council, now we have dedicated staff in place to support this transition, assisting with agendas, logistics, and live technical support to ensure meetings run smoothly and remain in full compliance with the Brown Act.

Introducing Cupertino Restaurant Week: October 6 - 12, 2025

In celebration of Cupertino's 70th anniversary, the City is proud to announce its first-ever Restaurant Week, happening Monday, October 6 to Friday, October 12, 2025.

This exciting new campaign will invite the community to support local dining spots while enjoying exclusive promotions and specials from participating restaurants. For more details and a full list of participating restaurants, visit cupertino.gov/taste70. The full list of participating restaurants will be available starting Monday, September 15. Let's eat local, celebrate local, and enjoy everything our community has to offer.

City's Stance Regarding State Housing Law

The City of Cupertino issued a press release on Tuesday, August 19 in response to the letter received from HCD. The City reaffirmed its commitment to complying with housing laws while disagreeing with HCD's interpretation of the 90-day correction period, and emphasized fair application processing, constructive dialogue, and balancing state requirements with community values. Residents have responded positively to the City's clear stance. The press release is available on the [City's Press Release webpage](#).

Monthly Mayor's Chat Request Form Now Available

A new request form for the Monthly Chat with the Mayor is now available at before and during the meeting for residents who wish to submit questions or requests. This will help the Mayor in collecting feedback, addressing community questions, and ensuring a more productive conversation during the session.

We look forward to using this opportunity to discuss local concerns with residents and provide updates on City planning and governance. The form is available at cupertino.gov/mayorchat.

'No Turn on Red' Restrictions Relaxed on McClellan Road/Stelling Road

The City has recently relaxed many of the "NO TURN ON RED" restrictions at the intersections of McClellan Road/Stelling Rd. They were implemented several years ago, along with concrete bike lane buffers, as part of the McClellan Road corridor improvement project. The turn restrictions were in effect 24/7 and were intended to provide enhanced safety to bicyclists using McClellan Road, specifically to those bicyclists using the green bike boxes at the intersections.

After listening to community feedback and performing field observations, staff determined that the turn restrictions could be limited to the before- and after-school drop-off and pick-up times without compromising safety. This change would further reduce delays for vehicles turning right at the intersections outside of these times, resulting in a win-win situation.

I have received positive feedback from community members including our Planning commissioner who appreciates the City taking resident concerns into consideration.

Lawson Bike Path Completion

The Cupertino Union School District extended its gratitude to the City and the Safe Routes to School program for the successful completion of the Lawson Bike Path. In a message from Superintendent Stacy Yao, CUSD highlighted the City for the well-produced introductory video and recognized the path as an important enhancement to student and community safety.

Block Leader Directory

Block Leaders can now connect through a new directory, available exclusively to registered block leaders via the volunteer portal. Organized by reporting zones, the directory includes a map on the first page, with each section featuring a screenshot of the relevant zone. The final page lists contact information for those who wish to share details without revealing their location. A step-by-step access guide was sent to block leaders on Tuesday, August 19.

Welcome New Businesses - HEYTEA & Molly Tea

Two new boba tea cafés recently opened in Cupertino, adding exciting variety to the city's food scene. HEYTEA opened at 19469 Stevens Creek Boulevard in Main Street Cupertino, in the space formerly occupied by Pasta Armellino. Its arrival marks a fresh addition to Cupertino's dining options.

Molly Tea has also moved into the former Barraco Coffee location at 19110 Stevens Creek Boulevard, which had been vacant since last year. With tenant improvements completed, the City looks forward to seeing this new local business thrive and the space reactivated.

New ERP Project Update

We are pleased to share that the ERP replacement project has reached a key milestone of the ten proposals received in response to the City's RFP, seven met the minimum qualifications and were thoroughly evaluated by the selection committee. Based on this evaluation, three vendors have been shortlisted to advance to the next phase of the process.

These finalists will participate in on-site software demonstrations and implementation strategy presentations sometime in August/September timeframe. Following these sessions, the committee will complete additional due diligence and its final evaluation to identify a preferred finalist vendor with which to begin contract negotiations and statement of work development.

Our goal is to present the recommended contract for City Council approval before the end of the calendar year.

Cupertino Puzzle Hunt

As part of the Mayor's Initiatives, Solving Fun will be hosting the Cupertino Puzzle Hunt--a free, family-friendly adventure where participants of all ages can journey to wonderful places in Cupertino to find clues and solve puzzles throughout the month of October. Puzzles will be available at the Cupertino Library or can be downloaded by going to solvingfun.com/cupertino.

