



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS  
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10

## District 10 April Newsletter

Dear Mike,

I hope you've had a wonderful March! Throughout the month, our office has had the chance to participate in some exciting events and, with Spring upon us, we are busy planning for other upcoming happenings in District 10.

This past month, I had the privilege of presenting proclamations for both Iranian and Assyrian New Year, as well as giving a commendation to a true treasure in District 10, Gay Patin Brasher. Gay has dedicated her life to teaching our students and putting in many volunteer hours mentoring them on speech and debate skills and coaching top debate teams for the past 47 years. Thank you to everyone who participated in these City Hall ceremonies!



As I mentioned in prior newsletters, the District 10 Council Office staff members have been working hard to bring to you great educational and volunteer opportunities. One of these, which will soon be upon us, is the first District 10 Community Safety Fair.

I am very pleased to be supporting the San Jose Police Foundation in hosting this Safety Fair on April 7th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m at the Gunderson High School gymnasium. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. The San Jose Police Department and their Crime Prevention team will be joining me, along with the members of the D10 staff. Online registration is available, which you can do by [clicking here](#).

First Annual - District 10  
**Community Safety Fair**

Presented by  
The San José Police Foundation &  
Councilmember Johnny Khamis

**Sunday, April 7th**  
**4:00pm-7:00pm**  
Gunderson High School  
622 Gaundabert Lane  
San José, CA 95136

-Q&A Time with SJPD  
-Crime Prevention Tips  
-Safety Vendors  
-Neighborhood Watch  
-Special Presentations

For more information and/or to reserve a booth space contact  
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Come with your questions and concerns and prepare to leave with the tools you need to increase the safety and security of your community. There will be exhibitions from a wide variety of safety experts and firms. Early attendees will get the opportunity to ask questions of Acting Deputy Chief Jeff Marozick and other local law enforcement representatives, including our district's patrol commander and SJPD Crime Prevention Specialists. I will also be available to answer your questions and address your concerns. For more information, contact Drew Spitzer at [drew.spitzer@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:drew.spitzer@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910.

Next, on Saturday, April 20th we will be hosting the Great American Litter Pick-Up at several different sites in the district. We hope you all take the opportunity to meet your fellow district 10 residents and help beautify your community.

Lunch will be provided to all of our volunteers, as well as some coffee for those who need a morning pick-me-up before picking up! This is also a great chance for students to gain credit for community service hours! The four starting locations for the pick-up are: [Guadalupe Oak Grove Park](#) in Almaden, [Jeffrey Fontana Park](#), [Pioneer High School](#), and [Vista Park](#). Click the locations to register for the event closest to you, and be sure to help us get the word out to your favorite neighborhood groups, volunteer associations, scout troops, youth groups, and anyone else who may want to help keep our neighborhoods free of litter, debris, and illegal signs. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, contact Rayshelle at [rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910.

Open communication is very important to me and my staff, and I strive to provide you with the most accurate information possible about things that are happening in District 10. This is why I want to take a minute to address some inaccurate information that has been circulating throughout the community.

The first is about the possibility of a Wendy's Drive-Thru being built on the old Shell Gas Station property at the southwest corner of Almaden Expressway and Redmond Avenue. As of now, there have been no permit requests for any sort of project at this location, let alone a fast-food restaurant. In fact, the property is not zoned for that kind of development and any rezoning would need to go to the City Council for consideration.

The second, and one that has been a topic of discussion for quite a while, is the Via Valiente Shopping Center. My staff has been in touch with both the property manager and the property owner. The contractor has started preparations to repair the damaged support at CVS, and they have applied for a building permit to make the necessary repairs. The owner anticipates that the repairs will be completed soon – hopefully within the next couple of weeks. The owner also continues to seek out possible tenants for the former PW space and, in the meantime, has welcomed a new, twice-weekly farmer's market to the Center's parking lot to help enliven the space.

The third is the possibility of an amphitheater or concert venue coming to Almaden Lake Park. This was never a part of any of the conceptual alternatives that the Water District is considering, and such a project is not included in any of the feasible alternatives. On March 13th, the District provided the latest information about plans for the lake, along with possible changes to the alternatives they are considering. To learn more about what was presented at the meeting and look over the feasible alternatives for the lake, [click here](#).

In a district like ours, where residents are involved and engaged, communication is an asset and a treasure. I encourage you to continue interacting with one another and, if you ever have any questions, my staff and I are here to help you get the facts! We love hearing from you, so please feel free to contact us any time. E-mail us at [District10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District10@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910. Remember to check out my [Facebook page](#) where I regularly post new photos and information. You can also follow me on [Twitter!](#)

We continue to update the website, as well – for example, you can now view past newsletters or check out photos from recent events at the [Newsroom](#) tab.

This past week, I voted on several important issues facing our city that came before the City Council. The first was a proposal to provide funding for two sessions of the Police Academy each year for up to four years. I am happy to announce that this request passed unanimously. The City can train up to 60 police recruits in each of these academies, putting up to 120 new police officers on the street each year. These academies are essential to helping us to rebuild capacity in our police department that has been reduced through budget cuts, retirements, and resignations over the past few years.

