

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

CITY MANAGER'S

WEEKLY LETTER TO COUNCIL

Mayor Liang Chao
Vice Mayor Kitty Moore
Councilmember JR Fruen
Councilmember Sheila Mohan
Councilmember R "Ray" Wang

Dear City Council,

I hope this message finds you well. Please find below this week's updates on recent and upcoming City news and events.

GENERAL UPDATES



Mayor's Monthly Chat

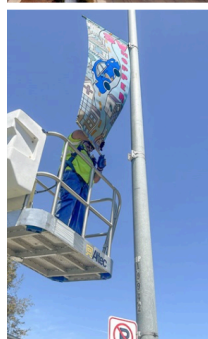
On Monday, I attended the Mayor's Monthly Chat with Mayor Chao at La Pizzeria, where residents were invited to share their concerns and discuss local issues. Topics included noise and lighting along Stevens Creek Boulevard and North Foothill Expressway and an upcoming town hall meeting focused on the Lehigh-Heidelberg Cement Plant Quarry.

The conversation provided valuable insights into community priorities. Vice Mayor Kitty Moore and Economic Development Manager Daniel Degu joined the discussion. For more information on the Mayor's Monthly Chats, visit cupertino.gov/mayorchat.

2025 Streetlight Banner Contest Winners

We are pleased to announce the winners of Cupertino's 2025 Streetlight Banner Contest!

Look for the new designs on streetlight poles along Torre Avenue, De Anza Boulevard, Stevens Creek Boulevard, and Stelling Road. Kudos to our winners and many thanks to all of our talented students who took the time to submit designs for public art that encourages sustainable transportation! For more info, visit [2025 Streetlight Banner Contest](#) | [Cupertino CA](#)





Block Leader Directory

In response to feedback and to help Block Leaders connect with each other, staff is putting together a Block Leader Directory. Block Leaders decide what information to share, and the information will only be accessible by other Block Leaders. Block Leaders will be able to use this directory to work together on neighborhood events, learn from each others experience, and help strengthen the City's sense of community.

Students Earn National Recognition with Support from City

On June 30, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students from Cupertino High School placed third at the 2025 National Leadership Conference.

Their project focused on identifying potential improvements to the City's permitting process to address challenges faced by local businesses. City staff—Economic Development Manager Daniel Degu and Building Official Sean Hatch—worked closely with the students, providing ongoing guidance and support throughout the project.



2025 CREST Awards Nominations Now Open

This is a reminder that nominations are now open for the upcoming Cupertino Community Service Awards: Celebrating 70 Years of Cupertino.

This year's event on Wednesday, October 29 will honor CREST Award recipients, recognize our dedicated Commissioners, and celebrate the City's 70th anniversary. The City has begun promoting the 2025 CREST Awards to gather nominations now through early September. Please help us widely share the nomination form at cupertino.gov/crest.

Public Comments Webpage and Email Process

A new [page](#) has been added to the City's website on how to submit public comments for Council meetings. It explains the process for submitting written comments on City Council agenda and non-agenda items. A dedicated email address, PublicComment@Cupertino.gov, was created for members of the public to send in their comments. This email address is also posted on City Council agendas.

The intent of using this dedicated email is to ensure comments are efficiently routed and tracked. Emails sent to this address are automatically distributed to the City Council, City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and City Clerk, and an autoresponder confirms receipt. This process is especially helpful during periods of high public input.

Comment Submission Guidelines:

Type of Comment	Where Sent	Included in Written Communication?
Agenda-related	publiccomment@cupertino.gov	Yes (automatically included)
Non-agenda-related	publiccomment@cupertino.gov	Yes (automatically included)
Agenda-related	Other email addresses	Yes (automatically included)
Non-agenda-related	Other email addresses	Only if sender explicitly requests inclusion

Appointments Made to Public Safety Commission

On July 16, the City Council conducted interviews to fill vacancies on the Housing Commission (Business Representative) and on the Public Safety Commission, with both terms set to expire on January 30, 2027. The Council appointed Gregory Klein to the Public Safety Commission to serve a partial term ending January 30, 2027. No action was taken to appoint a Housing Commission Business Representative. Additional interviews are scheduled for September 24 to consider applicants for vacancies on the Economic Development Committee and the Housing Commission, including both the Business Representative and Community Member seats.

Public Records Request Process Update

The City has implemented a process to improve transparency around public records requests. Requests can be submitted by phone, online, email, written correspondence, or any other method. Previously, only those submitted through the online portal were viewable by the public. To ensure consistent access, the City Clerk's Office will now manually enter requests submitted through other methods into the portal. All public records requests are now posted here: [Online Public Records Portal](#).

