



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

District 10 February Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

Many of our District 10 neighbors have recently fallen victim to the rash of burglaries that have afflicted our neighborhoods. You may even be one of these victims. This is a situation that I do not take lightly. Having been the victim of a home burglary – while we were upstairs at home - I am very familiar with the unsettling emotions that come from having your home, your supposed safe haven, in an instant, become so vulnerable.

Concern, frustration, and anger were all at the forefront of my mind when my home was hit, and they continue to be as I hear about the many families affected by these insolent criminals. Your neighborhood is my neighborhood. Just like you, I made my home in District 10 with my wife and young sons because it has great schools and a reputation as a beautiful, clean, and safe place. Seeing those values being trampled on by hoodlums out to take advantage and make a quick buck on the backs of hardworking people only increases my concern and frustration. By banding together as a community and channeling those raw emotions into knowledge and diligence in looking out for one another, we can reverse this unfortunate trend and once again have peace of mind.

As your Councilmember, I have an additional responsibility to you to ensure the City is doing all it can to help. Please know I am doing everything in my power to get more resources to District 10. I requested of Police Chief Esquivel and of our Interim City Manager, Norberto Duenas, to whom he reports, whatever assistance they can provide to our residents. The Chief has dispatched some burglary suppression units in our area, as well as TABS cars, and I have called for additional units. I have also asked the City Manager to work with our Chief and police union leaders to allow us to contract with the CHP to provide routine traffic enforcement efforts so that our SJPD officers can remain focused on other serious tasks, such as solving this rash of burglaries.

Other efforts I am undertaking include making security camera and alarm technology classes available to you and working with a member of the community and the SJPD to host a ***Community Safety Meeting at Bret Harte Middle School on February 11th at 6:30 PM.***

In an effort to educate our District 10 residents about factual crime statistics and crime prevention techniques, my office, the San Jose Police Department, and District 10 resident Suzy Chang have organized this Community Safety Meeting. Neighbors will have the opportunity to ask questions of their Southern Division Police Officers, Crime Prevention Specialists, Mayor Sam Liccardo, and me. Suzy's hard work on this event is much appreciated and I thank her for partnering with my office and the SJPD to make sure this event goes well. In order to make the most of the time we have on the 11th, Suzy is collecting questions from residents ahead of time for the panel discussion. You may submit your public safety questions to Suzy at 4almaden@gmail.com, and if you have any other questions regarding the event, feel free to contact my office at 408-535-4910 or email district10@sanjoseca.gov. My staff has posted event information on Nextdoor.com and I have it on my Facebook page, as well.

Of course, the police cannot do their job without your help, so fighting crime in our community must be a unified effort! I am encouraged when I attend Neighborhood Watch meetings around the district – several of which I have attended recently - to see residents ready to become more vigilant and support our police department in providing them the information they need to help put a stop to the burglaries.

I am also encouraged by the number of residents who have reached out to me to come up with creative and constructive ways in which we can work together to restore the peace and serenity of our neighborhoods. Many of our neighbors have also gone to work to organize their own streets and taken other steps to improve safety. As we have since my election two years ago, my staff and I have safety at the forefront of our priorities ways to ensure the continued safety of District 10. To learn more about all of my efforts in supporting our Police Department and boosting public safety, [click here](#).

It is important to know that despite our best efforts, some factors are beyond the control of your City leaders, including the release of thousands of prisoners as a result of Prop 47's passage, together with the state's prison realignment program and voter-approved changes to the three strikes law. In fact, property crimes are up in many areas of the state, even in very wealthy areas. Regardless, we must focus on doing what we can to prevent crime in our own neighborhoods and communities.

I look forward to seeing many of you on February 11th. I think we will all come away with valuable tools that we can put into practice in making our neighborhoods safer. Please be assured that my staff and I are doing what we can to make sure District 10 remains beautiful, clean, and safe. If you would like to learn more about crime prevention, please visit the [SJPD website and become familiar with the many tools available to you](#). You can also visit my new website for information on [how to set up a Neighborhood Watch meeting on your street!](#)

ARE WE SEEING THE EFFECTS OF PROP 47, REALIGNMENT, AND THREE STRIKES REFORM?

This past year the voters passed Proposition 47, which some law enforcement professionals claim is directly related to the increase in property crimes. [Here is a link to information regarding Prop 47.](#)

Since the implementation of Proposition 47, 535 inmates have been released out of jail in our County, alone. I am sure it will take years to determine if this new policy change will save taxpayers money, but in the meantime we are left to wait and see if drug treatment, rehabilitative programs, and job training programs positively affect the recidivism rate, or if many return to the behaviors, such as property crime, that landed them in jail in the first place.

The State's prison Realignment began to take effect earlier than Proposition 47 and was instituted in response to a directive from the Federal courts to California to reduce overcrowding in State prisons. Lower-level offenders were released back to County jails which, in turn, put pressure on County jail populations. The end result was often the release of non-violent offenders back onto the streets. [Here is a link to the preliminary research undertaken on Realignment.](#) You may read more about Realignment in the following [articles from the LA Times which has been following the topic.](#)

Finally, shortly following the implementation of Realignment, California's voters approved Proposition 36, reforms to the Three Strikes Law, which resulted in the resentencing and release of over 1,000 inmates from California's prisons. Although one very preliminary report issued by proponents of the reforms recorded very low recidivism, it was measured after only six months beyond release, so more research will need to be completed to know the true outcome. [This preliminary report is available here.](#)

Regardless of the circumstances we find ourselves in by what some might characterize as "soft on crime" changes in California law in the past few years, it behooves us to become prepared for the uptick in property crimes we have been experiencing.

