

Councilmember

*Magdalena Carrasco*

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East San José



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## **East San José Newsletter**

### **September**

### **2015**



Dear Neighbor,

Please join me from September 15th to October 15th in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month is an important time in the United States, when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the U.S and celebrate the group's heritage and culture. September 15th was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico, Chile, and Belize celebrate their independence days on September

16th, September 18th , and September 21st, respectively.

Hispanic Heritage Month also celebrates the long and important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in North America. Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. We celebrate notable Hispanic leaders and role models such as: Carlos Juan Finlay, a 20th century Cuban scientist and pioneer researcher in yellow fever; Mario Molina, born in Mexico and awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1995; Carlos Slim, nicknamed the "Warren Buffett of Mexico" and a business magnate and philanthropist; Diego Armando Maradona Franco, the Argentinian soccer star; U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor; and our very own International Playwright Luis Valdez. They, along with countless others, such as Jaime Escalante, Octavio Paz, Carlos Fuentes, and Jose Orozco have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect

the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their community. For these reasons, I am proud to represent the City of San José's largest Hispanic district within our City.

## MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

On September 16th we raised the Mexican Flag at City Hall. The Mexican Flag Raising Ceremony was a beautiful event with great speakers, art, music, and food.

We were happy to see a large turnout with myself, Councilmember Peralez, and Vice-Mayo Herrera giving the historical context of Mexican Independence Day. The Mexican Consul General Carlos Ponce gave a speech about the connections of San José and Mexico. The Overfelt High School JROTC Color Guard first raised the American Flag while we listened to the U.S. National Anthem sung by Darcie Green then the Mexican flag was raised with Mariachi Azteca playing the Mexican National Anthem. A reception was held after with food catered by Mezcal Restaurant.

September 16 is the anniversary of *El Grito de Dolores*, when Father Miguel Hidalgo made a speech calling his parishioners to join him in taking up arms against the tyranny of Spanish rule. This call to action was also a demand for humane treatment, economic parity, self-reliance, and social justice. While we only officially celebrate this independence day once a year, we should remember to honor the commitment and sacrifices of *el pueblo*, the people through our daily actions as we seek social justice for our families, our communities, and our children and greater economic prosperity for all our residents, foreign and U.S.-born. Let us always remember those who came before us and who lead the way so courageously.



## Update on VTA's Santa Clara Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Project

I'm happy to be sharing some positive news with the community regarding VTA's Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.

VTA recently announced that it is restructuring the delivery of the project along Santa Clara Avenue, Alum Rock Ave., Capitol Avenue, and Capitol Expressway in San José. The complexity and unknown conditions in this area raised safety concerns which ultimately led VTA to halt all construction activities in the field in July.

VTA and its general contractor, Goodfellow Top Grade Construction (GTGC), have agreed that it is in the best interests of the project and of the public's safety for VTA to explore

alternative delivery methods for bringing BRT to this corridor.

As part of the restructuring, VTA and GTGC have entered into an agreement that allows VTA to continue work on key portions of the project while also repackaging the remaining work for a new bid process. VTA believes that this restructuring will ultimately provide the best results for all of our stakeholders.

VTA plans to install the station shelters near the SAP Arena, on Santa Clara Street near 17th Street and 24th Street, and along Capitol Expressway at Alum Rock Avenue, Story Road, and Ocala Road later this fall and early winter.

In Spring 2016, VTA plans to begin work on two other construction contracts for the downtown BRT stops and the Alum Rock Avenue bus lanes and roadway reconstruction after completion of the bid processes. VTA anticipates the work to be completed by early 2017.

Citizens and businesses along Alum Rock Avenue and Santa Clara Street are invited to a VTA public meeting to receive more information and to answer questions. The meeting is on **Thursday, September 24th between 6 -7:30 p.m.** (formal presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.)

Please plan to attend the VTA public meeting for more information and stay tuned here for more updates. If you have questions regarding the Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Project, contact VTA at 408.321.7575 or visit the project website at [www.vta.org/scar-brt](http://www.vta.org/scar-brt).

I would like to thank the community for their patience with the project delays due to the safety shutdown. I am pleased that VTA found a way to continue this important project while preserving community safety as it's number one priority.



