



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

January Newsletter - 6 Months in Review

Dear Neighbor,

It has long been a tradition to begin each New Year by looking at one's accomplishments of the past and to set goals for the year ahead. At my District 10 office we hold to this tradition by looking back each six months to review our successes and to set out for ourselves the goals we hope to achieve. Over the past six months, my District 10 staff, members of volunteer organizations within District 10, active residents, and City staff were busy working to improve our community in a number of ways. Here is a look back on what we accomplished by working together over the last half of 2014:

- Co-hosting, with the SJPD and Councilmembers Kalra and Rocha, the first STOP-IT identity theft prevention symposium
- Utilizing Community Service Officers instead of patrol officers to conduct background checks on police recruits
- Activating the South San Jose police substation as office location for the new Community Service Officers
- Hosting the first District 10 July 4th Fun Festival at Almaden Lake with an estimated 20,000 people in attendance
- Completing and unveiling the "Welcome to Almaden Valley" sign
- Reducing the cost of new, small home improvement projects
- Establishing a new small-project desk for one-stop approvals on small, conforming building projects
- Establishing a new Hoffman-Via Monte Residents Association

- Installing over 50 new ADA ramps (completed & in progress) at intersections throughout District 10
- Repainting of two sound walls on Santa Teresa
- Continuing the Guadalupe Oak Grove Park community clean-ups for weed and brush control
- The adopting of Parma Park by the Kiwanis Club of Almaden
- Budgeting of \$500,000 in City capital funds from Parks, Districts 6, 9, and 10 to complete the Guadalupe-Los Alamitos Trails Master Plan, for which the community meetings should soon begin
- Expanding the YMCA after-school program for Del Roble Elementary
- Paving for Blossom Hill road
- Funding allocated to Vistapark & Camden street rehabilitation and paving
- Improving of the pedestrian crossing at Choctaw
- Testing of pornography filters for the children's section at the Almaden Library
- Contracting with OpenGov.com to increase the City's financial transparency by allowing for the online release of City financial data
- Restoring the EcoPass to City employees to increase utilization of public transit by the City workforce
- Establishing pre-tax transit accounts for City employees so that they can set aside their own money, pre-tax, to use toward commuting expenses
- Presenting the annual fall Youth Job Fair at Westfield Oakridge Mall
- Including local representatives of the Sierra Club and other environmental advocates to advise on public and private projects to ensure maximum retention of native trees
- Letting small businesses in D10 know about new programs and opportunities provided by the City in order to help them be successful, including free coaching at King Library, Small Business Ignite, BusinessOwnerSpace
- Addressing and resolving hundreds of constituent issues and concerns

We have much to be proud of as a community yet, like any large City, there remain numerous challenges to meet and goals to accomplish. In the coming months, my team and I look forward to continuing to partner with the community for the well-being of District 10 and the entire City. My #1 priority in the coming year is working to restore police staffing and continuing to build awareness of crime prevention best practices amongst residents. I am continuing to connect residents with Crime Prevention so that they can educate themselves on what it takes to avoid becoming a target of crime and what to look for so that they can help prevent

crime in their neighborhoods and help the police be successful in this era of understaffing and constrained resources. I will be continuing my efforts in a number of other areas, as well, including:

- Identifying a security camera vendor to present informational sessions for neighborhoods on camera technology and best practices around security cameras
- Getting the Highway 85/Highway 87 area sound walls adopted by a group willing to combat graffiti
- Implementing a 48-hour turnaround requirement for cleaning up graffiti on private property
- Setting up a reward program for those who provide information that leads to the arrest of graffiti vandals and copper wire thieves
- Improving pedestrian safety and traffic flow around the new Martial Cottle Park, in cooperation with the County of Santa Clara
- Adding an express toll lane in each direction to Highway 85 between 101 and 280 while converting existing HOV lane to HOV/HOT (express toll) lane to ease commute times and improve traffic flow through the Silicon Valley
- Working with Supervisor Wasserman and County personnel to get trees added along Almaden Expressway
- Repainting/beautifying sound walls within District 10
- Connecting small businesses with the resources they need to grow and thrive within San Jose and encouraging new businesses to locate within our City
- Ensuring that the Senior Association and the City arrive at a mutually-agreeable Memorandum of Understanding so that they may continue to partner to deliver the excellent services our all-volunteer Senior Association supplies to residents within District 10
- Ensuring that the Library continues to move forward with a City-wide rollout of pornography monitoring technology for the children's areas in our libraries
- Reviving an employee suggestion reward program for City employees to drive positive changes that will improve services to residents and save taxpayer dollars
- Exploring ways to promote employee fitness and cut workplace injuries and workers compensation costs
- Hosting a District 10 Business Summit
- Presenting the second annual July 4th Fun Festival and Fireworks at Almaden Lake
- Hosting another successful Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk

