



**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS
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District 10 March Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

A wonderful time was had by those who attended the 8th Annual Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk and Senior Resource Fair! This continues to be one of the highlight events I look forward to each year. Thank you to our generous sponsors, Kaiser Permanente, Star One Credit Union, Skylawn Memorial Park, and Carlton Senior Living, for supporting this fantastic event! I also thank the 54 vendors who provided valuable information to our senior community about everything from safety to hobbies to financial planning. A big thanks, as well, goes to Rich McCoy who makes our event fun and lively by contributing his own time, music, and equipment, to Rich Saito from the Association of Retired Police Officers & Fire Fighters, and to all of the other amazing volunteers!

We were fortunate to have co-hosts and fellow Councilmembers Ash Kalra and Don Rocha in attendance, as well as Supervisor Mike Wasserman, Assemblymember Mark Stone, Mayor Sam Liccardo, former Councilmember Nancy Pyle, Independent Police Auditor Judge Ladoris Cordell, and representatives from Senator Jim Beall's office. Now, I would be remiss if I did not thank the people who were key in making this event a success - Michele Dexter from my office and other staff members from my office and those from Districts 2 and 9. They worked for months to put this event together, and I am very proud of their work! Thank you to all who attended! I am looking forward to another fabulous event next year!



WELCOME CAPTAIN ED SCHRODER

The Southern Division of the San Jose Police Department (SJPD) was recently assigned to a new police commander – newly-promoted police captain, Ed Schroder. I am pleased to welcome Captain Schroder to District 10 and I look forward to partnering with him to address the public safety concerns facing our neighborhoods. Captain Schroder and I will be meeting two times a month in locations throughout the district, to discuss your public safety concerns. If you see us out and about, please feel free to stop and say hello!

Captain Schroder is a 22 year veteran of the San Jose Police Department. His most recent assignment before becoming Southern Division Commander, was as the day watch commander. Captain Schroder also has experience working Patrol, Narcotics, Metro Unit, Vice investigations, Division of Gaming Control, Internal Affairs Unit, High-Technology Crimes Unit, Training Division, Personnel Unit, and Special Investigations. We look forward to having his experience and knowledge here in District 10!

We thank Captain Shawny Williams for his service in the Southern Division, and congratulate him on his promotion to Deputy Chief. We wish him the best in his new post!

DISTRICT 10 – PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

As I am sure all of you are aware, last month, on February 11, Mayor Sam Liccardo, SJPD representatives, and I addressed a standing-room-only crowd at Bret Harte Middle School regarding the recent spike in home burglaries in the area. It was a productive meeting, and I am thrilled to say that the results of that meeting are already being felt!

As of yesterday, 7 people have been arrested in connection to many of the burglaries that have taken place in District 10. We are very appreciative of the SJPD for their great work in apprehending these criminals. In addition, we are grateful to the vigilant neighbors who provided the SJPD with detailed information regarding the burglars! The SJPD's proactive approach of dispatching increased patrols and implementing truancy abatement in the area combined with residents' increased vigilance, have been paying off.

Although we are making progress, we are not out of the woods yet. We still have much to do to ensure that our community experiences a return to the peace to which it is accustomed. For this reason, my office is currently working with our State elected officials to set up a Community Safety Meeting to discuss how changes in state law and rehabilitation efforts are affecting the crime rates in our area. We are partnering with our representatives in the state senate and the state assembly to put this meeting together. More details will be distributed as soon as they are available.

In addition to my monthly meetings with San Jose Police Chief Larry Esquivel, I have set up semi-monthly meetings with Southern Division Commander Captain Ed Schroder to continue the conversation about how best to keep District 10 safe. My staff has also created a helpful Safety Resources page on my new website. [Check it out here!](#) As always, I cannot stress enough the importance of getting to know your neighbors! You are each other's eyes and ears on the block. Please look out for one

another, protect each other, and stand united in making your street crime free. Please contact my office to learn more about how you can start an official Neighborhood Watch program in your area.

