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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

### Ad Hoc Committee Submits Counterproposal to Fund Officers

Cupertino continues to advocate for a fair contract with the County for law enforcement services alongside Saratoga, and Los Altos Hills. Earlier this week, the ad-hoc committee submitted a counterproposal to Santa Clara County outlining a phased alternative to the County's proposed increase updated to 39.6% in law enforcement contract costs.



As discussions with the County continue, Cupertino, Saratoga, and Los Altos Hills have worked together to create a website that provides residents with clear, accessible information about the issue. The site explains how the County budget, outlines the proposed cost increases, and answers frequently asked questions about how these changes could affect City budgets. For more, visit <https://sheriff-contract-facts.com/>

### Mayor, Staff Complete Mandarin Program



On Monday, Mayor Moore and I along with a handful of City staff, completed a Mandarin learning course in partnership with the Silicon Valley Chinese School. The program provided valuable insight into both the language and cultural traditions, strengthening our ability to engage with the community. We extend our appreciation to the instructors and the Silicon Valley Chinese School for their partnership and support. Gōng xǐ to everyone who graduated!

## Quarterly Mayors and City Managers Meeting

On Wednesday, I joined mayors and city managers from Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Mountain View for the first quarterly Mayors and City Managers meeting of the year. The group held a roundtable discussion to share updates from each city and discussed regional topics, including immigration.



## West Valley Managers and Mayors Meeting



Also on Wednesday, Mayor Moore and I attended the West Valley Managers and Mayors Meeting held at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos. Attendees shared updates from their respective cities and discussed state legislative matters.

## New Commercial Tenant at Westport Senior Apartments!

I am excited to share that building plans have been submitted for tenant improvements at Westport Senior Apartments, located at 21301 Point Reyes Terrace, Suite 300. The incoming tenant, Taste Buds Kitchen, plans to occupy the 2,500-square-foot space.



Taste Buds Kitchen offers hands-on cooking classes and events for all ages in a nut-free kitchen environment. To learn more, feel free to visit their website: <https://tastebudskitchen.com/>.

## Cupertino Summer of Celebration



We are celebrating the excitement of the International Soccer Tournament and the spirit of Independence Day from June 13 to July 13 through a Shop Local campaign highlighting Cupertino's eateries with special menus, deals, and discounts. This initiative encourages residents and visitors to stay, dine, and shop locally while enjoying world-class soccer and festive Fourth of July celebrations together with family and friends! To learn more, visit [www.cupertino.gov/summercelebrate](http://www.cupertino.gov/summercelebrate).

## Cupertino Business Outreach Program

This week, City staff visited several local businesses as part of the City's Cupertino Business Outreach Program. Business visits included 99 Ranch Market, Chipotle, Valero, Ross, McDonald's, Sweet Maple, and Aqui Cal Mex. During the visits, staff engaged with business representatives to share information about ongoing City initiatives.



## City Holiday Closure Notice



Cupertino City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, in observance of a City holiday. Regular operations will resume on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. City Hall, including the Permit Center, the Senior Center, Quinlan Community Center, and the Cupertino Library will be closed. The Sports Center and Blackberry Farm Golf Course will remain open with normal hours of operation.

## RECAP OF MEETINGS

### Meeting with 76 Gas Station Owner

On Thursday, Deputy City Manager Kirsten Squarcia and Economic Development Manager Daniel Degu met on my behalf with the owner of the 76 Gas Station located at 19550 Stevens Creek Blvd to review code compliance items. Staff is working with the owner, providing guidance and support to help bring the site into full compliance.

## Meeting with Voyager Coffee

On Thursday, staff spoke with Lauren Burns from Voyager Coffee regarding the business' current operations and future plans for its Cupertino location. Voyager Coffee operates as a retail tenant at the site proposed for housing development by Harvest Properties, which is scheduled for City Council consideration on April 7. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for April 1, and staff are working to support the business' continued presence in Cupertino.

## West Valley Community Services Meeting

On Monday, I met with Sujatha Venkatraman, Executive Director at West Valley Community Services, to discuss ongoing community needs and service delivery challenges. The conversation focused on current trends, impacts on services, and opportunities for continued collaboration between the City and community-based organizations to better support residents.

## Sheriff's Contract Ad-Hoc Committee Teams Meeting

On Thursday, Mayor Kitty Moore and I joined the Mayors and City Managers from the Cities of Los Altos and Saratoga for a Sheriff's Contract Ad-Hoc Committee meeting. The group continued to discuss strategy, review key considerations, and identify next steps and follow-up actions regarding the contract.

## City of Cupertino/FUHSD/CUSD Strategic Partnership Meeting

On Friday, Vice Mayor Liang Chao, Councilmember Mohan, and I participated in the City of Cupertino/FUHSD/CUSD Strategic Partnership Meeting held at City Hall. The group discussed key updates, including a City of Cupertino update on negotiations for the Sheriff contract and discussions on School Resource Officers and crossing guards. Representatives from FUHSD and CUSD also provided updates, with the meeting serving as an opportunity to strengthen collaboration.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Holi: Festival of Colors

On Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce will celebrate Holi Cupertino Festival of Colors at Memorial Park. Council is invited to participate in the festivities. I will miss Holi this year as I am out of town on Saturday. I hope you will enjoy this fun and color-filled event!

## KUDOS CORNER

### Cupertino Mayors Webpage



I would like to recognize the incredible work by staff in launching [Cupertino's new Mayor's webpage](#), "The Mayors Through the Years." This project reflects a thoughtful effort to highlight the City's leadership history in a way that is both engaging and accessible to the community. Special thanks to Astrid Robles, Andy Schramm, Jim Fine, and Torin Scott for bringing this vision to life. From digitizing and organizing historical Mayor portraits to developing a clean, gallery-style layout, the team created a polished and user-friendly page that showcases Cupertino's legacy.

### Streamlined Online Encroachment Permitting System

Kudos to IT and Public Works Departments on the launch of the City's new Online Encroachment Permitting System, which went live on March 23, 2026. The application was developed in-house by city staff. This system will improve and streamline the encroachment permit process, reduce staff processing times and improve customer experience for the more than 500 permits issued annually.

This new system is designed to support a wide range of projects, from small residential projects submitted by property owners; to major utility companies submitting routine encroachment permits. The entire permitting process, from plan review to permit issuance, will be completed through a single online portal that is streamlined and provides real-time status updates. The application portal is available at: <https://aca-prod.accela.com/CUPERTINO>

### Informational Memos

The following Informational Memos have been added to the City website. The information can be accessed at [cupertino.gov/memos](https://cupertino.gov/memos)

- [March 18, 2026 - Mayor and Commission Chairs Meeting](#)

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

**WARM REGARDS,**



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