If you would like to be involved with any of these initiatives or would like to share

your ideas with me, please visit me at my community office hours, email my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov, or give my office a call at 408-535-4910. I look forward to working with each of you in 2015 as we continue to strive to make San Jose the best that it can be!

NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

With the New Year and new mayor came several new committee and commission assignments for City Councilmembers. I appreciate Mayor Liccardo's having appointed me to a number of new committees and I am looking forward to taking on the responsibilities that come with these new assignments. Firstly, I will be chairing the Community and Economic Development Committee. As a strong proponent of growing our small business community, expanding existing businesses, and attracting new companies to San Jose that will provide our residents with good jobs, I am looking forward to working with my colleagues and City staff to ensure that job creators are encouraged and treated well.

Secondly, I will be serving on the Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee. Keeping our City safe, and making sure we are strong financially have been cornerstones of my service to you. I am excited to have been chosen to serve on a committee that works so closely with the SJPd and Fire Department on public safety issues and our skilled Finance team on fiscal issues. The committee also oversees the progress on initiatives in Information Technology (IT) and Human Resources (HR) that will make our City operate more efficiently and help our workforce succeed at providing great service to our residents.

Other assignments include the Rules Committee that sets the agenda for the City Council and the non-voting trustee position on both the Police and Fire Department Retirement Board and the Federated Employees Retirement Board. These are the two important policy-setting bodies that govern the operations of the City's pension funds. I will be serving as the liaison to the Senior Citizens Commission, the Deferred Compensation Advisory Board, and the Strategic Planning Advisory Board for Therapeutic Services. I will continue my service as liaison to the Civil Service Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission and as a board member on the state-mandated Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency (VTA).

It is looking to be a very busy year ahead!

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS TO DISTRICT 10

In my last newsletter, I mentioned that Victor Gomez from our office has become the Chief of Staff for newly-elected Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco. He has hit the ground running in his new position, and we wish him all the best. I am very happy to announce that joining us as a Council Assistant to take on many of Victor's responsibilities is Jose Salcido. Jose served in former Mayor Reed's office as his advisor on Public Safety and Neighborhood Outreach. He had extensive experience in public safety, having served as a Santa Clara County deputy sheriff since 1977 and as a Lieutenant since 2002. He also held positions as Assistant Division Commander over the Jails Administration Division, Watch Commander overseeing the Patrols Division, and as a past President of the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Santa Clara County, in addition to managing the Records Division. Jose will continue the great work Victor started in the Hoffman Via Monte neighborhood, and we are very excited to have him on board!

We are also welcoming Enrique Navarro-Donnellan as a part-time Council Assistant. Enrique has been interning in the office for quite some time, and previously interned for former Councilmember . He demonstrates a great understanding of what it takes to work in a professional government environment. He is a bright young man soon entering his last semester at San Jose State University where he will complete a Bachelor's degree majoring in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration. He is at the top of his class, is fluent in Russian, understands Spanish, and we are thrilled to have him on our team!

I wish you all a very happy 2015! I am looking forward to great things this year! If you have any questions or comments regarding what you've read in this newsletter, please feel free to contact me at 508-535-4910 or email my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov. You can also check out my [Facebook](#) page or follow me on [Twitter](#). Continue reading for more important announcements and upcoming events throughout District 10 and the City of San Jose.

Sincerely,

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District 10 Community Office Hours

We have made a slight change to our twice-a-month community office hours. I wanted to make sure I was accessible to you as possible, so rather than meeting in the evenings of the third Wednesday of every month, we will be meeting the second Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 11:30am. The location will remain the same, and our morning sessions will move forward unchanged. You can see the list of dates and times below. If you have any questions, call my office at 408-535-4910 or email us at district10@sanjoseca.gov.

