



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS  
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10

## District 10 Mid-January Newsletter

Dear Ray,

The New Year has brought its fair share of changes here at City Hall. As mentioned in my previous newsletter, my Deputy Chief of Staff, Victor Gomez, is now the Chief of Staff for the new District 5 Councilmember, Magdalena Carrasco. We also have some new faces on the D10 team: Jose Salcido, from former Mayor Chuck Reed's Office, and long-time D10 intern, Enrique Navarro-Donnellan.

With the transition in personnel, there has been some shuffling of responsibilities, as well. Following is a brief guide to the D10 staff and their areas of focus:

**Rayshelle Edmunds** – Transportation and streets, VTA, environment, senior services, youth, education, newsletter, social media, media relations, special events.

**Jose Salcido** – Public safety, crime prevention, Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, and homeless issues.

**Denelle Fedor** – Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, land use, housing, small business relations, and economic development.

**Michele Dexter** – Parks and Recreation, non-profits and faith community, grant requests, special events, government transparency.

**Enrique Navarro-Donnellan** – Grants, special event requests, special events.

**Shane Patrick Connolly** – Chief of Staff – Budget, fiscal reform, government reform, retirement boards of trustees, media and public relations, Council and Rules Committee agendas.

Each of the members of the D10 team is ready and willing to assist you with any

request, including meeting scheduling requests, so do not hesitate to contact my office with your questions, comments, or concerns. Call us at 408-535-4910 or email us at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov).

### **COUNCIL STUDIES SAN JOSE'S RECORD BUDGET DEFICITS, FISCAL REFORMS, AND EFFORTS TO RESTORE SERVICES**

For a great primer on the challenges the City faces as we struggle to restore services to the levels that our residents expect, [please tune in to the City Council Study Session held this past Tuesday](#). It is very important for the members of the City Council, as well as residents, to understand how our City budget was stabilized in the past six years and the challenges that we face that continue to restrain the City's ability to restore services to acceptable levels.

In the presentation, [City staff provides a great overview of the strategies developed](#), with extensive public input, to deal with the record budget deficits that had to be closed from the 2002-2003 fiscal year through the 2011-2012 fiscal year. These strategies included service cuts, headcount reductions, pay cuts, revenue increases, outsourcing, and more. The staff also present the history of the growth in pension costs from a General Fund expense of \$46 million in 2000-2001 fiscal year to \$235 million in the current fiscal year.

The staff presentation contains much more information, as well:

- The long-term challenges we face in expanding our tax base to produce more revenue, per-capita, to support the services our residents expect.
- The billions of dollars in unfunded retirement liabilities that still exist which, at \$3.375 billion dollars, representing a tab of \$3,375.00 for every man, woman, and child in San Jose (slide 14 of presentation).
- Over 25% of our 2,400 miles of streets rated as "Poor" in condition and we have a \$440 million street maintenance backlog that is growing by about \$80 million a year (with the exception of the current year when, at my request - and with the support of the former Mayor and my colleagues on the City Council - we have invested an additional \$19 million in one-time funds in pavement maintenance).
- The difficulties the City could face if we were to encounter another major economic downturn.

Finally, I requested an updated on the City's lease revenue bonds - the type of financing used for things like the Hayes Mansion and City golf courses – which staff also provided during the presentation. It is important to keep an eye on these because the City's general fund must make up for any shortfall in revenues that do not cover the bond payments for these projects.

I appreciate the hard work that City staff put into preparing the study session presentations and look forward to continuing to collaborate with my colleagues on the City Council to strengthen the City's finances. It is critical that we prudently prepare for the future so that we can withstand inevitable downturns in the economy while we restore and improve the services you expect from your City.

### **IMPORTANT BUSINESS TAX NOTICE FOR SOLE PROPRIETORS**

Businesses that are exempt from paying the City's Business Tax under Chapter 4.76 of the San Jose Municipal Code are not required to pay the Business Tax Exemption Processing Fee prior to the issuance of a Business Tax Certificate.

However, in order to continue to qualify for the exemption and receive a new Business Tax Certificate, existing exempt businesses need to re-apply annually for the exemption by submitting an online form, which can be found at:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/FormCenter/Finance-24/Business-Tax-Exemption-Renewal-Form-190>

If your business was exempt as a Low Revenue Generating Business (Financial Hardship), you will need to provide the required financial data as reported on your most recent Federal Income Tax Form 1040 (Line 12, Business Income or Loss) and Schedule C, Profit or Loss from Business (Line 1, Gross Receipts or Sales, and Line 31, Net Profit or Loss) or Schedule C-EZ, Net Profit from Business (Line 1, Gross Receipts and Line 3, Net Profit). If your business was exempt based on any other exemption category, you will need to check the applicable exemption category box and submit your form electronically.

A new Business Tax certificate will be sent to your address listed on the Business Tax Exemption Renewal Form within 30 days following your submittal and verification of eligibility. Additional information is available at [www.csjfinance.org](http://www.csjfinance.org) or in-person at the Customer Service Center on the first floor of San Jose City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, or by calling (408) 535-7055. You may also contact Denelle Fedor in my office at 408-535-4993 or by email at [denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov).

Please note that your Business Tax Account Number should be included on all forms.

### **SMALL BUSINESS UPDATE**

Within the past year Pho La, located at 6055 Snell Avenue at the corner of Snell and Santa Teresa, opened in the Nob Hill shopping center. Pho (pronounced "fuh") is a delicious, traditional Vietnamese noodle soup served with a meat of your choosing, or without meat if you prefer, along with a side of fresh herbs and other fixings to add to your dish. This dish is popular for any time of the day.

Next to Pho La is Sam's Donuts, owned and managed by Sam and Helen, located at 6047 Snell. Their donuts and other pastries are made fresh each day. Sam and Helen are known for their generosity and their store is open 365 days a year!

