

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

CITY MANAGER'S

WEEKLY LETTER TO COUNCIL

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

Dear City Council,

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

Getting Ready For The BIG GAME



I am excited to share the launch of "[Explore Cupertino](#)", a new online hub designed to help residents and visitors discover, navigate, and enjoy the City as we celebrate the Big Game!

First up is a welcome video from Mayor Kitty Moore, who invites residents and visitors to explore what makes Cupertino unique. The hub also features a list of local businesses hosting Big Game watch parties, a sign-up link for limited free rideshare passes to local destinations via SV Hopper, travel, lodging, and transit information, and resources highlighting Cupertino's local history.

Beginning next week, the hub will include interactive maps highlighting local deals and specials, retail shopping and dining destinations, and public art and recreation opportunities, making it easy for visitors and residents to explore Cupertino businesses and cultural amenities.

Look out for a "Dine Local. Dine in Cupertino." banner that will be installed on Stevens Creek Boulevard at Portal Avenue next week, with the official kickoff of social media marketing efforts. We will celebrate the Big Football Championship Game on Sunday, February 8, 2026, with a Shop Local campaign highlighting Cupertino's eateries and showcasing special menus, deals, and discounts.

West Valley Mayors and Managers Meeting

On Wednesday, January 21, Mayor Kitty Moore and I attended the first West Valley Mayors and Managers Meeting of 2026. The Mayors and City Managers from the West Valley cities discussed potential meeting topics for the year ahead and shared city and town updates.



Staples Closure



Staples is closing its doors on Friday, January 30. The site is planned for **redevelopment** into residential units. City staff have already coordinated with workforce development provider NOVAworks to support affected employees by connecting them with job opportunities in Cupertino and nearby cities.

Cupertino Business Outreach Program on Main Street

This week, City staff visited several local businesses as part of the City's Cupertino Business Outreach Program (CBOP). During the outing, staff visited Main Street Cupertino, connecting with several businesses, including HeyTea, Eureka!, and Haidilao Hot Pot, to share available City resources and support opportunities.



Miniso Now Open for Business



On Friday, January 16, Miniso opened its newest location at Main Street Cupertino replacing a portion of the former Target space. Miniso specializes in selling clothes, electronics, toys, food and drinks, and more. They're open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

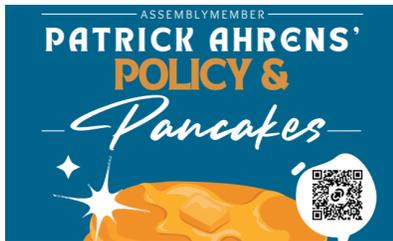
RECAP MEETING AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

Resident Concern: Building Permit Review Timelines

The City received correspondence from a Cupertino homeowner regarding concerns with building permit review timelines for residential projects and the perception that larger projects may receive priority. Staff reaffirmed that building permit applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. To address ongoing timeline challenges, the City has received approval to utilize outside plan review consultants and is preparing to launch a new over the counter service to improve review turnaround for homeowners and minor permits. A timeline for implementation will be shared once finalized.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Policy & Pancakes with Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens



Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens will host “Policy and Pancakes” on Saturday, January 24. The community event will provide an opportunity to hear legislative updates and engage in discussion on issues impacting the district.

2026 Artist Awards Ceremony and Art Exhibition

The Cupertino Arts and Culture Commission invites the community to the Artist Awards Ceremony and Art Exhibition on Monday, January 26, from 5 to 6 p.m. at Cupertino Community Hall. The event will recognize the 2026 Artist Award winners and showcase additional artwork submitted as part of the competition. Community members are encouraged to attend.



iCode Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Friday, January 30, iCode will host a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate opening their doors to the greater Cupertino Community.

NaiSnow Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

NaiSnow, a premium modern tea brand expanding globally, will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new Cupertino location, marking the company's first West Coast store. The event will take place on January 30 from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. at 19600 Vallco Pkwy, Unit 100. The business has also expressed interest in supporting local community initiatives in Cupertino.



Positive News!

Refining Executive Team Structure

On January 21, I recommended updates to the Deputy City Manager classification and expanded duties to Council. This realignment reflects my ongoing commitment to continued strengthen the organization and effective management of City operations. I would like to thank Council for your ongoing support for these adjustments, which help improve internal coordination and position the City for long term success!



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