Next, two of my colleagues on the City Council, Pierluigi Oliverio and Pete Constant, joined me in opposing having the City support State Senate Bill (SB) 391 that would impose a new \$75 fee on all property-related filings (except those already subject to transfer tax). Including this fee, there are 12 different tax and fee increases currently working their way through the State legislature and the City is also considering its own new taxes to fund transportation. In addition, soon my colleagues and I will debate whether or not to move forward with exploring a “Housing Impact Fee” that would be imposed locally to raise money for the same purpose as SB 391 – affordable housing. With state and county sales taxes and state and federal income taxes on the rise and the cost of living beginning to creep upward, I do not think the City should be actively promoting new taxes at the State level over which there will likely be no local control and accountability. I want to be sure that San Jose remains an affordable place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

Finally, an issue before the City Council that received quite a bit of media attention was the approval of incentives from the City and the State of California for Samsung Semiconductor to redevelop and expand their 300,000 sf headquarters at North First Street and to develop its proposed Research and Development (R&D) Center here. This also passed unanimously. The incentives offered by the City include expedited permitting, a utility user tax rebate, a traffic impact fee reduction, and a \$500,000 reimbursement for eligible equipment purchased. Samsung, which currently employs about 300 people in San Jose, will be able to grow their workforce to 2,000 once their

new, architecturally-significant Americas Headquarters is completed here in San Jose.

The tax and fee reductions, together with the \$500,000 equipment reimbursement, will total approximately \$7 million over ten years, but the project will generate about \$23 million in new revenues that will benefit the city.

This vote continues San Jose's commitment to generating jobs and supporting private-sector R&D and manufacturing growth. Thank you, Samsung, for choosing San Jose for your growth and expansion!

Finally,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday weekend and a Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

Johnny

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### The Great American Litter Pick Up

Please join Councilmember Khamis, the District 10 Council Staff, community leaders and fellow neighbors for The Great American Litter Pick-Up on April 20th. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to spend a couple of hours serving their community and cleaning up their neighborhoods. We will have four sites this year in hopes of getting every part of the district involved, including Guadalupe Oak Grove Park in Almaden, Jeffery Fontana Park, Pioneer High School, and Vista Park. For more information about the event, please contact Rayshelle at [rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910.

### Traffic and Speed Reporting

As the old saying goes, the squeaky wheel gets the grease, so I encourage you (and your neighbors!) to report speeders to the Traffic Enforcement Unit. Here is their link:

[https://www.sjpd.org/forms/TEU\\_Request\\_Form.asp](https://www.sjpd.org/forms/TEU_Request_Form.asp)

The SJPD rotates the location of the Traffic Enforcement Unit quarterly, based upon complaints, so the

more people in your neighborhood that complain about speeders, the more likely it is your neighborhood will become a candidate for special enforcement.

## Community Office Hours

I will continue to hold community office hours twice a month out in the district. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with me one-on-one to ask questions or voice your concerns. Below are the dates, times and locations of these upcoming community office hours.

### First Wednesday of every month

8:30-9:30am

Almaden Community Center

6445 Camden Ave

San Jose 95120

### Third Wednesday of every month

5:30-7:00pm

Lime Tree Espresso

171 Branham Lane

San Jose 95136

## Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Wants Your Feedback

PRNS wants your feedback on recreational programming at Almaden Lake, please take a moment to fill out their survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B27TLVH>

## San Jose Youth Commissioner Opening

Our current District 10 Youth Commissioner will be graduating, which means there is an opening for the 2013-2014 school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to get involved and have a direct impact on city government. This is also a great way to earn community service hours and connect with students from other high schools around San Jose. If you know a high school student who may be interested in being a member of the San Jose Youth Commission, please contact Rayshelle for more details at [rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910.

## Silicon Valley Leadership Group is Hiring

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, a public policy trade organization, is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Executive Assistant to the President and CEO. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents more than 375 of Silicon Valley's most respected employers. Leadership Group members collectively provide one of every three private-sector jobs in the Silicon Valley. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group is a proactive member-driven organization engaged on issues impacting both the economic health and quality of life in the Silicon Valley region, including housing, transportation, the environment, energy, education, taxation and economic vitality. To apply for this position, please submit a cover letter and resume to

[resumes@svleadershipgroup.org](mailto:resumes@svleadershipgroup.org). No phone calls please.

## AARS is Hosting the 13 Annual Sister to Sister Leadership Conference

AARS is hosting its 18th annual SISTER to SISTER: Celebrating Asian & Pacific Islander Women of Tomorrow Leadership Conference on Thursday, May 9, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the San Jose Masonic Center. They are looking for youth participants and sponsors.

The conference is FREE for girls. If MGPTF members have girls at the following schools, transportation (via school bus) is available: Independence HS, Yerba Buena HS, James Lick HS, Andrew Hill HS, Evergreen Valley HS, Bridges Academy and Milpitas HS. If agencies have girls interested in attending, they can contact Razelle Buenavista for the permission slip packets.

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## Collection Day Lookup Now Includes Neighborhood Cleanup Dates

San José's online Collection Day Lookup now provides a convenient way for residents to find their neighborhood cleanup event date. By entering their street number and zip code into the online form at [www.sanjoseca.gov/lookup](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/lookup), residents can find their cleanup date, as well as garbage, recycling, and yard trimmings collection day, street sweeping schedule, and service provider contact information. Any resident who is unable to use the online tool may call the Customer Contact Center for assistance at (408) 535-3500. Cleanup events are scheduled once every three years, and notices will continue to be mailed in advance. They are popular with residents for disposing of rubbish, metal, construction debris, mattresses, tires, old appliances and other items that are not collected through the weekly residential garbage collection service. The Collection Day Lookup was created by the Environmental Services Department in partnership with Planning, Building and Code Enforcement and Information Technology. For more information, contact Allen Tai, Acting Environmental Services Program Manager, at 408-975-2544.

## Homebuyers Assistance Workshop

Join County Supervisor Dave Cortese and Councilmember Don Rocha as they host a Homebuyers Assistance Workshop. This event will feature opportunities that are available to low- and moderate-income homebuyers from the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County to assist in purchasing a home.

When: April 10, from 7pm-9pm

Where: Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Avenue, San Jose.

PLEASE REGISTER by calling  
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