

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 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

Public Service Recognition Week



This week, we celebrated Public Service Week to recognize staff's incredible work. On Thursday, the team gathered at Creekside Park for the our annual all-employee lunch and picnic. These events give us an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate the work and dedication throughout the year while connecting with colleagues across departments. Staff enjoyed tacos, Mister Softee, and free play time. I am so proud to lead this amazing team! Thank you to the City Council for recognizing the hard work and commitment of the City team. It was a meaningful way to start National Public Service Recognition Week!

Starting a New Tradition Celebrating 100th Birthday



At the May 5 City Council meeting, the Council held its first 100th Birthday Recognition as a ceremonial item, honoring Cupertino resident Mr. Sanyasi Chetty Mummidivarapu. The recognition was a meaningful opportunity for the Council and community to celebrate this remarkable milestone together.

E-Bikes & Youth Safety Community Meeting

The City hosted a community meeting about e-bikes on Wednesday. The session featured a presentation by Marin County's Safe Routes to School. They were joined by Santa Clara County Public Health Department and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office for an extensive question and answer session. Mayor Moore and Vice Mayor Chao attended, along with several commissioners and members of the community. It was an illuminating conversation. For more information, please visit www.cupertino.gov/ebikes or watch the meeting [recording](#).



Arrest Made In Hate Crime Incident In Cupertino



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PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, the City and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office issued a joint statement reaffirming their zero-tolerance stance on hate crimes in Cupertino. The statement provides an update on the investigation into a hate crime reported at Jollyman Park on April 23, 2026. You can read the [Press Release](#) here.

Planning Commission Hearing for 10268 Bandley Drive



The Planning Commission will consider permits for a proposed 27-unit townhome development at 10268 Bandley Drive on Tuesday, May 12, and via teleconference. The proposal includes subdivision of the property, tree removal and replacement, construction of the units, and related site improvements. The project is expected to be heard by the City Council on Tuesday, June 2. Additional information is available on the [10268 Bandley Drive/Summerhill Homes III project webpage](#).

National Small Business Week

In celebration of National Small Business Week, the City of Cupertino is highlighting small businesses through a shop local campaign on May 14 as part of the City's Bike to Work Day activities. This special initiative encourages residents and visitors to support local restaurants and businesses celebrating Bike to Work Day. To view participating businesses, deals, and special offers, please visit the City's Explore Cupertino page at www.cupertino.gov/exploreupertino.



Cupertino Business Outreach Program



This week, City staff visited several local businesses as part of the City's Cupertino Business Outreach Program, many of which are among the City's top 25 sales tax producers. Business visits included Marugame Udon, Marina Food, Tvu Networks Corporation, Yamagami's Nursery, and Cap't Loui. During the visits, staff engaged with business representatives to share information about ongoing City initiatives such as the Business Resource Hub and our Business License Amnesty Program.



Santa Clara University Leadership Excellence Series

On Wednesday, I celebrated the graduation of some of our staff members from the Leadership Excellence Series at Santa Clara University's Leavey School of Business. This is a new training partnership that the City pursued to provide staff with professional development opportunities focused on effective communication, conflict navigation, situational leadership, and performance management.

CIP Staffing Updates

The City recently welcomed Saurabh Nijhawan to the CIP Division as a Senior Civil Engineer. He comes to us from Los Gatos and brings extensive experience from his previous roles where he worked across a wide range of engineering projects, including transportation, facilities, and development review, and managed capital improvement programs.



At the same time, the City recognizes the retirement of Jo Anne Johnson after nearly 20 years of service. Over her career, she advanced from Engineering Technician to Public Works Project Manager and led key projects such as the Linda Vista Trail, Regnart Creek Trail, and improvements at Blackberry Farm Pools. She also played a central role in the City's Pavement Maintenance Program, helping Cupertino maintain one of the highest pavement condition ratings in the region.



Unscheduled Vacancy on Public Safety Commission



City Commission member Sashikala Begur resigned from the Public Safety Commission on May 6, 2026. A special vacancy notice advertising the open seat is scheduled for publication within the week. Applications will be accepted, and the seat will remain open until Council appoints to fill the vacancy.