**STOP THE VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN!**

I want to thank our community for coming out on August 29th for our "Walk for Peace" to end violence in our neighborhoods. We had over 100 residents, nonprofit providers, educational leaders, faith leaders, city staff, and San José Police Officers in attendance, ready to commit to end the violence on our streets.

I have said this once and I will say this again: I cannot do this alone. I need you to commit to one of the following:

1. Sign up for a Neighborhood Watch ([Click Here](#))
2. Commit to or organize a weekly walk of your neighborhood.
3. Start or join your neighborhood association. (We will help)
4. Request an anti-gang presentation for your students and/or families ([Email Omar Torres](#))
5. Share our logo & message on social media: **#stveastsanjose**  
**#eastsanjosematters #endviolence2015**

Again, ending violence in our community must be a top priority for all of us. Let's work together for a safer San José!

If you have any questions about our "Stop the Violence campaign", please contact my staff at 408-535-4905 or email us at [District5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District5@sanjoseca.gov).



Warm regards/*Cordial saludo,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Magdalena Carrasco".

**Councilmember/Consejal Magdalena Carrasco**

City of San José, Eastside

## **East San José Families at Yosemite Family Camp**

On Labor Day weekend my office took 5 charter buses full of low income families to San José Yosemite Family Camp. For most of these families this was their first visit to Yosemite National Park.

We hiked, spent the afternoon swimming, archery, and played soccer & football. The joy on the kids' faces was indescribable!

Though the trip was just two days, those two days were spent enjoying each others company rather than the worries of work and bills. The trip served as a much needed break to all of the hard working San José families. It was also a great chance to reconnect with nature in a world that feels dominated by social media and video games. In all, parents were able to take a break from the pressures of work, while the kids were able to remember that all they need to have fun is one another.

We hope to do this again next year with a new group of San José families!



## Successful Capitol/Goss Beautification Day

Last month, my office hosted a Dumpster Day for the Capitol/Goss Neighborhood Association. Residents began cleaning the neighborhood very early in the morning and had nearly 50 volunteers loading the bins and picking up litter! Latinos United for a New America (LUNA), East San Jose/Evergreen Rotary volunteers, and neighbors from other communities also helped beautify this active neighborhood.

The volunteers were able to haul away over six dumpsters of couches, mattresses, and other illegally dumped debris. These extra dumpster days would not have been possible if it were not for the leadership of my City Council colleagues. I was able to secure funding for these types of events by encouraging my fellow City Council colleagues that we are in dire need of additional beautification resources in East San José and throughout the City.

Thank you to everyone who made this day a success, and we shall see you at the next beautification day



## Moratorium on Mobile Home Conversions

This month the City Council tackled Mobile Home Park conversions. With one mobile home park conversion pending and others possible, the Council placed a six-month hold on all conversions of mobile home parks. The hold was due in part to development agencies targeting mobile home parks as potential land for new developments. The mobile home park off Santa Row, Winchester Mobile Home Park, is the current project considered for conversion.



Because we recognize that mobile homes are some of the City's largest sources of affordable housing and can act as a stepping stone for new home owners, the Council decided to place a hold on all conversions to allow the City's Housing Department time to further investigate the ramifications, both to mobile home owners and mobile park land owners, of a conversion. The six-month timeline will allow more room for data gathering and conversations with the impacted parties while balancing the need to continue forward momentum for further development.

We will continue to fight for home owners' security and prosperity. Follow up information will be available as we move forward.

## National Women's Equality Day

August 26th is National Women's Equality Day. This date marks the anniversary of women's suffrage with the passage of the 19th Amendment back in 1920. The importance of women being involved politically is more critical today than ever before. Currently there are only two women on the San José City Council, so we should continue to encourage women to get involved politically. There is a real danger that I may be the ONLY woman serving on the Council in one of the largest cities of the United States. It is incumbent upon us to encourage women to take on positions of influence and to get involved politically.

Women have a different, valuable perspective to bring to the political arena. We understand what it means to give up our careers and care for our children because of a lack of affordable childcare. We know what it feels like to stay in relationships that are dangerous to our safety because of fear, intimidation, and economic uncertainty. We live with an all too real understanding of what it means when we cannot feed our children and have to depend on the generosity of a neighbor, on a free school lunch or on good policy that will support and potentially carve out a dignified life for our kids.