Working together is the way we improve the safety of our neighborhoods!

STATE OF THE CITY

Please see the following announcement from Mayor Sam Liccardo's office regarding the upcoming State of the City Address:

"The State of the City will be held Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. at Independence High School in East San José. The Mayor's 2015 State of the City Address will outline key initiatives, budget priorities, and opportunities for residents to get engaged to make San José a safer, smarter city.

"In my inaugural address, I committed to working with residents to reimagine San José. We can reinvent the State of the City and make it easier for everyone from students to seniors to attend," said Mayor Liccardo. "As a first step, we're moving the event to the East Side to the largest high school in San Jose and holding it on a Saturday."

The event will be open to the public and include a Resource Fair with information about city services and city employment.

"You won't need a coat and tie to come to the new State of the City, and you don't need to be a political insider," Mayor Liccardo said. "We are going to celebrate San Jose's distinctive identity: our diversity, openness, and innovation."

"I am thrilled that the Mayor is bringing the State of the City to District 5—and to my alma mater," said Councilmember Carrasco, a graduate of Independence High School and former board member of the East Side Union High School District. "We're ready to work together to reimagine San José and showcase the East Side to the entire city."

The San José City Council boasts four Councilmembers who attended East Side high schools, and they all expressed pride that the district would be hosting State of the City.

"Too often we've heard that residents and families can't attend State of the City because it's on a school night, or on a weekday morning when they need to get to work," said Councilmember Rose Herrera, District 8 (East San Jose/Evergreen), an Overfelt High School alum. "A Saturday event, at a high school, will be welcoming and accessible."

This is the first time in decades that the State of the City wasn't held at a formal venue Downtown.

"If we're going to solve some of the tough problems facing San Jose, we're going to need to build stronger bonds between our schools and the city," said Councilmember Donald Rocha, District 9 (Cambrian) who previously served on the Cambrian School Board. "Holding our most significant civic celebration at a school sends a strong message that we value and want to nurture these partnerships."

At the State of the City Celebration, each Councilmember honors an outstanding resident or community organization from their District, and the City honors outstanding employees or employee teams.

"I am looking forward to honoring our community leaders and outstanding employees in the community at a place and time that is open and welcoming to all," said Councilmember Ash Kalra, District 2 (South San Jose/Blossom Valley), a graduate of Oak Grove High School.

Fellow Oak Grove alum, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, District 10 (Almaden Valley/Santa Teresa) agreed, saying, "It's important for the City Council to connect with residents in the community rather than always making the community come to City Hall."

[To register for the event, click here.](#)

GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK UP

It is that time of year again - time to put on your gloves and grab your pick up sticks, because the Great American Litter Pick Up is just around the corner! On Saturday, April 25, from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, my office will be organizing litter pick up and beautification projects all around District 10! This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and help beautify your neighborhood while meeting your neighbors, and a great opportunity for students looking for community service hours!

Each year we have increased our number of volunteers, and we are hoping for record-breaking numbers of volunteers on April 25! With staging areas all around District 10, we have made it convenient for almost every neighborhood to find a spot to volunteer that is near their home and directly affects their community. Stay tuned for further details regarding the staging site nearest you!

In order to make this event a success, we need your help! This entire event depends on volunteers from our community. Breakfast snacks, coffee, and lunch will be provided for all who come out, and volunteer service hours will be given to high school students who need them. If you have any questions, or you would like to join the team, please contact Rayshelle with the staging site for which you are interested in volunteering. Rayshelle can be reached at rayshelle.edmunds@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4982. I hope to see you on April 25!

