
City of San José Neighborhoods Commission ~ Council Liaison Report

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Legislative Updates

County Housing Task Force Declares Homelessness a Crisis

In early October, the Santa Clara County Housing Task Force unanimously passed a [resolution](#) declaring the problem of homelessness to be a crisis, and calling on cities within the County to pursue several specific strategies to fund affordable housing. The resolution was drafted by Councilmember Rocha, who was appointed by Mayor Liccardo to represent the City of San Jose on the Task Force.

Grant for Rehabilitation of Vermont House to House Homeless Veterans

The Council voted on November 10, 2015 to renovate a dilapidated apartment building on Vermont Street. This building will house 16 homelessness veterans.

Increase of Fines Related to Illegal Dumping

Challenges of illegal dumping have increased significantly in our neighborhoods; 50% increase in incidences and 75% in amount of illegal dumping in the last 3 years. The Council voted on November 10, 2015 to amend City ordinance regarding illegal dumping and related citations. Staff was directed to build an interactive reporting tool on the City of San Jose website, and develop an educational campaign to inform residents about the need to reduce illegal dumping. Resolution N. 77570 was adopted, amending the Administrative Citation Schedule of Fines to add new fines for illegal dumping.

Priority Setting

Under the process, City Council Priority Setting sessions are held twice yearly. The next session is scheduled to take place December 8th. The last chance for Council memos to be heard at Rules for consideration at the City Council Priority Setting Session was today, November 18th.

Upcoming Neighborhood Events

District 5 East San Jose Beautification Day

When: Saturday, November 21, 2015, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: Multiple Locations: Robert Sanders Elementary, Cassel & Hillview (Hank Lopez Center), Plata Arroyo Park, Arbuckle Elementary, Capitol Park, Alum Rock Corridor, Mayfair Community Center

Details: Hosted by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco and State Senator Jim Beall. For more information, call 408-535-4905 or email district5@sanjoseca.gov.

District 7 Seven Trees Neighborhood Clean Up

When: Saturday, November 21, 2015. 8:00 AM – 11:30AM

Where: Seven Trees Community Center & Library

Details: Hosted by Councilmember Tam Nguyen, San Jose Public Library, and Seven Trees Neighborhood Association. <http://tinyurl.com/q7qlk8l>

Free Downtown Health Fair

When: Friday, November 20, 2015, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Where: St. Joseph Cathedral, 80 S. Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113

What: Free community health fair offering free flu shots, haircuts, winter clothing, screenings (glucose, cholesterol, dental, and more), free lunch, and more. Contact Lara McCabe at 408-200-5030 or lara.maccabe@bos.sccgov.org.

District 8 Fall Public Safety Fair/Forum

When: Monday, November 23, 2015, Public Safety Fair 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Crime Prevention Meeting 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Where: Evergreen Community Center, 4860 San Felipe Road, San Jose, CA 95135

Details: Hosted by Vice Mayor Rose Herrera. Free community event. For more information, call 408-535-4908 or email dulce.bermudez@sanjoseca.gov.