

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 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

The BIG GAME



Last week, I shared exciting news about the launch of "[Explore Cupertino](#)", an online hub designed to help residents and visitors discover, navigate, and enjoy the city as we celebrate the Big Game! Today, I'm happy to share another update: interactive maps have now been successfully integrated into the hub. These maps offer easy-to-navigate views of the city's dining, shopping, recreation, wineries, and public art locations, highlighting key points of interest with details such as addresses, services, and available deals or specials. These new enhancements add a more interactive and user-friendly way to explore Cupertino's businesses and amenities in one centralized place!

I'd like to extend kudos to the GIS team and the CMO staff for their work on this latest enhancement of the Hub.

Cupertino Participating in The Joint Information Center

Cupertino staff are helping ensure community preparedness during the big game by staffing the Joint Information Center (JIC) organized by the City of Santa Clara under their Emergency Operations Center. Cupertino Staff is participating in the Community Relations and the Content Development Units and will be in-person at the JIC on Monday Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of the Big Game week.



Working alongside Santa Clara's EOC team, our staff is also helping coordinate communications, monitor public inquiries, and ensure residents have timely information. Citizen Corps will also provide supplemental support as needed, helping to relay messages and monitor communications channels.

Learning Mandarin - Nǐ hǎo



Shìzhǎng (Chinese for Mayor) Kitty Moore and I are learning Mandarin alongside City staff, thanks to the Silicon Valley Chinese School bringing this class to us. The language classes provide a voluntary enrichment opportunity for interested employees to learn the language and culture on our own time.

Business & Hotel Outreach

This week, City staff visited several local businesses as part of the City's Cupertino Business Outreach Program. During the visits, staff connected with local restaurants and hotels to promote participation and collaboration in the City's upcoming initiative, Explore Cupertino. Businesses visited included Aqui Cal-Mex, Holder's Country Inn, Hey Chicken, and Tasty Pizza, along with the Juniper Hotel, Cupertino Hotel, and Aloft Cupertino.



Economic Development Committee Meeting



On January 29, the Economic Development Committee held its first regular meeting of the year. During the meeting, the committee received a presentation from staff outlining efforts to promote Cupertino in advance of the upcoming Big Game, including a demonstration of the City's newest digital hub, [Explore Cupertino](#).

The platform serves as a centralized online resource highlighting local businesses, attractions, events, and visitor information to promote economic activity in the city. The committee also approved its regular meeting schedule for 2026, with quarterly meetings set for April 30, July 30, and October 29 at 1pm at the Quinlan Community Center.

NaiSnow Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Today, NaiSnow, a premium modern tea brand business, hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new Cupertino location, marking the company's first store on the West Coast. I attended alongside Vice Mayor Chao, Councilmember Mohan, and Economic Development Manager Daniel Degu. The "Green Bottle" mascot was there to celebrate with us!



iCode Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

iCode, a national computer science education franchise concept, also hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony today to celebrate their transition of business ownership. I attended the event with Vice Mayor Chao, Councilmember Mohan, and Economic Development Manager Daniel Degu. iCode offers STEM and coding camps for kids. Check out their website at www.icodeschool.com

Temporary Signal Shutdown

Traffic signals at the intersection of Stevens Creek Boulevard and De Anza Boulevard will be temporarily shut down on Tuesday, February 3, from 9:00 p.m. to approximately midnight for the Stevens Creek Boulevard Class IV Bikeways Project (Phase 2A) work,



The shutdown is required to relocate electrical lines that conflict with the installation of a new signal pole foundation. Our Traffic Division staff and Santa Clara County Sheriff's deputies will be on site to provide assistance and direct traffic during this work. The work will be completed as quickly as possible to minimize impacts to the public.

Official City Surveys or Nextdoor Feature?



Nextdoor has recently introduced new features for public agencies aimed at improving information sharing and community engagement. One of them is targeted surveys, which can look like they are being conducted by the City. This can confuse residents, and we want to inform everyone to be aware of this.

Official City updates and community engagement will always be clearly identified and shared through verified City channels, including the [cupertino.gov](https://www.cupertino.gov) website and the City of Cupertino's official [Nextdoor](#) and social media accounts.

Wildlife Advisory: Injured Bobcat

City staff confirmed a young bobcat with mange near the Stevens Creek Nature Trail, with additional sightings in nearby open space areas. The City is coordinating with Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA and posting advisory signage. Residents are reminded not to approach wildlife. If the animal is in distress or blocking a pathway, contact the Ranger Team at (408) 891-9008 or San Jose Animal Care and Services at (408) 794-7297. For immediate safety concerns, call 9-1-1.