First Wednesday of Every Month from 8:30am to 9:30am

Almaden Community Center
6445 Camden Ave
San Jose, CA 95120

February 4
March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3

Second Saturday of Every Month from 10:00am to 11:30am

City Espresso
630 Blossom Hill Road
San Jose, CA 95123

January 10
February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9
June 13

Online Reservations for San Jose's Family Camp at Yosemite is Open

Family Camp at Yosemite provides an all-inclusive camping experience where guests of all ages can fish, hike, swim, participate in organized programs, or just sit back, relax and take it easy. It's a great experience the whole family will enjoy, so join us this summer and reserve your tent today!

San Jose's Family Camp is located in the heart of the Sierras near Yosemite National Park, just east of Groveland, California. Family Camp is situated on 47 acres of leased land from the U.S. Forest Service. The Stanislaus National Forest and the middle fork of the Tuolumne River serve as the scenic backdrop to this mountain playground.

During the summer season, the camp provides three meals a day to campers, along with supervised recreational activities. Groups are welcome to rent out the camp during the pre- and post-seasons.

To register visit <http://familycampreservations.com/>
And for questions, please contact Camp staff at (408) 794-6208 or familycamp@sanjoseca.gov

Happy Hollow Foundation Presents An Intimate Evening with Jack Hanna

January 15th, 2015

7:00PM

Montgomery Theater

Jungle Jack Hanna explores the corners of the globe as one of the most respected animal ambassadors. His enthusiasm and "hands-on" approach to wildlife conservation has won him widespread acclaim as a conservationist, television personality, author and Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and the Wilds.

Recognized as America's favorite zookeeper, Jack has made countless television appearances on shows such as Good Morning America, CBS's The Talk, and The Late Show with David Letterman.

Happy Hollow connects people to nature through play by using your Zoo's creative

environment and it's connections with the Association of Zoos & Aquariums to lead initiatives and inspire a new generation. Happy Hollow has raised over \$120,000 for Gorilla protection in Virunga National Park in the last eight years. Together, we can have a huge collective impact on protecting wildlife.

To purchase tickets, [CLICK HERE!](#)

All proceeds benefit Happy Hollow Foundation's efforts in wildlife conservation. Happy Hollow Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 organization. Charitable contributions are tax deductible under IRS guidelines.

35th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon

The African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) - 35th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon committee is proud to announce our 2015 Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr., the First African American to walk in space.

Theme: DREAM

Save-the-Date: Monday, January 19, 2015 from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Where: San Jose Airport Garden Hotel, 1740 N 1st St, San Jose, CA 95112

For tickets, sponsorship packet, vendors application, souvenir booklet ads, and information, please visit: www.sjaacsa.org/mlkluncheon

Call (408) 292-3157 or E-mail: info@sjaacsa.org

Join Me for the Final Journey of The Freedom Train

Date: Monday, January 19, 2015

Time: Departure-9:45am Arrival-11:10am in San Francisco

Location: San Jose Diridon Station, 65 Cahill St., San Jose

Join us in honoring the life, legend, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Freedom Train will run nonstop from San Jose to San Francisco. The cost is \$10.00 per person, and the first person to purchase 30 Freedom Train Tickets will receive a 49ers Limited Edition #53 Navarro Bowman football. This item is valued at \$50.00. Only 500 were created. Purchase your tickets online at Brown Paper Tickets under 2015 Freedom Train, or send a check made payable to the MLK Association: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association P.O Box 4738 San Jose, CA 95150.

More information: www.scvmlk.org

Mentoring Outreach Meet Up and Celebration

You can learn about becoming a mentor at the annual Mentoring Outreach Meet Up and Celebration from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose. Representatives from a dozen organizations can tell you about making a difference in your community by connecting one-on-one with a child, teenager or young adult. The guest speaker will be Quron Reaves of Boldly Me. The free event is presented by the South Bay Mentoring Coalition and sponsored by the office of Supervisor Dave Cortese and Supervisor Cindy Chavez. Register at www.sccgov.org/mentoringconference.

Super Guadalupe River Run

Kick off Super Bowl Sunday on Feb. 1 in San Jose with the Super Guadalupe River Run! Don't fumble the opportunity to burn some calories. Whether you go long for 6.2 miles, run a 3.1 mile buttonhook, or tackle the kids' 1K quarterback sneak, you'll earn your guacamole on the Guadalupe. Proceeds benefit Guadalupe River Park Conservancy <http://tinyurl.com/mapv6zm>

Tree Amigos Volunteer Program from Our City Forest

INTRODUCTION: Be the ultimate friend of the urban forest! The Our City Forest (OCF) Tree Amigo volunteer program offers 20 hours of planting and tree care training. Graduates become certified to educate and cultivate urban forestry in Silicon Valley. This program kicks off in January 2015 and we ask for a tax-deductible \$20 donation to cover course materials.