BUSINESS BOOM IN SAN JOSE

Beijing to Silicon Valley Service Nonstop -- Hainan Airlines Flights begin June 15

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I'm pleased to share that Hainan Airlines will launch nonstop service between Beijing, China, and Mineta San José International Airport (SJC). The new service, to begin June 15, 2015, was announced in February by Mayor Sam Liccardo and Hainan Executive Director - USA Joel Chusid at a news conference at SJC. Hainan flights can be booked through all travel agents, travel websites, online at www.hainanairlines.com or through the airline call center at 1-888-688-8813. Hainan will operate five flights per week on modern Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft. This will be first-ever nonstop service between SJC and China, marking Hainan's entry into the Bay Area market through the convenient SJC gateway. According to City studies, the flight's economic impact for the San José region is estimated at \$105 million annually.

Vander-Bend Consolidates in San Jose

With its 500 employees scattered in numerous Silicon Valley buildings and growing fast, contract manufacturer Vander-Bend recently brought its team under one roof at 2701 Orchard Parkway in San José, leasing 200,000 square feet from LBA Realty.

The transaction represents the largest lease on “Renovation Row” in North San José, taking up 10 percent of the vacant space in the area and providing the firm with future flexibility for growth. “We’re delighted to welcome Vander-Bend and its 500 manufacturing jobs to our Renovation Row,” said Mayor Liccardo. “Bringing manufacturing back to the U.S. is vital to our long-term economic development, job growth, and prosperity, and it supports our region’s intense commitment to innovation.”

M Lounge Snags Premier Downtown Corner

M Lounge, an Asian fusion restaurant and bar, joins more than 200 restaurants, bars and cafes in Downtown San José by moving into a prime corner location at 98 North Second Street at East San Fernando Street. M Lounge, which offers fine dining and represents the Madhuban Brand, takes over the space once occupied by P.F. Chang’s.

“We picked Downtown because the face of San José is changing. There’s a lot more highly educated residents, workers and visitors here,” said Ashwini Kumar, the owner of M Lounge. “There’s a hunger for fine dining and high-end restaurants, and we want to fill that gap.”

The concept for this location is more South Asian fusion with a blend of Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai and Indian cuisine.

“We see this as a destination restaurant,” said Kuman. “We received tremendous support from the City of San José as we got ready to open, and we’re excited to be here.”

In addition to the three businesses mentioned above, I have recently attended several other ground-breaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies throughout San Jose. As a proponent of bringing business to our City, it has been exciting to see such growth in the recent weeks! I look forward to continued business successes in our great city!

VIA VALIENTE SHOPPING CENTER UPDATE

We continually get questions regarding the Via Valiente Shopping Center in Almaden. It has been a difficult issue to address because it is private property and the City’s authority is limited. With that said, I have sent the owner several leads for potential tenants to take over the large “grocery store” type space, and referred someone to the owner who was interested in buying the property. I will continue to send them leads as they arise. I am happy to report that a daycare center slated to go into another vacant unit shortly and hope that Via Valiente can one day become a thriving shopping center again.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS VACANCIES

City boards and commissions were established for the purpose of advising the City Council and providing ongoing input into policies and issues affecting the future of the San José community. This is a wonderful way to get involved by representing your community on a city-wide level! There are several openings on many of the commissions. Please visit this link to see all of the vacancies and to learn more about the application process; <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=337>

All persons seeking membership on a board or commission must be San José residents and some commissions have additional membership requirements. If you have any questions, feel free to contact my office at district10@sanjoseca.gov or call

408-535-4910.

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 the new District 10 website at sjd10.com, take a look at 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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San José Public Library Foundation Now Accepting Vehicle Donations

SJPLF has teamed up with Car Donations Services, Inc. to provide you with the easiest way possible to donate your car, truck, boat, RV or motorcycle whether it is running or not! And, it is tax deductible! Car Donations Services has been helping local charities since 1990 and will take care of every aspect of your car donation, allowing you peace of mind that the transaction will be completed efficiently and properly.