Signage at Jollyman Playground

New permanent signage has been installed at Jollyman Park playground to enhance user safety and provide clear guidelines. The sign includes multilingual text (English, Chinese, and Braille) and highlights important reminders such as: no dogs, skateboarding, bicycles, glass, or alcohol in the play area, and a warning that surfacing and play structures may become hot and should be checked before use. This installation supports community feedback and reinforces the City's commitment to maintaining a safe and inclusive play environment.

De Anza College Parking Policy Update

At the Foothill-De Anza Community College District board meeting on July 7, it was confirmed that paid parking for visitors and the public will resume in Fall 2025 at \$3 per day, while student and staff parking will remain free through Spring 2026.

The district plans to introduce a license-plate reader system in partnership with Educational Technology Services and campus police to manage access, though the system will not be in place by this Fall. With approximately 5,000 parking spaces on campus and 69% of classes now online, availability remains high.

Additional implementation updates will be posted on the [district's official website](#).

Pacific Workspaces

Pacific Workplaces, a provider of coworking and hybrid work solutions, is expanding its location at 10080 N Wolfe Road with an additional 5,280 square feet, bringing its total footprint to over 20,000 square feet. Opening this fall, new members can join the waitlist now to take advantage of special savings on 12-month and 6-month leases. To learn more and complete an interest form, visit [Cupertino Expansion Space Interest Form](#).

Citywide Streetlight Story Map

Another update on the City's ongoing streetlighting improvements. Through two major initiatives—the replacement of aging streetlight poles and the upgrade to LED lighting—we are making noticeable, citywide enhancements to both safety and energy efficiency.

These improvements are highly visible to residents and visitors alike, contributing to a more modern and welcoming streetscape across Cupertino. We've completed significant phases of pole replacement and are actively upgrading over 2,000 streetlights to LED fixtures. These efforts support the City's long-term goals around sustainability and safety.

Letter of Interest Submitted for 10480 Finch Avenue Property

On August 21, the City sent a formal letter of interest to Cupertino Union School District expressing interest in pursuing negotiations for the potential purchase of the property at 10480 Finch Avenue. As part of this process, staff are preparing due diligence materials and will begin engaging with the District's negotiators.

Encampment Resolution Completed at Alves/Bandley

On August 14, at approximately 9 a.m., the cleanup of the unhoused encampment located at Alves Drive and Park Circle East was completed. The individual previously occupying the site had vacated prior to the cleanup. The City's contractor removed all remaining belongings, trash, and debris, and completed a general site cleanup. Additional cleaning of the sidewalk surface will be also conducted. The conditions at this encampment site has continued to deteriorate prompting the City to schedule the clean up.

Sheriff's Office Update: Jugging Crime Awareness

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office has reported an increase in "jugging" incidents across the county. Jugging occurs when suspects follow individuals after withdrawing cash from a bank, ATM, or financial institution, then attempt to rob them—often using ruses, threats, or violence.

To reduce the risk of being victimized, the Sheriff's Office advises residents to stay aware of their surroundings when leaving a bank or ATM, avoid leaving cash inside vehicles, vary their routes after financial transactions, and carry cash and valuables discreetly. Anyone who believes they are being followed should call 9-1-1 immediately.

For more information, visit the Sheriff's Office public safety resources at sccgov.org/sheriff.

Community Hall Upgrades

The Community Hall upgrades project remains on track, and while the timeline is still tight, we are making steady progress toward completion. The upgrades are expected to be ready for use following the August recess, with staff prepared to support a smooth transition. Thank you for your continued support as we modernize this important space.

Recent Events

SR2S Middle School Bike Skills Workshop

Cupertino Safe Routes to School, in partnership with Wheel Kids, hosted a Middle School Bike Skills Workshop on August 24. The program was designed to help rising 6th to 8th graders and their parent or guardian build confidence biking to school through lessons on safety, traffic rules, and a neighborhood group ride. Learn more at cupertino.gov/saferoutes/msbs.

Kids 'N Fun Festival

The annual Kids 'N Fun Festival took place on Saturday, August 23. This free, City-sponsored event—managed by an external organization—celebrated culture, community, and family fun. Attendees enjoyed a full day of live performances, games, food, and hands-on activities for kids of all ages. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors, discover new experiences, and create lasting memories.

Lehigh/Heidelberg Materials Cement Plant and Quarry Public Meeting

Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga hosted a community meeting on July 31 to discuss the current status of the Lehigh/Heidelberg Cement Plant and Permanente Quarry.