WHAT: San José tree-planting organization Our City Forest (OCF) invites community members to join a 4 week course designed to educate and empower individuals to become successful advocates of the urban forest and to utilize Our City Forest as vehicle for regular and active service in the San Jose community. Learn how to coach & lead volunteers, properly plant a tree, how to maintain and care for planted trees, how a community tree nursery operates, how to identify the common trees of San Jose, and how to educate others about Urban Forestry.

PROGRAM INFO: Tree Amigos are the heart and soul of Our City Forest. OCF has trained a corps of more than 300 "Tree Amigo" volunteers. Participants in the program are expected to volunteer at ten events within a year where they will plant trees, conduct tree-planting demonstrations, propagate seedlings, graft, maintain trees, present to youth, coach general volunteers, and much more. Tree Amigos are also invited to OCF community gatherings and social events. No prior experience is necessary!

COURSE SCHEDULE: Starting January 21st, 2015 the course will consist of:

- Four (4) classroom sessions on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 8:00 pm at the

San Jose Rose Garden Branch Library (1580 Naglee Ave., San Jose, Ca 95126)

• Four (4) field sessions on Saturdays from 9 am – 12 pm at various locations in San José.

2015 Classes and Dates

1/21 Our City Forest & Volunteerism

1/24 Tree Care & Maintenance

1/28 Caring for YOUR Urban Forest

1/31 Tree Nursery Workday

2/4 Becoming a Project Leader

2/7 Tree Planting

2/11 Teach, Engage, Excite

2/14 Tree Tour

2/21 Graduation

*Class content and titles subject to change.

CONTACT: RSVP is required. Contact 408.998.7337 x123 or email treamigoclass@ourcityforest.org to sign up.

SCC GOV 101 Academy

Applications are now available for the annual SCC GOV 101 ACADEMY, a 10-week program to provide Santa Clara County residents a comprehensive overview of County government, its role and responsibilities, as well as the programs and services offered by the County. The application deadline is January 15. The 2015 academy will hold its first session on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. The 40 seats will be distributed across the county. Eight will be available in each of the five Supervisorial Districts. Most sessions will occur on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. One half-day session will take place on a Saturday. A graduation ceremony will be held at the end of the academy during a Tuesday morning Board of Supervisors meeting.

Week One: Know Your County

Week Two: All About Taxes

Week Three: Keeping the Community Safe

Week Four: Justice at Work

Week Five: Supporting the Community

Week Six: Protecting the Environment and Consumers

Week Seven: Healthy Communities

Week Eight: 24/7 Community Service

Week Nine: Enhancing Community Life

Week Ten: Get Involved

Academy Graduation

Learn more and apply online here:

<http://www.sccgov.org/sites/opa/programs/Pages/sccgovacademy.aspx>

Planning Commission Vacancy

About the Commission: The Planning Commission is a quasi-judicial commission established under Section 1000 of Article X of the San José City Charter. The commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on all matters relating to the future physical development of the City with respect to land use and development zoning and subdivision regulations, and the City's Capital Improvement Programs. In addition, the Planning Commission acts as an appellate body on certain Planning Director decisions and certifies Environmental Impact Reports.

For more information regarding the Planning Commission, please contact the Commission staff at (408) 535-7811 or (408) 294-9337 (TTY).

Applicant Qualifications: In order to be considered for appointment to the City of San Jose Planning Commission, applicants must meet the following three criteria:

- (1) Citizen of the United States for at least one year preceding appointment and remain so throughout their incumbency;
- (2) Resident of the City of San José for one year preceding appointment and remain so throughout their incumbency; and
- (3) Be a registered voter in the City of San José at the time of appointment.

Applications may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, Wing Building, 2nd Floor, San Jose, CA 95113, or you may apply online at: <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=330>. Applications are due no later than Friday, January 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

For questions regarding the application process, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1260 or e-mail at commissions@sanjoseca.gov.

Appointment Process: All qualified applications received by the deadline will be submitted to the Mayor and Council Members who, in turn, will notify the City Clerk as to whom they would.

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