Staff Remove Illegal Dumping Items

Staff recently received a tip from a resident that items had been illegally dumped within the public right-of-way. Staff noted the complaint and promptly followed up to remove the items. Illegal dumping remains a significant problem within the state, while illegal dumping is an ongoing challenge statewide, the City maintains a strong response process, with items typically cleared within 48 hours.



RECAP OF MEETINGS

Emergency Operations Plan Update Meeting

On Monday, Deputy City Manager Kirsten Squarcia and I met with consultants from Witt O'Brien's to review progress on the City's Emergency Operations Plan update. The discussion focused on the overall workflow, draft review process, community engagement strategy, and upcoming workshops and training opportunities. The group also discussed plans for internal staff review, coordination with Sheriff and Fire partners, engagement with community organizations, and future City Council and Disaster Council discussions.

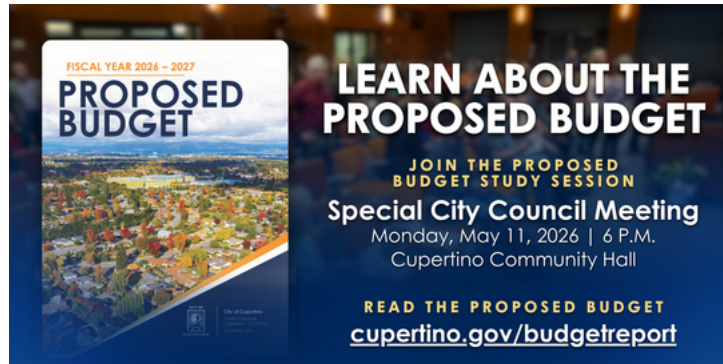
Proposed Budget Study Prep Sessions

On Friday, I joined Acting Administrative Services Director Orozco and staff from the Administrative Services Department, along with department heads, in meeting with all Councilmembers for preparation sessions ahead of the Budget Study Session on May 11. The discussion provided an opportunity to review key budget topics, answer questions, and prepare for upcoming budget discussions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Proposed Budget Study Session on May 11

On Monday, May 11, Council will hold a Special Meeting for the Proposed Budget Study Session beginning at 6:00 PM at Cupertino Community Hall. The session will provide an overview of the City's financial outlook, key priorities, and how resources are allocated to support essential services and programs.



Monthly Chat with Mayor Moore

Join Mayor Kitty Moore for the next Monthly Chat on Wednesday, May 13, from 5 to 6 p.m. at Quinlan Community Center: Social Room, 10185 N Stelling Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014. Monthly Chats are held on the second Wednesday of each month and provide an open, informal setting where community members can share ideas, ask questions, and connect directly with the Mayor. For more details and upcoming locations, please visit cupertino.gov/mayorchat.

2026 Pride Flag Raising

In honor of Pride Month, the City of Cupertino will host its Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on Wednesday, June 10, from 3:45 to 4:45 PM. The community is invited to help raise the rainbow flag, which will remain displayed through the end of June.



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Parks and Recreation Department Earns Statewide Honors



I'm proud to share that the Parks and Recreation Department has been recognized by the California Parks and Recreation Society for excellence in parks and recreation. This recognition highlights the outstanding work of both volunteers and staff, celebrating the individuals behind our efforts, as well as programmatic honors that showcase innovative services and initiatives that enhance quality of life in Cupertino.



FY 2026–27 Proposed Budget Now Available

The City of Cupertino's FY 2026–27 Proposed Budget is now available for public review. Fiscal Year 2026–27 marks the City's transition to OpenGov Publications, enhancing the proposed budget document with a more visually engaging and user-friendly format, with an interactive online version to be released alongside the Adopted Budget. I would like to recognize and thank Jonathan and Toni for the significant time, effort, and collaboration that went into developing this year's budget available here: cupertino.gov/budgetreport.

Welcome Deputy City Clerk!

Please join me in welcoming Jen Woodworth to Cupertino as the new Deputy City Clerk. Jen brings extensive public sector experience, having previously served as the Hollister City Clerk and District Clerk for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, as well as working in the Sunnyvale City Attorney's Office. We are excited to have her join the Cupertino team!



Hope you have a wonderful weekend and Mother's Day to all moms 🌸
Thank you for your continued support!

WARM REGARDS,

Tina Kapoor
CITY MANAGER