



Dear Community Member,

On May 5th, over 100 community members joined Mayor Chuck Reed, City Manager Debra Figone and me at the District 10 Community Budget Meeting to hear about the 2011-2012 Proposed City Operating Budget. I would like to thank all of you who took time out of your busy schedules to attend the meeting and offer your feedback.

We have known for some time now that the City will have to make some difficult choices to close its General Fund shortfall. Much of our discussion as a City has been about reducing employee compensation and pension benefits. Because of the magnitude of the \$115 million 2011-2012 budget shortfall, however, even if each of our bargaining units agrees to a 10% reduction in total compensation (saving the City approximately \$40 million in the General Fund), we still face substantial and unprecedented service reductions to close the remaining \$75 million gap.

As this is the City's tenth consecutive year of deficits and budget cuts, the impact that this year's cuts will have on City services – and our residents – will be significant.

Below is just a partial list of the funding cuts recommended in the 2011-2012 Proposed City Operating Budget:

Libraries/Community Centers

- Reduced Almaden and Vineland Library hours from 4.5 to 3 days per week
- Reduced hours and staffing at the Almaden Community Center
- Potential closure of the Hoffman-Via Monte Community Center

Parks

- Elimination of dedicated Park Ranger staff at Almaden Lake
- Elimination of dedicated Park Ranger staff throughout the City's trail system
- Reduced landscape maintenance/watering at parks
- Reduced funding for youth anti-gang programs
- Outsourcing of the anti-graffiti program

Public Safety

- Elimination of 195 sworn police positions (or up to 351 sworn positions if wage concessions are not agreed upon)
- Elimination of 64 sworn firefighter positions



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- Elimination of the Police School Liaison Program
- Reduced School Crossing Guard Program
- Delayed opening of the South San Jose Police Substation

I understand how important these programs are to you and how painful it is to see their budgets cut. These cuts are difficult for me, too. The Mayor and City Council will spend the next six weeks discussing the 2011-2012 Proposed City Operating Budget and making sure that our concerns about these cuts are addressed.

On a positive note, there are ways to help the programs you care about. Last year, when the City's general fund deficit threatened to close Almaden Lake Park for the summer, you and I worked together to raise the money necessary to keep the park open. We stepped up and made these contributions because we recognized that the swim program was important to us as a community. Our fundraising effort became a model program for the Parks Trust Fund and allowed swimmers of all ages to continue to enjoy Almaden Lake Park.

We can use that same collaborative spirit to help fund other City programs. The organizations listed below raise much-needed funds for the City's libraries, community centers, and parks, among other programs. Your donation can be used to provide general assistance, or you can specify how your gift should be used (for example, to Almaden Community Center, or the Almaden Lake Park Swim Program).

San Jose Public Library Foundation: The San Jose Public Library Foundation is a nonprofit organization that is committed to maintaining the San Jose public library system. To donate, visit <http://www.sjplf.org/contribute.html>.

The Friends of the Almaden Library: The Friends of the Almaden Library supports the Almaden Branch Library by raising funds for special programs and materials as needed by the librarians. Membership information and details about their book sales are online at <http://www.almadenfriends.org/>.

The Friends of the Vineland Branch Library: Support for the Vineland Branch Library is provided by the Friends of the Vineland Branch Library. For more information, contact vinelandfriends@gmail.com.

San Jose Parks Foundation: San Jose Parks Foundation is a nonprofit organization established to preserve and improve City parks and trails. The Parks foundation also raises money for Community Centers, the Park Rangers Program, and other Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department programs. To donate, [click here](#).

Safe Summer Initiative: The Safe Summer Initiative is a program designed to combat gang activity by keeping San José youth active, busy, and off the streets during the summer months. You can support the Safe Summer Initiative through the San Jose Parks Foundation: http://sanjoseparks.org/safe_summer_initiative.

Christmas in the Park: Christmas in the Park has been a San Jose tradition for over 20 years. To make a donation to help preserve this one-of-a-kind holiday event, visit <http://www.christmasinthepark.com/main.html>.

San Jose Police Foundation: Members of the San Jose Police Department's Canine Unit purchase their own specially bred and trained dogs. The San José Police Foundation helps support the Canine Unit by providing funds for items such as canine bullet resistant vests and canine trauma kits. To contribute, visit

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Support the
Safe Summer Initiative



<http://www.sanjosepolicefoundation.net/canineunit.htm>.

Friends of the San Jose Mounted Unit: The goal of the Friends of the San Jose Mounted Unit is to raise the money necessary to pay for the cost of the San Jose Police Department's Mounted Unit, also known as the "Ambassadors of Goodwill." To make a donation, visit <http://sjmu.org/donate.php>.

PAWS 4 SJACS: PAWS for SJACS (Pet Awareness Welfare Society) works closely with San José Animal Care & Services to help provide adoptable, homeless animals with non-routine medical care. To donate, visit <http://www.paws4sjacs.org/about-us/who-we-are/>.