The event provided updates, shared key information, and offered residents an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns. Ben Fu, Director of the Community Development Department, participated as a panelist during the meeting joining representatives from other agencies to address community concerns.

Cupertino National Night Out

On August 5, Interim Deputy City Manager Kirsten Squarcia attended Cupertino Night Out on my behalf, visiting neighborhood gatherings on Columbus Avenue and at Portal Park, Woodhill Court, and Monterey Court. These events brought residents together and created opportunities to connect with the City, share local concerns such as safety and traffic, and strengthen neighborhood relationships. Thanks to our OEM staff and public safety partners for their help organizing the event!

Bell Ringing for Peace

On August 6, I joined Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore, and Councilmember Mohan in attending the Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities' 6th Annual Community Bell Ringing for World Peace. Held behind the Quinlan Center at Cupertino Memorial Park, the event commemorated the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Toyokawa, Japan, and provided a meaningful opportunity for the community to gather in a collective reflection and call for peace.

Board of Supervisors Hearing on Healthcare Sales Tax Measure

On August 7, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors held a special hearing to consider a countywide sales tax measure in response to significant healthcare funding cuts under H.R. 1.

The Board approved moving forward with the measure, which aims to support Santa Clara Valley Healthcare and prevent service disruptions such as trauma center closures and overwhelmed emergency departments. The decision is expected to impact all county residents and may also affect future local sales tax measures. Additional details, including the agenda and staff reports, are available on the [Santa Clara County Board and Commission Meetings website](#).

Annual India Flag Raising Ceremony

On August 15, I attended the 79th India Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony, hosted by Cupertino-Bhubaneswar Sister Cities Inc. and the City. The event was honored by the presence of the Consul General of India from San Francisco, and Mayor Liang Chao shared remarks highlighting the importance of diversity and cultural celebration.

Performances by Xpressions and Pampa Dance Academy, along with the performance of the national anthem by two local students, added to the celebratory atmosphere. I am proud to celebrate India's rich heritage, and I'm grateful to everyone who took part.

2025 Bobateeno Community Showcase

The Cupertino Civic Center hosted the Bobateeno Youth Clubs Day event on August 17th, bringing together youth organizations, nonprofits, and boba enthusiasts for an afternoon of games, socialization, and free boba. Attendees enjoyed fun activities like boba flavor tastings, guessing and voting for their favorite flavors, and exploring local youth clubs.

The event also featured live performances, interactive games, and opportunities for kids and teens to connect with peers and organizations from around the area. All in all, it was a lively, joyful celebration that showcased Cupertino's community spirit and its sweet love for boba!

De Anza Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony

On August 20th, I had the pleasure of attending the dedication ceremony of Cupertino's first Peace Pole, held at De Anza College, alongside Vice Mayor Kitty Moore. This meaningful event, hosted by the Rotary Club of Cupertino in partnership with De Anza College, marks a significant step in promoting peace within our community.

The Peace Pole, part of a global movement spanning over 180 countries, serves as a visible symbol of our shared commitment to fostering harmony and understanding among all people. The ceremony included thoughtful remarks and a time for community fellowship, reinforcing the collective hope for a more peaceful world beginning right here in Cupertino.

Upcoming Events

Community Coffee with Assemblymember Ahrens and Mayor Chao

Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens, in partnership with Cupertino Mayor Liang Chao, will host a Community Coffee on Saturday, September 6, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Quinlan Community Center (10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino). Residents are invited to discuss state and local matters. RSVP at tinyurl.com/PACupertinoCC.

Updates from Recent Meetings

Over the past several weeks, I participated in a number of meetings with residents, commissioners, and developers to discuss projects and community priorities. These included conversations with residents of Baxley Court regarding the proposed development on Evulich Court, as well as a separate meeting with SummerHill Homes on their project at 10857 Linda Vista Drive. I also met with residents concerned about the proposed Mary Avenue Villas project, where topics such as traffic, safety, and parking were discussed.

Additionally, I spoke with Cupertino resident and Boy Scout Dhruva Joglekar, who is working toward his Citizenship in the Community merit badge, about City Council priorities and ways youth can get more involved in local government. I also met with Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Seema Swamy and Planning Commission Chair Santosh Rao to discuss facility use, the Active Transportation Plan, and other City issues.

City Manager Reports Posted Online

All City Manager Reports are posted with the Council agenda and can be found online on the [City Council Webpage](#).

Thank you for your continued support. I will see you all at the September 3 City Council Meeting.

WARM REGARDS,



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