Economic Development Committee Recruitment Extended

The application period for the Economic Development Committee has been extended. Applications will remain open until all positions are filled, and the City Council is expected to conduct interviews for this committee in September. For more information please visit cupertino.gov/vacancies.



Collaborative Approaches to Emergency Management at the Local & Regional Levels

Adam Araza, Senior Business Systems Analyst in Cupertino's Innovation and Technology Department, presented the City's Emergency Management Platform at the ESRI Conference.

As part of his presentation, Adam shared the Public Hazard Awareness Dashboard and demonstrated the internal incident response tools designed for the Service Center and EOC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Night Out

The City of Cupertino is excited to participate in National Night Out, an annual community-building event that strengthens partnerships between residents and law enforcement. This year's celebration takes place on Tuesday, August 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. throughout Cupertino neighborhoods. Event ideas include having a potluck, barbeque, games, neighborhood gatherings, and more. For more information, please visit cupertino.gov/nationalnightout.



LEHIGH
Townhall Meeting

Join Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga for an important meeting to learn about the current status of the Lehigh/Heidelberg Cement Plant and Permanente Quarry.

Thursday, July 31, 2025 | 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

QUINLAN COMMUNITY CENTER
10185 N. Stelling Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014

 MARGARET ABE-KOGA
SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5

 CITY OF
CUPERTINO

Lehigh/Heidelberg Materials Cement Plant and Quarry Public Meeting

Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga invites residents to an important community meeting to discuss the current status of the Lehigh/Heidelberg Cement Plant and Permanente Quarry. The meeting will provide updates, share key information, and offer residents an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns. The meeting will occur on Thursday, July 31, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Quinlan Community Center.



Upcoming Townhall Sessions on County Behavioral Health

The County is seeking community input to help guide the use of time and resources in supporting mental health and substance use programs.

As part of this effort, the County's Behavioral Health Services Act team is hosting a series of townhall sessions to gather public feedback. These sessions are an opportunity for residents to share their perspectives and help shape future behavioral health services. For more information regarding the event, visit the [Eventbrite | Behavioral Health Services Act Townhall](#).

MEETINGS AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

City Council Meeting Recap

At this week's City Council meeting, the Council approved the Interim City Manager contract and approved budget adjustments related to key positions.



The Council also received a VTA update on services and projects, conducted a hearing on the Weed and Brush Abatement Programs for annual assessments, and held study sessions on the Mary Avenue project to develop new ELI and BMR housing for individuals with developmental disabilities, and on oversized vehicle parking restrictions. For more details and the full agenda, visit cupertino.gov/agendas.

Mayor and Commission Chair Meeting

Mayor Chao hosted the regular Mayor and Commission Chair Meeting at Quinlan Community Center on Wednesday, July 16, bringing together the Mayor and chairs of the City's commissions. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss City priorities, share updates, and coordinate efforts across the groups.

YMCA Traffic Jam on Varian Way

Concerns have been raised about traffic congestion and safety issues caused by YMCA summer camp drop-offs and staff parking along a residential street near a school. In response, the City has coordinated with the school district, which agreed to require camp staff to park in the school lot to improve traffic flow. The City will monitor the situation and consider further action if needed.

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Highlighting Good Police Work

On July 17, at approximately 11:00 PM, San Jose Police was looking for a carjacking suspect. The vehicle was a white Dodge van taken with the use of a baseball bat. On July 18, at approximately 2:28 AM, deputies were dispatched to a in-progress residential burglary on the 10000 block of Blaney Avenue in Cupertino. The victim remained on the phone and provided suspect description.

Deputies arrived and secured the residence. SJPD was nearby and located the carjacked vehicle near the house being burglarized. Using our K-9s, the house was cleared. The suspect was located shortly after by a deputy near Wilson Park. The suspect was taken into custody after a short struggle. No deputies were injured. The suspect had abrasions and cuts as a result of breaking the glass to make entry into the residence. The suspect was transported to the hospital for medical treatment and was arrested for residential burglary and resisting arrest under event.



FUN FACT

Award-Winning Wildlife Photo from Cupertino Resident

A Cupertino resident has been honored with the 2024 California Wildlife Photo of the Year award for her striking image of a black bear feasting on salmon, presented at the California Senate Floor by Senator Josh Becker. A dedicated wildlife and nature photographer, the resident highlights the beauty of local landmarks like Blackberry Farm and Rancho San Antonio County Park through her acclaimed photography. In accepting her award, the resident thanked the City of Cupertino for its ongoing efforts to preserve the community's natural heritage.



Wishing you overall well-being and a renewed sense of community engagement as we enter the council recess. Thank you for your partnership and support!

WARM REGARDS,

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tina Kapoor".

Tina Kapoor

INTERIM CITY MANAGER