

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 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

Latest on the Law Enforcement Negotiations

On Tuesday, as part of ongoing discussions and one of several meetings between the City and County on this issue, the three cities met with the County to continue negotiations on our law enforcement contracts. We have been requesting an extension of the current agreements while negotiations continue on the terms of a new contract and to allow a third-party consultant to evaluate the County's proposed cost methodology.

The County agreed to a short extension which will ensure that both parties can continue working toward a legally compliant agreement that maintains public safety services for the community. We are planning a Council study session on law enforcement contract on June 16 for Council discussion.

Santa Clara
County
Sheriff's
Contract Facts



For decades, Los Altos Hills, Cupertino, and Saratoga have partnered with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. That partnership is now at risk.



Ballot Measure Survey



The City has contracted with Godbe Research to conduct surveying of Cupertino residents between June 3 - June 12 on potential ballot measures for increasing or extending the Utility Users Tax (UUT) and a increasing protections for parkland rezoning. This survey will collect up to 500 responses from a random selection of residents via online link or phone call and will be offered in English, Chinese and Hindi. Staff will provide information about this survey on the City website and through social media. The results of this survey will be presented to City Council on July 7th with Council determining whether to proceed with either, both or none of the potential ballot measures.

SB 827 Municipal Finance Training Webinar

On Friday, Councilmembers and staff attended the SB 827: Fundamentals of Municipal Finances and Financial Management webinar hosted by the League of California Cities. The training covered key topics including municipal finance roles and responsibilities, revenues, budgeting, financial planning, auditing, pensions, capital financing, debt, investments, financial policies, and ethics in financial administration.



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Hokkaido Bakery Coming to Cupertino



I am excited to share that building plans have been submitted for tenant improvements at Cupertino Town Center, located at 10271 Torre Avenue. The incoming tenant, Hokkaido Bakery, plans to occupy a 609-square-foot space, with a project valuation of \$40,000.

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 MoonTea, Gochi Japanese Fusion Tapas, Citibank, Sunflower Learning Center, Noval Dental, and Miriam Acosta dental. Staff engaged with business representatives to share information about ongoing City initiatives such as the Business Resource Hub.





Touch A Truck Event

During Public Works Week, the Public Works team participated in a Touch-a-Truck event for preschoolers. Staff brought out equipment including mowers, woodchippers, an excavator, and the popular bucket truck.

The event gave students a fun, hands-on opportunity to learn more about City equipment and the important work Public Works does in the community.

Walk n Roll to School Day

In April, Lincoln Elementary School held a sticker design contest for their students with the invitation to create art encouraging walking and biking to school with over 100 Lincoln students participating and sharing their art. The winning designs were turned into stickers at their May 26th Walk n Roll to School Day. Councilmember Fruen, who is a Lincoln alum, joined Cupertino SR2S, and the Monta Vista High School SR2S and the Lincoln PTA in handing out the stickers.



Waste Education Program

A pilot waste-education classroom series is scheduled to launch at the Monta Vista Recreation Center in September 2026. This free program will serve approximately 20 residents and focus on waste prevention and diversion in support of Climate Action Plan 2.0, Measure W-2.5. The pilot represents a cost-effective opportunity for the City to expand community education using limited resources, requiring minimal staff time while leveraging partnerships. The program is being developed by the Environmental Programs and Sustainability Division in collaboration with the Sustainability Commission Subcommittee, with support from Recology and the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program.

eCheck Payment Option Coming to Accela



The City is continuing work to introduce eCheck payments within Accela as part of ongoing efforts to expand and modernize online payment options for residents and customers. eChecks provide an additional convenient payment method that can help reduce transaction fees compared to credit card payments while offering a secure way to make payments directly from a bank account.

With the recent replacement to a new payment adapter, staff are working closely with the bank to configure and thoroughly test the new eCheck payment workflow to ensure a reliable and secure experience before launch. Staff currently anticipate eCheck payments will be available by the end of summer.

RECAP OF MEETINGS

Meeting with Santa Clara County Regarding Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Services

On Monday, I met with the City Managers and Mayors from Los Altos Hills, Cupertino, and Saratoga, along with Supervisor Abe-Koga's team, to discuss shared concerns regarding the proposed Sheriff's Office law enforcement contract. The discussion focused on the contract structure and its potential impacts on Santa Clara County contract cities.

Community Funding Grants and Festival Fee Waivers Subcommittee Meeting

On Friday, staff supported the subcommittee meeting for Mayor Kitty Moore and Vice Mayor Liang Chao to discuss the Community Funding Policy, Grants Policy, and festival fee waiver process. The discussion included review of the recently approved Grants Policy and festival application criteria related to fee waivers.

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office Meeting

On Thursday, Mayor Moore and City staff, meeting on my behalf, met with representatives from Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office to learn more about their interest in engaging in Cupertino through cinema films-related opportunities.

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INNOVATION IN ACTION: CITYWIDE AI ENABLEMENT INITIATIVE TO UPSKILL STAFF



In line with the City's commitment to innovation, we are launching a new AI Enablement Program this month to help staff build practical skills with emerging technology and improve safe and responsible use of AI across the organization, with full staff adoption targeted by the end of September.

The program is centered around Microsoft Copilot, a secure, enterprise-level AI platform integrated within the City's Microsoft environment and aligned with City security and data protection standards. Through hands-on training, staff will learn how AI can assist with streamlining routine tasks. By reducing time spent on repetitive tasks, Microsoft Copilot can help staff dedicate more time to meaningful work, collaboration, and delivering high-quality service to the community.

Thank you, I&T and CMO staff, for thier help in turning this vision into reality!

Informational Memos

The following Informational Memos have been added to the City website. The information can be accessed at cupertino.gov/memos (downloadable as a PDF).

- [Mayor and Commission Chairs Meeting on May 20, 2026](#)

The information can also be accessed from our website at cupertino.gov/memos (downloadable as a pdf).

Hope you have a wonderful weekend. Thank you for your continued support!

WARM REGARDS,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Kapoor", is positioned above the printed name.

Tina Kapoor
CITY MANAGER