

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

CITY MANAGER'S

WEEKLY LETTER TO COUNCIL

Dear City Council,

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

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

NOTEWORTHY UPDATES

Cupertino Chamber Board Installation

Yesterday I attended the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce 2026 Board Installation and Reception at Cupertino Community Hall, celebrating the installation of the new Board of Directors. Business leaders, chamber members, community partners, and elected officials gathered for an evening of connection and recognition, marking the start of a new year of leadership and collaboration for the Chamber. Mayor Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided opening remarks. Councilmembers Mohan, Fruen, and Wang , along with Economic Development Manager Daniel Degu also attended the event.



Santa Clara County City Managers Association Meeting



On Wednesday, I attended the first Santa Clara County City Managers Association (SCCCMA) meeting of 2026. City Managers in attendance discussed shared challenges and priorities, reviewed the 2026 meeting calendar and committee assignments, and received updates on regional initiatives including development services, countywide medical services coordination, and leadership development efforts.

Public Safety Commission Recruitment

A special Public Safety Commission vacancy notice is currently posted on the City website and the open seat remains available. Applications are being accepted, and the vacancy will remain open until Council makes an appointment. Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply. For more details and commission applications, please visit the [Cupertino webpage](#).



Cupertino Citizen Corps Activities and Events



The Cupertino Citizen Corps shared its 2026 schedule of upcoming preparedness trainings, community exercises, and volunteer opportunities designed to strengthen neighborhood readiness and emergency response capacity. January and February activities include public personal preparedness classes, responder trainings such as Psychological First Aid and CPR/AED certification, Citizen Corps onboarding, and regular radio check ins for communications readiness.

Check out the [Citizen Corps Website](#) for more information. Volunteer participation remains essential to maintaining a resilient community, and residents are encouraged to sign up through the [Volunteer Portal](#) and stay engaged through training and events.

Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about human trafficking and learn how to help prevent and combat it. The DHS Center for Faith works alongside faith communities, social service organizations, law enforcement, and other partners to support survivors and address community needs. More information and resources are available [here](#).



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday Closure



In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Cupertino City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, January 20.

ECONOMIC BUZZ

Cupertino Business Outreach Program

This week, City staff visited several local businesses as part of the City's Cupertino Business Outreach Program (CBOP). During the outing, staff visited the Homestead Square Shopping Center connecting with several businesses, including Starbucks, PGA Super Store, and Fish is Wild, to share available City resources and support opportunities. Additionally, staff recently met with the new owners of Local Kitchens: 21666 Stevens Creek Boulevard.



Preferred Bank Tenant Improvement Project



Building plans have been submitted for tenant improvements at 20803 Stevens Creek Boulevard. The space, totaling 3,280 square feet, has been vacant since 2019 and was last occupied by The Vitamin Shoppe. The new tenant, Preferred Bank, plans to occupy the space. The project valuation listed in the application is \$493,411.

RECAP MEETING AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

Silicon Valley Chinese School Class with City Staff

On Tuesday, January 13, Silicon Valley Chinese School (SVCS) kicked off its Mandarin language classes for City staff during lunchtime. The voluntary enrichment program provides an opportunity for interested employees to participate on their own time. Mayor Moore and Vice Mayor Chao both participated in the kickoff session, which also included traditional Taiwanese-style refreshments to celebrate the launch.

City Hall Tour with Councilmembers And Commissioners

On January 12 and 13, Public Works staff provided tours of City Hall for Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners. The walkthrough highlighted several key facility conditions and layout considerations, including the large lobby, former Council Chambers, HVAC areas, lower-level storage, limited natural light in interior spaces, low ceiling heights on the lower level, and elevator issues.

Council Prep Session: Dividend Homes Project

On January 15, 2026, Councilmembers met with Community Development staff for a prep session on the Dividend Homes Project, which is scheduled for discussion at the January 21 City Council meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 Chamber of Commerce Lunar New Year Celebration: Year of the Horse

The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce will host its 2026 Lunar New Year Celebration, recognizing the Year of the Horse, on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the Residence Inn by Marriott San Jose Cupertino (Main Street Cupertino). More information is available on the [Chamber's website](#). All Councilmembers are invited to attend.



KUDOS RECEIVED

Resident Appreciation for City Manager's Newsletter

The City received positive feedback from a resident who praised the City Manager's newsletter as "exemplary and informative," noting it was the best they had ever read. The resident expressed appreciation for the transparency, as well as the opportunities provided for residents to learn about and participate in City events and programs.



Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Thank you for your continued support!

WARM REGARDS,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tina Kapoor'.

Tina Kapoor
CITY MANAGER