CDS uses multiple methods to sell the vehicles, so your vehicle will sell for more which means more money for us and a larger tax deduction for you! CDS is a licensed Commercial Fundraiser as recognized by the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts. For or more information contact Car Donation Services.

Call 1-888-686-4483 to donate directly. Get rid of that unneeded vehicle and receive a tax deduction! It's easy! Be sure to designate San José Public Library Foundation as your charity of choice to receive your generous car donation.

Online Reservations for FISH CAMP at San Jose's Family Camp are open!

Fish Camp is the first rite of spring at San Jose Family Camp. Saturday, April 25th, morning starts the opening weekend of the stream-fishing season in California.

- Enjoy a weekend in the Sierras
- Stocked river running through camp
- Cost includes tent cabin and four meals
- Fishing license required if older than 16.
- Camp weekend dates are April 24th - 26th

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 US Forest Service. The Stanislaus National Forest and the middle fork of the Tuolumne River serve as the scenic backdrop to this mountain playground.

Register at www.familycampreservations.com

More Fish Camp information at www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/39303 or call (408) 794-6208

QUIT SMOKING TODAY! Fulfill Your Resolve to Quit with Breathe California

This year, take the first step towards living healthier and breathing easier - quit smoking! Breathe California is proud to be hosting its Ash Kickers Quit-Smoking Classes this September to help Good Samaritan Hospital employees kick the habit. Led by a trained facilitator, the class offers smokers the resources and strategies to quit and stay quit. The sessions also provide a comfortable group atmosphere that facilitates a natural support network for each participant. We'll help you every step of the way as you work to become smoke-free. You're not the only one trying to quit and you don't have to do it alone! Sign up today!

March 18 to April 15th, 2015
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Additional meeting on Friday, April 3rd
Good Samaritan Hospital
Radiation Oncology
15400 National Avenue Suite 100
Los Gatos, CA 95032

For more information on these or other upcoming classes in Santa Clara County, visit www.lungsrus.org or contact Janet Ghanem at (408) 998-5865, janet@lungsrus.org.

WOW! That's Engineering

SAT. MARCH 14, 2015
8:30 am to 3:30 pm
San Jose State Univ.

Come and learn about the world of engineering in this exciting program that features professional women engineers, university professors, and students as role models!

WOW! That's Engineering! is an award winning SWE-SCV program that gives high school girls (grades 9-12) the opportunity to tour the college of engineering, participate in round table discussions with professional women engineers, and gain advice from panel of university students. Women engineers and university students present interactive workshops with unique engineering topics to inspire creativity and educate on challenges in design, construction, and execution.

WOW! That's Engineering! also includes a parent track that allows parents to hear from women engineers and university professors on helping their daughter succeed at the university. The track includes university information, a parent panel, and other workshops aimed at educating parents on challenges and ways of aiding their daughter

in math and science.

WOW! [That's Engineering Registration is now open for students and parents](#). If you are interested in volunteering at the event, [please sign up online](#). If anyone is able to sponsor the event or donate raffle items, [email our VP of Outreach, Puja](#).

The Regional Wastewater Facility is Hiring!

Explore a career at the San José -Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility

- Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m.: State of the City, Independence High School, San José

- Wednesday, May 6, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Career Exploration Day with Evergreen Valley College, City of San Jose, Rotunda

Please visit the San José -Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility web page for job postings: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=2258>

Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

When: Tuesday, March 10, from 6:15-8:00p.m.

Where: Sobrato Center for Nonprofits, 1400 Parkmoor Ave, San Jose

Child Advocates of Silicon Valley recruits, trains and supports volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to work one on one with foster children, providing critical emotional and educational support, ensuring that each child's needs are met and their voice heard while navigating the court dependency system.

Becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Santa Clara County is a truly gratifying and impactful volunteer experience. Children who have a CASA receive more services (medical, dental, academic etc.) and are less likely to reenter the system than those who do not have a CASA.

For more information about Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, visit:

www.bemyadvocate.org

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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