### **WESTFIELD OAKRIDGE WINTER WALK AND SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR**

Mark your calendar for the 8th Annual Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, February 27th and will be held at Westfield Oakridge Mall in the Macy's courtyard. We are looking forward to hosting several new vendors in addition to everyone's favorites from previous years. We will also have great prizes for our free door prize drawing! If you'd like more information please contact Michele at [Michele.dexter@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Michele.dexter@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910. We hope to see you there!

### **DISTRICT 10 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS**

I have made a slight change to our twice-a-month community office hours. To be sure that I am as accessible to you as possible, rather than meeting in the evenings of the third Wednesday of each month, we will be meeting the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The location, City Espresso, will remain the same, and our Wednesday morning sessions at the Almaden Community Center will remain 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](mailto: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

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](mailto: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,

Johnny

**Lam Research "Heart & Soles 5K" – Saturday, February 7th, 2015**

Use your soles for salad bars! The Lam Research "Heart & Soles 5K" is a family fun run/walk supporting healthier school lunches by raising funds to place salad bars in Silicon Valley K-12 schools.

Salad bars in K-12 schools encourage healthy eating habits, help reduce obesity and promote overall health that will make kids better learners. In 2014 the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and partners funded 56 salad bars in 53 schools serving 36,000 students. The goal for 2015 is to donate 60 salad bars and help more students have access to better nutrition.

Heart & Soles 5K invites you, your family, and friends to participate on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 at Hellyer County Park in San Jose. Heart & Soles features a 5K starting at 9 am and a Kids Fun Run (ages 2-7) at 10:30 am.

Visit [heartandsoles5k.com](http://heartandsoles5k.com) to learn more about the Heart & Soles initiative and register today.

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2015

Time: 9 am; Kids Fun Run at 10:30 am

Place: Hellyer County Park, 985 Hellyer Avenue, San Jose, CA

## 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](mailto:familycamp@sanjoseca.gov)

## Ethics Commission Vacancy

APPLICATIONS are being accepted for the Ethics Commission. The San José Ethics Commission (Commission) monitors compliance with all campaign and ethics ordinances in the San José Municipal Code. The Commission reviews and investigates allegations of violations of the Code and makes recommendations for enforcement action where appropriate. The Commission also makes recommendations to the Council with regard to campaign and ethics regulations

and policies. The Commission is charged under Chapter 12.04 of the San José Municipal Code to investigate complaints alleging violations of Title 12 of the San José Municipal Code and take enforcement action. Formal regulations are adopted by the City Council to ensure that all interested parties are apprised of and understand the procedures by which a fair hearing will be conducted.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The Clerk's Office is recruiting for up to three positions on the San José Ethics Commission to fill four-year terms ending March 1, 2019. Applicants must be registered voters in the City of San José and, if appointed, must remain so throughout the term of office. While serving on the Commission, no member can hold any other public office nor publicly endorse any candidate for City office or engage in any political or campaign activity on behalf of any candidate for City office. Further, no member can participate as a candidate in any election to public office for a period of one year before and after tenure on the Commission.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS:** All applications received by the deadline will be submitted to the Mayor and Councilmembers who will notify the City Clerk as to whom they would like to interview. Applicants receiving four or more such indications of interest will be notified and asked to appear during a regular or special Council Meeting to be interviewed by the Mayor and Council. Applicants must receive a two-thirds vote of Council (8 votes) to be appointed to serve on the Commission. The tentative date scheduled for interviews is on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m., on WEDNESDAY, January 14, 2015.

Apply online at: <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=330>

For questions or to request a paper application, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1260 or via e-mail at [commissions@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:commissions@sanjoseca.gov).

## Cash for College Workshops

High school seniors, parents, and guardians in Senate District 15 are invited to several "Cash for College Workshops" that I am co-sponsoring with the California Student Opportunity and Access Program. The free workshops will arm high school seniors who plan to attend college with essential information about applying for student financial aid, such as Cal Grants (March 2 deadline) or the Middle Class Scholarships (June 30 deadline).

The workshops are intended to assist in filling out applications; it is not an assurance of a grant or scholarship.

Workshops are scheduled for:

Thursday, Feb.5; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Pioneer High School

Thursday, Feb. 5; 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Homestead High School

Tuesday, Feb.10; 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Leland High School

Wednesday, Feb.11; 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Willow Glen High School

Representatives from the California Student Opportunity and Access Program will be on hand to answer questions, and guide students and parents through the application process.

To expedite completion of student financial aid applications, it is recommended that parents and students bring any of the following applicable items:

- Student's Social Security card and driver license or government-issued identification.
- Parent or guardian's Social Security card.
- If not a U.S. citizen, bring alien registration card; if you do not have an alien registration card, visit [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov) to learn if you qualify for California Dream Act financial aid.
- Parent's Federal Income Tax return, current W-2 forms or other records of income.
- Records of untaxed income such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, veterans, or Social Security benefits.
- Student's W-2 forms, pay records or other records of income earned.
- Bank account records or bank statements.
- Records of stocks, bonds or investments.
- Business and farm records.
- A list of the colleges you are applying to.

## **Update on Almaden Expressway from the County Roads Department**

February 12, 2015, 6:30pm  
Almaden Community Center,  
6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose

The City of San Jose and County of Santa Clara are hosting a special community meeting to provide a planning update for Almaden Expressway. Community members and expressway users from San Jose, neighboring cities, and the unincorporated areas are invited.

For more information, or to provide comments on the Expressway Plan 2040, please contact us at [RDAExpresswayPlan2040@rda.sccgov.org](mailto:RDAExpresswayPlan2040@rda.sccgov.org) or call (408) 573-2417

## **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](http://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>

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