

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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



### 28th Annual Chamber Lunar New Year Celebration

Yesterday, I was able to attend the 28th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration hosted by the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce and Asian American Business Council. I attended alongside Mayor Kitty Moore, Councilmember Sheila Mohan, Councilmember J.R. Fruen, and Deputy City Manager Kirsten Squarcia. Attendees were treated to mesmerizing music and captivating dragon and lion dances that filled the air with excitement and energy.

### Monthly Mayor's Chat

Mayor Kitty Moore hosted her Monthly Chat on February 11 at the Monta Vista Recreation Center. Residents and local business owners discussed topics including the Sheriff contract, economic development, fire mitigation, budget and financial policies, public art, and recent Council actions. I would like to thank City staff for supporting the event and the community members who continue to engage in these conversations. For future dates and locations, please visit [cupertino.gov/mayorchat](https://cupertino.gov/mayorchat).



## League of Cities City Manager Conference

Last week I attended the League of Cities City Manager Conference in Napa. The conference provided valuable updates and professional development opportunities for city leadership, with sessions focused on ethics, strategic plans, and emerging topics such as artificial intelligence. The program offered timely insights and best practices to support effective municipal operations and long-term community planning.



## RV Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance Business Outreach



This week, City staff began conducting outreach to commercial properties and businesses in the Bandley Drive, Greenleaf Drive, and Valley Green Drive areas to share information about the City's oversized vehicle parking ordinance. The information was distributed in the form of letters.

## Business Sizzle Reel - Coming Soon

A new business sizzle video is currently in production as part of the City's ongoing efforts to promote Cupertino's business ecosystem. Last week, footage was filmed at various local businesses to showcase the community's diverse and vibrant business ecosystem. The featured businesses represent a range of industries, including retail, restaurant, food and beverage, and service-oriented businesses. More to come soon!



## Cupertino Business Outreach Program

This week, City staff visited several local businesses as part of the City's Cupertino Business Outreach Program (CBOP). Outreach included connecting with a mix of office tenants located along Stevens Creek Boulevard at 20085 and 20111 Stevens Creek Boulevard.



## Extreme Cold Warning Advisory

On Thursday morning staff issued an email notification to the community regarding an Extreme Cold Weather Advisory in effect from 1:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 20, with temperatures potentially dropping to 24°F in some areas of Santa Clara Valley. Residents were encouraged to take precautions, check on vulnerable neighbors, bring pets indoors, and protect plants. The email also directed residents to the City's [Hazard Awareness Dashboard](#) for flooding and other updates, and encouraged them to sign up for the [County's emergency alert system](#) for real-time notifications. Information regarding available warming centers was included, and the notice was posted on the City's homepage.



## Updates from The Rise

The Rise has submitted a construction permit application to begin development of 232 affordable homes, including family-sized units. The homes will be located in Town Square West and integrated with planned public parks and community amenities. The developer will partner with the nonprofit organization Eden Housing to deliver the affordable housing component of the project. Additional permit applications are anticipated later this year.



## RECAP MEETING AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

### Resident Concern on Wildlife Incident Response

On February 9, City staff responded to a report of a deer in distress in a non-accessible area near the Stevens Creek Nature Trail corridor. Due to the animal's condition, Sheriff's Office personnel assisted with humane dispatch. Because of terrain and safety constraints, the remains could not be safely removed, and the situation was handled in accordance with established procedures. Staff continue to monitor the area as needed.

### Student Interview on City Manager Role and Governance

I conducted a brief phone interview with a local student working on the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. During the discussion, I answered questions regarding the role and responsibilities of the City Manager, the function of City Councilmembers, and how staff works collaboratively with Council in local governance.

## 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 6:00 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP at [cupertino.gov/stateoffthecity](https://cupertino.gov/stateoffthecity). The address will be available as a recording on the City of Cupertino's YouTube channel.

### Hop or Run the 5K

The Big Bunny 5K and Kids Fun Run is on March 7! This community event promotes health, wellness, and connection, welcoming participants of all ages to run, walk, or hop along. While I definitely do not consider myself an expert runner, I did sign up and am looking forward to joining some of you and enjoying the event with the community.



## Notice of Planning Commission Hearing for Townhome Development Proposal at Linda Vista Drive

The Planning Commission will consider permits for a proposed 51-unit townhome condominium development at 10857–10887 Linda Vista Drive on February 24, 2026, at 6:45 p.m. in the Cupertino Community Hall and via teleconference. The project includes subdivision of the site, tree removal and replacement, and construction of residential units and site improvements. Additional project information is available at [cupertino.gov/evulich](http://cupertino.gov/evulich).



## Nature-Based Solutions: Video Competition - Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

Santa Clara County middle and high school students are invited to participate in the Nature-Based Solutions Youth Video Competition, sponsored by the Open Space Authority. The submission window is open from February 7 through March 31. The top entries will receive cash prizes. Learn more at [svycanbs-contest.com](http://svycanbs-contest.com).

## Cupertino Teen Resource Fair

[The Cupertino Teen Resource Fair](#) will be held on Saturday, March 21, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Main Street Cupertino. Teens can explore City summer job and volunteer opportunities, including Recreation Event Volunteers, Youth Activity Board, Leader in Training, and Techie Teens, along with mental health and wellness resources. The event is presented in partnership with the FUHSD IDC Wellness Committee.



Teen Resource Fair

Saturday, March 21 Noon to 3 p.m. Main Street Cupertino 19401 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino, CA 95014 This event is focused on helping teens explore City of Cupertino summer job opportunities and volunteer programs that build real-world...

## LEADERSHIP UPDATE

### Deputy City Manager

I am pleased to announce that Kirsten Squarcia has been promoted to the full-time position of Deputy City Manager. Her extensive experience and familiarity with the City and its operations are an asset to me and the team. Kirsten has demonstrated strong leadership and dependable support throughout her interim service. I have full confidence in Kirsten's ability to support me, the Council, and City departments her role.



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**