As we celebrate how far we have come, we must also realize that full equality for all women hasn't yet been realized. My daughters' futures hinges on our actions today. We must continue to create leadership opportunities and develop good policies, advocate for our youth, and be bold enough to NOT wait to be invited to table but to take our rightful place.



## Naturalization Ceremony at Avaya Stadium

On Saturday, September 12th the City of San José joined U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the San José Earthquakes, and Citi Community Development in hosting a naturalization ceremony at Avaya Stadium.

The 10 new U.S. citizens, who were sworn in at 6:15 PM, are two married couples from India, a family of four from the Philippines, and two individuals from Mexico.

This event kicks off San José's Cities for Citizenship Initiative, a major national initiative aimed at increasing citizenship among eligible U.S. permanent residents.

I am so proud to have been able to participate in such a great, celebratory event and to have been on hand when these 10 people officially became U.S. citizens!



Hillview Branch  
1800 Hopkins Drive  
San Jose, CA95122  
408-808-3033

# Special Story Time

**Thursday**  
**September 24**

**10:30am-11:00am**



**Please join us for a Special Story Time with District 5 Council Member, Magdalena Carrasco. Council Member Carrasco will be reading one of her favorite books!**

*To request an accommodation for Library-sponsored events, please call 408-808-3033 or 408-808-2083 (TTY) at least three business days before the event.*

[www.sjpl.org](http://www.sjpl.org)

San Jose Public Library

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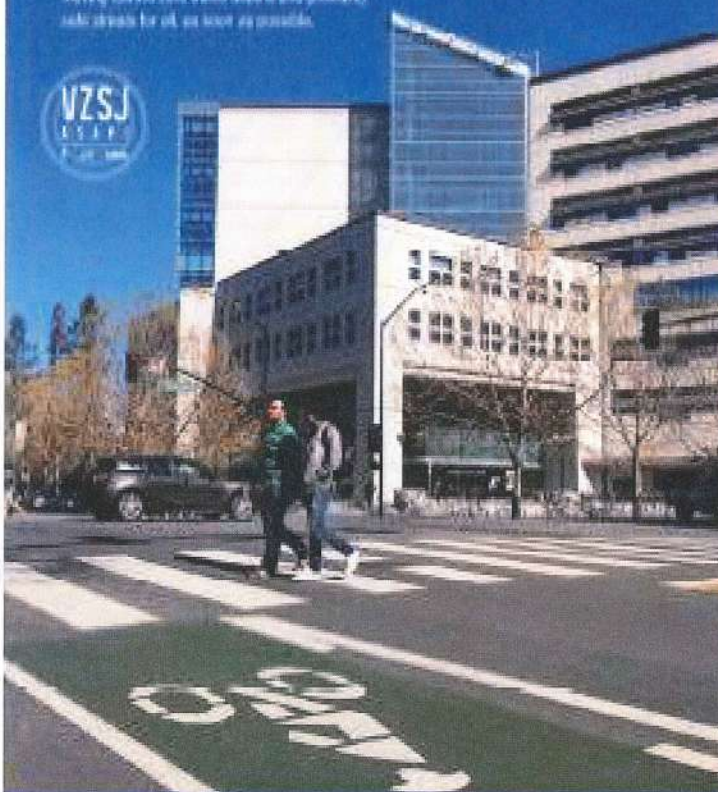
# Transportation Safety In Your Community

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and the City Council Invite You to Attend a  
Community Education and Outreach Meeting to Discuss Vision Zero San José  
6-8 p.m., Thursday, September 24th  
Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Ave

*The meeting will offer the community an opportunity to learn about Vision Zero, and share their input and ideas about improving transportation safety on the Safety Priority Streets.*

## Vision Zero San José

Moving toward zero traffic deaths and providing safe streets for all, as soon as possible.



