



**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10**

District 10 May Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

Happy May! Last weekend, my family and I took advantage of the wonderful, warm weather and spent the weekend at Fish Camp. We had a fantastic time catching fish, learning more about San Jose Family Camp and enjoying the beauty of nearby Yosemite. I hope, with summer fast approaching, you and your families have the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and the great outdoors.

Speaking of the great outdoors, thank you to each of you who participated in The Great American Litter Pick-Up on April 20th. We had more than 150 volunteers around District 10 beautifying our community! From pulling weeds and clearing coyote brush from Guadalupe Oak Grove Park to planting trees with Our City Forest at Jeffrey Fontana Park, to picking up litter at Vista Park and the Hoffman-Via Monte Neighborhood, this year's Great American Litter Pick-Up was a huge success!





I appreciate the wonderful work of Our City Forest, who provided trees and helped with the tree plantings, the San Jose PRNS crew for providing tools and hauling away the brush, and Safeway, Starbucks, and McDonald's Restaurants for donating food and beverages for the event. Most of all, a big thank you to those of you who gave time on your Saturday morning to join us in cleaning up our neighborhoods and making District 10 such a wonderful place to call home!

**You're Invited to the
DISTRICT 10
COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING**

Tuesday, May 7th - 6:00pm

South Hills Community Church
6601 Camden Ave
San Jose, 95120

Learn more about the City of San José's budget process from Mayor Reed and Councilmember Khamis, and express your thoughts on budget priorities.

Agenda to include:

- Overview of the City's budget process
- Summary of the FY 2013-2014 Proposed Budget
- Potential effects on your neighborhood
- Direct community feedback

For more information, email the District 10 office at district10@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910



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If you've ever wanted to know more about the city's budget and ask questions of your elected officials in regard to San Jose's finances, you will soon have your chance. I invite you to come learn about the City Manager's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget proposal and share your thoughts on the proposed budget at the District 10 Community Budget Meeting to be held from 6 PM to 8 PM on Tuesday, May 7th at the South Hills Community Church (6601 Camden Ave, San Jose, 95120). A full schedule of Community Budget Meetings can be found by [clicking here](#). If you cannot attend the District 10 meeting, please be sure to drop by one of the other meetings happening throughout the city during May.

In my last newsletter I mentioned that the Homeless Bill of Rights and Fairness Act (AB5 - Ammiano) was proceeding through the State Legislature. The San Jose City Council has taken a unanimous "opposed" position on this bill. AB5 would have a devastating effect on our city's ability to effectively manage our shared community spaces, like parks and plazas, and it would impose new financial burdens on the city and hamper our ability to get people out of encampments and into the supportive services they may need. In late April, on a 7-2 vote, AB5 passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee and is on its way to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

While the Act claims to ensure basic human rights and freedom from discrimination for homeless individuals, it would allow the homeless to carry out activities in public places such as panhandling, sleeping and storing their personal property (the bill was amended to exclude a provision that would allow public urination). It would provide civil and criminal immunity from anyone offering food, services, or other assistance in public spaces to the homeless. The bill presents public health and safety concerns, would invalidate existing governmental regulations pertaining to trespassing and loitering, and would counter the efforts that the City is making in addressing homelessness and encampment concerns.

I encourage you to contact your Assemblymember to share your thoughts on AB5. The

legislature is hearing from plenty of so-called “homeless rights” activists – you can ensure they hear from our hard-working, taxpaying residents whose tax dollars fund homelessness programs. Find your California state representative here:

<http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>

Lastly, I have been hearing a lot of concern from citizens about possible pay increases for the Mayor and City Councilmembers. Let me assure you that I will not vote for any pay increase for the Mayor and City Councilmembers. We should not be increasing pay for the Mayor or Councilmembers until after city employees have received a raise.

Every two years, a Council Salary Setting Commission convenes and develops their recommendations for the pay and benefits of the Mayor and City Council. They then bring these recommendations to the City Council for public comment, discussion, and a vote. We anticipate that this year’s recommendations will be brought forward sometime in May. The Council Salary Setting Commission is composed of San Jose residents appointed by the City Council. Once the Commission makes its recommendations to the Council, the Council is then free to accept or reject their recommendations. In 2011, the Commission recommended cutting the pay of the Mayor and Councilmembers by 10% and reducing their vehicle allowance from \$600 per month to \$350 per month. The Council implemented these recommendations and also voted for Councilmember Constant’s proposal to stop offering a defined-benefit pension plan to Councilmembers. Any new Councilmember who started after 2011 was to instead participate in a 401(k)-style plan where he or she could set money aside for his or her own retirement. Since I took office in January of this year, I am included in this 401(k)-style plan.

I do not support a raise for the Mayor or City Council at this time. The money that would otherwise be spent on Mayor and Council pay should instead be used to bolster police staffing and repair crumbling roads. I did not ask for a 5% raise, and will be voting against the Council Salary Setting Commission’s recommendation to increase pay for the Mayor and City Council.

In closing, I’d like to remind you to send me a friend request on [Facebook](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#)! I am continually posting interesting articles, recent City- and District-related happenings, and photos from our latest events. You may also hear from my office on [Nextdoor.com](#), so be sure you sign up there, too. We are always updating our website with new information, so take a minute to browse the various sections by [clicking here](#). Continue reading below for more interesting and important information. If you have any questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to contact my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov or 408-535-4910.