NEW DISTRICT 10 WEBSITE

Now that my staff and I have 2 years under our belts, and the learning curve isn't quite so steep, we continue to look for new ways to serve you better. We want to be sure we are meeting your needs, and to disseminate information to you as efficiently and simply as possible. For several months now, we have been working on a brand new District 10 website! We hope you find it to be a valuable resource to connect you with the City of San Jose and to learn about [upcoming events](#), [recent Council items](#), [important phone numbers](#), [helpful safety tips](#), and much, much more! [To explore the new site click here!!](#)

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! For more information please contact Michele at michele.dexter@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4910. We hope to see you there!

VTA SENIOR & DISABLED PRIORITY SEATING

On September 30, 2014, I received a letter from the Senior Citizens Commission expressing the desire to have VTA immediately launch an educational campaign promoting priority seating for seniors and the disabled. Since then, the campaign has launched, and on Thursday, January 22nd, VTA staff provided the Transit, Planning, and Operations Committee a verbal report on the progress of that campaign.

As a VTA Board member representing the City of San José, and a committee member for VTA's Transit Planning and Operations Committee, I requested that staff also present their report before the entire Board of Directors to discuss this very important topic. On Thursday, February 5th, 2015 at the VTA Board of Directors meeting, an informational item will be heard regarding the educational campaign for Senior and Disabled Priority Seating on VTA buses and light rail. I know this has been a very important topic for our senior community and I want to make sure all those interested have the opportunity to address the Board and speak on the item.

VTA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 5th, 2015 at 5:30PM
70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110

The meeting date and/or time can change so please follow the link below for updates. The agenda is available at the link below.

<http://www.vta.org/get-involved/board-of-directors>

If you have any questions, please contact Rayshelle Edmunds on my staff at (408) 535-4982 or rayshelle.edmunds@sanjoseca.gov.

SMALL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Have you bought coffee at City Espresso or Marianne's ice cream at Sweet Rendezvous? Both of these neighborhood businesses are in the Sunrise Plaza (630 Blossom Hill Road) right at the corner of Cahalan and Blossom Hill Road—the same plaza in which Outback Steakhouse is located.

Sweet Rendezvous (408-225-5004--sweetrendezvous.net) is owned by B.J. and Shah Fardi. Sweet Rendezvous serves Marianne's ice cream in a variety of flavors and their waffle cones are homemade. In addition to ice cream, Sweet Rendezvous has gift items for sale.

Ray, the owner at City Espresso (408-972-4500), has great coffee drinks, freshly made food items, and a clean and cozy area to sit and enjoy your purchase alone or with friends. I also have my community office hours at City Espresso. Please see my newsletter calendar for dates and times.

I hope to see you at City Espresso and Sweet Rendezvous!

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, remains the same, and our Wednesday morning sessions at the Almaden Community Center 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.

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

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 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

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. 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 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

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.

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 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 or call (408) 573-2417

SENIOR COMMISSION VACANCY

About the Commission: The Senior Citizens Commission studies, reviews, evaluates and makes recommendations to the City Council on any matters affecting seniors in the City of San Jose, including health, education, employment, housing transportation and recreation.

The Senior Commission meets quarterly on the second Thursday of March, June, September and December during the day, at 1:30 p.m. In addition, Commissioners are assigned to a standing sub-committee that meets quarterly during the day. Senior Commissioners are assigned as liaisons to Senior Centers as well as other San Jose Boards and Commissions. Occasionally, they are expected to attend

meetings of the City Council, Rules and Open Government, and other Council Committees to represent the Commission.

For more information regarding the Senior Commission, please contact the Commission staff at (408) 535-3570.

Applicant Qualifications: Members should have knowledge in the field of aging and have available time due to the number of meetings, subcommittees, and research needed for full participation. Commissioners may spend as much as 10-20 hours a month fulfilling their assigned duties, preparing for and attending meetings, and in contact with Seniors.

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, February 27, 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: Applications are submitted to the Councilmember representing the district in which the vacancy exists and they shall nominate one applicant to the Commission. Names of those individuals chosen through the nomination process will be submitted to the City Council for formal appointment.

ARENA AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCIES

The San Jose Arena Authority is seeking volunteer candidates to submit their resumes for four upcoming vacancies on the Arena Authority Board of Directors. The San Jose Arena Authority Board of Directors convenes monthly to identify and address issues relating to the management and operation of SAP Center at San Jose (home of the San Jose Sharks); Sharks Ice at San Jose (San Jose Sharks training facility and public ice rinks); and San Jose Municipal Stadium (home of the San Jose Giants). The Arena Authority Board is seeking interested candidates with knowledge in contract management, accounting, and experience with community-based nonprofit organizations. The Arena Authority invites candidates who are willing to attend and actively participate at the Authority's monthly Board meeting and a number of committee meetings. This is an engaged, hands-on organization looking to fill four volunteer Board positions that will be vacated on July 1st due to three Board members terming out and one Board member's resignation due to a work-related relocation.

The upcoming vacancies include three At Large positions and one San Jose Downtown Association representative position. All four Board positions have voting powers and are eligible to serve two full four-year terms. Please be advised that all individuals appointed to the Arena Authority Board of Directors are required to complete a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Form 700 can be found on the following web site: California Fair Political Practices Commission – Form

700.

If you know of any individuals who are interested in serving on the Arena Authority Board of

Directors, please have them submit a resume along with three professional references to the following:

board@sjaa.com

Or mail information to:

Chris Morrisey

Executive Director

San Jose Arena Authority

P. O. Box 90207

San Jose, CA 95109-3207

The submittal deadline is March 31, 2015. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 408-977-4783 or at morrisey@sjaa.com.

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