RECAP MEETING AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

Meeting with Fire Chief Suwana Kerdkaew and Assistant Fire Chief Hector Estrada

On Wednesday, January 28, I and Interim Deputy City Manager Kirsten Squarcia met with Chief Suwana and Assistant Chief Estrada to receive an update on County Fire accomplishments in 2025 and to share the City's goals and objectives for 2026.

Joint Venture Silicon Valley Leadership Luncheon Briefing

I attended the Joint Venture Silicon Valley Leadership Luncheon Briefing at Stanford Research Park on January 28. The briefing highlighted growing optimism about life in the Bay Area, increasing concerns about the nation's direction, emerging polarization trends, and resident perspectives on retirement in the region, offering valuable regional insights and opportunities for cross-sector dialogue.

De Anza Blvd Encampment

A resident raised concerns about encampment activity along De Anza Blvd between Lozano Ln and Stevens Creek Blvd. City staff responded promptly, removing one encampment and cleaning the area. A second tent remains along the sound wall, and a 311 request was submitted regarding a shopping cart in the center divider due to safety concerns. Staff continue to monitor and coordinate follow-up.

2025 Artist Awards

On Monday, January 26, Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department and the Arts and Culture Commission hosted the 2025 Artist Awards, an evening recognizing the creativity that helps shape Cupertino's culture and community. Vice Mayor Liang Chao attended the event in support of the local arts community. The Artist Awards honor artists across visual, performing, literary, and digital arts, including Distinguished Artist, Emerging Artist, and Young Artist categories. This year's recipients were: Distinguished Artist—Jean Zuo and Elaine Chen; Emerging Artist—Sarah Wang, Iris Zheng, and Yishan Lin; Young Artist (Ages 6 to 10)—Khushi Somesh, Anahi Shaikh, and Lingshan Guan; and Young Artist (Ages 11 to 14)—Samuel Jung, Ivy Ma, and Katherine Ahn. Information on the 2026 Artist Awards Program will be available this summer at cupertino.gov/artawards.

Poet Laureate Reception

Our community came together on Thursday, January 22 at Cupertino Community Hall for a Poet Laureate Reception, hosted by Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department and the Library Commission, celebrating outgoing Poet Laureate Keiko O'Leary and welcoming incoming Poet Laureate Thomas Célérier. It was a warm, meaningful evening of readings and conversation, and a reminder of the important role the arts play in building community. The Poet Laureate program supports literary arts in Cupertino through readings, workshops, and community engagement.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2026 State of the City

Mayor Kitty Moore will deliver a special address on Thursday, February 26, at the 2026 State of the City. The event will take place at Quinlan Community Center. Residents and community partners are invited to attend this important event.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP at cupertino.gov/stateofthecity.

KUDOS RECEIVED

Parking Citation Resolved

Kudos to the Code Enforcement team for their prompt response in resolving a resident's parking citation inquiry related to street signage. The resident thanks staff for quickly reviewing the matter ensuring no further action was required, demonstrating the City's commitment to responsive customer service.



Resident Compliments Community Hall Rental Experience



A resident shared positive feedback regarding their recent rental of the Cupertino Community Hall, noting the ease of the reservation process, responsiveness of staff, and day-of-event support. The resident specifically recognized Ron Bullock, Kimberlin Leung, and Paul Nicholson for their assistance. Good job, team!

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Informational Memos

The following Informational Memos have been added to the City website. The information can be accessed at cupertino.gov/memos.

- [01 - January 30, 2026 - Bike Rack Approval Process and Meeting Dates](#)
- [02 - January 30, 2026 - Building Electrification Study Results](#)
- [03 - January 30, 2026 - City Properties Optimal Use](#)
- [04 - January 30, 2026 - Coyotes in Cupertino - Community Education and Safety](#)
- [05 - January 30, 2026 - De Anza Blvd Buffered Bicycle Lane Project Data Collection Summary](#)
- [06 - January 30, 2026 - Fourth of July 2026 Celebration](#)
- [07 - January 30, 2026 - Photovoltaic Systems Design and Installation Project Update](#)
- [08 - January 30, 2026 - Housing Element No Net Loss Law Requirements](#)

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

WARM REGARDS,



Tina Kapoor
CITY MANAGER