



Office of Councilmember Nora Campos District Five- East San Jose



OCTOBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

Affordable Housing Development in District Five Continues Flourish

On September 26, I issued a memorandum in support of a new affordable housing development in our district. The McCreery project will add 46 extremely low-income (ELI) and 46 very low-income (VLI) rental units to the City of San José's affordable housing stock.

I am proud to say that on September 30, due to my being on maternity leave, my colleague Councilmember Nancy Pyle made the motion at the City Council meeting to approve my memo and the project. This item passed on a 9-1 vote and the City agreed to commit \$7.9 million to this project located near the Tierra Encantada and Las Mariposas housing developments.



I am proud to note that, while construction throughout the city has generally slowed due to the current economic downturn, much-needed development is still taking place in Council District Five. After a great deal of input from the Mayfair Neighborhood Action Coalition, this affordable housing project proposal was modified to achieve deeper affordability rates than originally sought by the developer and the Housing Department.

The McCreery development supports our efforts to make this Alum Rock Neighborhood a mixed-income, walkable community. The Alum Rock Avenue transit corridor is the project site of the BRT (bus rapid transit) line and a future LRT (light rail transit) line and also features the Alum Rock Business District.

11th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence



Please join me for the 11th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence on Friday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. at San José City Hall. Domestic violence affects each and every one of us. It is important that we put a stop to domestic violence by educating and bringing awareness to our communities. This year's Walk will feature guest speakers Brian Copeland (author, radio talk show host, comedian and playwright) and his sister, Tracie Stafford (small business owner, Governor's Appointee and a survivor of domestic violence).

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the City Manager's office at (408) 535-8100 or my office at (408) 535-4905.

What lies ahead for the Community Action and Pride (CAP) Grant Program?

Come have a cup of coffee with your neighbors and participate in a conversation about an important grant program for San José neighborhoods. Let's talk about challenges we faced this year and how to build on the lessons learned from our previous funding cycles.



Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Capitol Park Community Center, 800 Peter Pan Avenue, San José, CA 95116

Please RSVP by calling or emailing the Neighborhood Development Center at (408) 723-4114 or ndc@sanjoseca.gov.

To request an accommodation or alternative format for City-sponsored meetings, events or printed materials, please call the Neighborhood Development Center at (408) 723-4114 or 408-294-9337 (TTY).

Safe from the Start: Halloween Glow-Necklace Give-Away

Safe from the Start is an organization that reaches out to children in need. Each Halloween, Safe from the Start organizes a glow-necklace give-away aimed at keeping our children safe while they are trick-or-treating. Community members are encouraged to participate in this event by coming to one of the distribution locations (to be posted on my website at www.sanjoseca.gov/district5) and picking up a yard sign and tubes of glow-necklaces to hand out to children in their neighborhoods. These necklaces increase the visibility of our young people and decrease the number of pedestrian accidents that occur on Halloween. I encourage you to be part of this great effort. Safe from the Start is a 501 (c) 3 that also addresses issues of malnutrition and literacy in underserved populations.



For more information, please contact my office at district5@sanjoseca.gov or visit www.sanjoseca.gov/district5.

Update: Mayfair Community Center



I am excited to share with you that the Mayfair Community Center will soon open to the public. The center is expected to be completed in December 2008, with programs and services beginning January 2009. It was not too long ago that I was joined by the Mayfair NAC and other community members to talk about the vision for this community center. In May 2007, we had the groundbreaking ceremony for the center and we anticipate having the ribbon-cutting ceremony in January 2009.

At a cost of over \$20 million, the new Mayfair Community Center is four-times larger than the original facility and will feature community meeting rooms, recreation/activity rooms and classrooms. In addition, the adjacent park will be redesigned to include a new community swimming pool, spray park and skate park. Given that they new center is much larger than the previous center, the city will be able to provide many more programs and services for adults and youth.

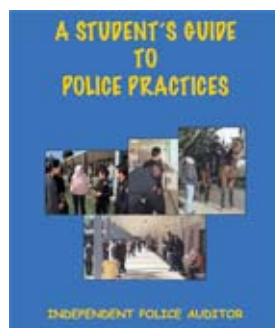
If you would like more information about the Mayfair Community Center, please contact Ed Solis, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services at (408) 251-5757 or Javier Gonzalez in my office at (408) 535-4905.

Student's Guide to Police Practices

A Student's Guide to Police Practices is a booklet that was written with young people in mind. It explains basic police practices, important legal issues, and laws that affect young people in San José. New sections discuss issues like gang violence, hate crimes, internet safety, and dating abuse.

The guide contains suggestions on what to do (and NOT do) if stopped by a police officer. There is also advice on how to avoid being victimized by crime. Valuable services are described in the resource section. The guide may be downloaded in English, Spanish, or Vietnamese at www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA.

Please call the Independent Police Auditor's office at (408) 794-6226 to get a printed copy or a version on CD.



12th Annual Haunt the Hollow

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo and History San José Presents

12th Annual Haunt the Hollow!

Sunday, October 26, 2008
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

History Park (Kelly Park)
1650 Senter Road



\$5 person admission includes trick-or-treating, trolley car rides, an animal show and the Spinning Frisbee Dog Show!



For more information call (408) 277-4193 or visit www.hhpz.org.