Warm Regards,

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District 10 Community Safety Fair Survey

On April 7th, the District 10 Council Office partnered with the San Jose Police Foundation in presenting the First Annual District 10 Safety Fair. We would love to hear your feedback on what we did well and what we can improve. Please take a moment to fill out a quick survey about the event. To take the survey, [click here](#).

Jill Borne Named San Jose Director of Libraries

Jill Bourne has been named Director of Libraries for the City of San José by City Manager Debra Figone. The San José City Council ratified the appointment to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Jane Light in 2012.

Bourne comes from the San Francisco Public Library, where she has served as Deputy City Librarian since 2006. Known as a rising leader in the library community, she was named as a Library Journal "Mover and Shaker" in 2009 and a "Top Innovator" by the Urban Libraries Council in 2010. We welcome Jill to San Jose!

San Jose Beyond the Bell

A summer learning guide and online directory that allows parents to see the full range of educational resources that exist beyond their children's schools is being made available to parents, educators and service providers in the San Jose area thanks to SJ2020, the collaborative effort to eliminate the achievement gap in local schools by the year 2020. Loaded with more than 1,000 after-school and summer programs, Beyond the Bell also offers a summer learning guide with links to articles and events to help parents support learning outside of school. To preview the San Jose Beyond the Bell tool, please visit www.sanjosebeyondthebell.com

San Jose Summer Reading Celebration

San José Public Library presents its annual Summer Reading Celebration June 1-July 31. This year's reading celebration features more than 100 events for all ages that include live performances, activities and programs. Signing up for the reading celebration is quick, easy, free and rewarding. Books read or listened to from June 1 through July 31 will count toward program prizes. This year, all are invited to the library's systemwide kick off celebration at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on Sunday, June 2 from 1-4 p.m. The kickoff event invites people of all ages to participate in a scavenger hunt inside the King Library and will also feature a community resource fair and plenty of live entertainment. For more information, visit sjpl.org/summer or call (408) 808-2175.

San Jose Boards and Commissions Vacancies

San Jose is seeking applicants over the next four weeks for eight city commissions that help shape policy on a variety of subjects. Commissions with vacancies to fill include Airport, Arts, Historic Landmarks, Library and Early Education, Parks and Recreation, Youth, and Senior Citizens. Also needing applicants is a Council Appointment Advisory Commission that screens applicants for boards and commissions. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, May 17. Applicants must be San Jose residents and if appointed would serve terms of two to four years. Those interested can apply online for most of the commissions at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sjccCommApps>. More information is available from the City Clerk at (408) 535-1260 or at commissions@sanjoseca.gov.

San Jose Youth Commissioner Needed for District 10

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 José. If you know a high school student who may be interested in being a member of the San José Youth Commission, please contact Rayshelle for more details at

rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910. Or fill out the application by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sjccYouthApps>

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/PRNSAlmadenLakeParkSurvey2013>

Join County Supervisor, Dave Cortese, on a Trip to Sacramento

Call today to join Supervisor Dave Cortese on the bus to Sacramento May 29, 2013 from 6am to 6pm. Each year, he gathers together groups of people - educators, parents, community leaders, nonprofit leaders, students, and others - who are interested in education and bring them on a FREE bus trip to Sacramento to speak with our legislators about their concerns. Our legislators need to hear us say which educational priorities are important to us.

The bus trip will take place on May 29, 2013 from 6am to 6pm. The trip, including lunch, is FREE. To join Supervisor Cortese, simply e-mail your name, address, and cell phone number to Lara McCabe in his office at lara.mccabe@bos.sccgov.org. For more information on this trip, please visit his website at www.supervisorcortese.org or call 408-299-5030.

Traffic Signal Adjustments on Almaden Expressway and Highway 85

The County staff has received traffic complaints from the public for this intersection and has been monitoring traffic conditions this past week. Traffic signal timing adjustments for the weekend condition were made last weekend, with continued monitoring occurring this week. Weekday adjustments are likely to occur over the next week or two.

The Great Gatsby Party - Fundraiser for South Valley YMCA

The Silicon Valley Networking Group invites you to attend and sponsor a charitable event on Saturday, May 25th, not to be missed - The Great Gatsby Party! They hope to raise \$50,000 at the event. Partial proceeds of this event will benefit the South Valley YMCA after-school program and Silicon Valley Cares.

The South Valley YMCA after-school program is in desperate need of funding as many of the children's summer programs are at risk of being cut. Without the YMCA programs, many of the children in our communities will not have a place to go when parents go to work often at 2 to 3 jobs. Meal time is another challenge for these youngsters as there is often no adult at home to prepare wholesome meals; some children go hungry or end up with less than adequate nutrition.

Silicon Valley Cares is an organization of women whose mission is to find the greatest need for dollars within the Silicon Valley and provide donations to non-profit agencies and organizations that benefit children, teens, homelessness, as well as funding crisis situations within Santa Clara County. Please take a moment to review their website for further details on our organization and the upcoming fundraising event, The Great Gatsby! <http://thegreatgatsby.eventbrite.com/>

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