There are also opportunities to support City services by volunteering your time:

Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Trail: Adopt-A-Park (AAP) and Adopt-A-Trail (AAT) are citywide volunteer programs that recruit and train residents to assist in the general care and maintenance of neighborhood parks, trails, and other parkland on City property. For more information, visit <http://www.sjadoptapark.org/>.

Adopt-A-Street: Adopt-A-Street is a program that provides businesses, organizations, neighborhood associations and individuals the opportunity to partner with the City to make the community a better and more beautiful place by selecting an area along a street right-of-way to beautify and maintain. Visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation/adopt-a-street.asp> for more information.

Anti-Graffiti Program (AGP) & Anti-Litter: To pick up your free Anti-Graffiti Tool Kit or to Volunteer to clean up graffiti call, (408) 277-3208, email antigrffiti@sanjoseca.gov or visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/antigrffiti/>.

A list of additional volunteer opportunities is available at www.volunteersanjose.org/.

There are also many outside organizations that could use your support. In addition to cuts to City programs, the 2011-2012 Proposed City Operating Budget also calls for a 30% reduction in funding available to cultural organizations. Organizations that receive City funding include:

- [San Jose Reparatory Theatre](#)
- [Children's Discovery Museum](#)
- [Tech Museum of Innovation](#)
- [San Jose Museum of Art](#)
- [Ballet San Jose](#)
- [San Jose Youth Symphony](#)
- [San Jose Stage Company](#)
- [History San Jose](#)

These lists are by no means exhaustive. There are many organizations that provide valuable services to our community, and many ways that you can help the programs you care about. But I would encourage you to act. If there is a program that is important to you, please consider donating your time or resources to help keep it going.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pyle
District 10 Councilmember



City Calendar:

City Council Meetings

Tuesday, May 17th; 1:30pm and 7:00pm
Tuesday, May 24th; 1:30pm
Tuesday, May 31st—no council meeting
Tuesday, June 7th; 1:30pm
Tuesday, June 14th; 1:30pm and 7:00pm
City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara Street, City Council Chambers
www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp

Community Calendar:

Hoffman Via Monte Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th; 6:30pm
Neighborhood Center, 1180 Blossom Hill Road

Playa Del Rey Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th; 6:30pm
Pearl Library, 4270 Pearl Avenue

National River Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 21st; 9am to Noon
Be part of the solution to creek pollution!
www.cleanacreek.org
408-265-2607 x2739

Mega Blocks Garage Sale

Saturday, May 21st; 8am to 4pm
Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association is hosting a Mega Blocks Garage Sale. Contact Manny Barrera at mannyb_5569@yahoo.com for more information.

Early Care and Education Committee Meeting

Monday, May 23rd; 7:00pm
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library; 150 E. San Fernando Street
www.sjpl.org/ecec

VEP Community Meeting

Tuesday, May 24th; 7:30pm
Vista Park Community Room; 475 Hyde Park Drive
www.vepca.net

Almaden Lake Park Swim Program Opens

Saturday, May 28th (Memorial Day Weekend)
Open water lake swim access Saturdays and Sundays May 28 through June 19. From June 22 to August 14 the lake will be open from Wednesdays through Sunday. Then back to Saturdays and Sundays from August 20 to September 5.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 1st; 5:30pm
Location: TBD
www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/sjcommissions/parks/default.asp

Arts Calendar –
fun things to do around town!



Diane Keaton—Unique Lives and Experience Series

Monday, May 16
San Jose Center for the Performing Arts
[Click here for details](#)



Love in American Times Now – June 5
San Jose Repertory Theatre
[Click here for details](#)



Chamber Orchestra Concert
May 20

San Jose Youth Symphony
at the SCU Recital Hall
[Click here for details](#)

South First Friday

Friday, June 3rd; 7:00pm

South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets

www.southfirstfridays.com/

Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting

Monday, June 13th; 7:00pm

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue

www.avca-sj.org

Safety Tip

The favorite point of entry into your residence is the patio door. Add an extra security device such as a length of doweling placed in the door track.

Did you know?

San Jose/Silicon Valley is #1 in the national for venture capital investors and investments, with more than 500 venture capital and private equity firms.

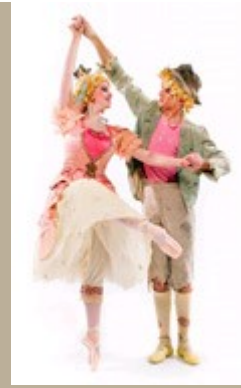
Emergency Preparedness Tip

Make sure to include food in your emergency earthquake kit. People with diabetes, heart disease, or other health problems should consult their physicians for advice about the food for their kits. The healthy general public should select foods like crackers, peanut butter, granola bars, dried fruit, and single serving cans of juice. Plan on four light meals per day. Avoid high sugar foods like candy and soft drinks, as they make you very thirsty.

Quote

"All great achievements require time"

-Maya Angelou



Silly Simon

May 28 – 29

San Jose Ballet at The California Theatre

[Click here for details](#)



San Jose Stage

Avenue Q

June 1 – 3

[Click here for details](#)