### Meeting Agenda to Include:

- Welcome & Introductions
- San Jose's Transportation Safety Efforts & VZSJ highlights
- Community Input on Transportation Safety & Priority Safety Streets (*see map on back*)
- Education & Advocacy to Support Safe Transportation

Providing support at the meeting will be representatives from:

City Dept. of Transportation  
City Police Department  
California WALKS  
Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition  
County of Santa Clara

To access the Vision Zero San José report,  
visit [sanjoseca.gov/transportation](http://sanjoseca.gov/transportation)

## Safety Priority Streets

Based on crash data from 2010-2014, 14 major street segments have been identified as having the highest frequency of fatal and severe injury crashes for people walking, bicycling, motorcycle riding and driving.

For the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, the discussion will focus on the northern Safety Priority Streets (highlighted in blue). These roadways include:

### Alum Rock Avenue

– Route 101 to Manning Ave.

### Capitol Expressway

– I-680 to Tully Rd.

### Jackson Avenue

– Berryessa Rd. to Story Rd.

### King Road

– McKee Rd. to Story Rd.

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– King Rd. to Toyon Ave.

### Story Road

– McLaughlin Ave. to Capitol Expy.

### White Road

– Penitencia Creek Rd. to Cunningham Ave.



Upcoming Community Education and Outreach Meeting in November 2015 will focus on the southern Safety Priority Streets.

**VTA's Santa Clara-  
Alum Rock Bus  
Rapid Transit (BRT)  
Project Update  
Meeting**

**Thursday, September 24, 2015  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

*Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.*

**Alum Rock Library  
Community Room,  
3090 Alum Rock Avenue,  
San Jose**

*Served by VTA Bus routes 25, 71.*

*A new project schedule and construction  
update will be provided. Staff will be  
available to answer your questions.*

*Spanish and Vietnamese translation will  
be provided.*

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Proudly hosted by San Jose City Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco



# FREE DACA WORKSHOP

INITIAL & RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

**JAMES LICK HIGH SCHOOL**  
57 N White Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Receive assistance from immigration attorneys &  
BIA accredited representatives:  
**FREE** Eligibility Screening, Application Assistance, Review & Mailing

### INITIAL APPLICATIONS

Appointments Available: 9am

#### REMEMBER TO BRING

- Physical presence June 15, 2007 to present
- Proof of entry prior to age 18
- Proof of school enrollment or GED/H.S. Diploma
- Passport or photo ID (matricula, school ID)
- Birth certificates with certified translation
- List of home addresses since arrival
- Proof of presence in the United States on 6/215/2012
- Certified court disposition of all arrests, if any
- Check or money order for \$465
- Two passport style photos

### RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Appointments Available: 11am & 1pm

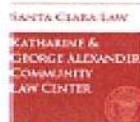
#### REMEMBER TO BRING

- CA ID/Driver License
- Copy of Initial DACA application
- Two passport style photos
- Social security card
- Check or money order for \$465
- Work authorization card
- Certified court disposition of all arrests, if any

#### ELIGIBLE TO RENEW

If your DACA expires ON or BEFORE **MARCH 1, 2016**

To register: 408.333.9568



# COMMUNITY MEETING TALLER COMUNITARIO BILINGÜE

on Outdoor Vending from  
Private and Public Property  
para Comerciantes Ambulantes y Propietarios de Puestos de Ali-  
mentos Móviles en propiedad pública y privada

Sponsored by the City Manager's Office  
Organizada por la oficina del Administrador de la Ciudad

Presentation followed by Question and Answer Session  
Presentación seguida de preguntas y respuestas

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**  
**LUNES, 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2015**

**6:30 p.m.**

Mayfair Community Center  
(Centro Comunitario Mayfair)

2039 Kammerer Ave, San Jose, CA 95116

*For questions, contact Jessica Lowry, City Manager's Office, at (408) 535-8148*

*Para más información, comuníquese con Jessica Lowry al (408) 535-8148 o [jessica.lowry@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:jessica.lowry@sanjoseca.gov).*

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, City of San José materials can be made available upon request in alternative formats such as Braille, large print, audio and computer disk.*

*Para solicitar una adaptación para este taller o materiales impresos en un formato alternativo, por favor llame al (408) 535-8100 o (408) 294-9337 (TTY) tan pronto como sea posible, pero al menos tres días hábiles antes de cualquier reunión o evento. Para organizar un alojamiento bajo la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidad a participar en esta reunión, por favor llame al (408) 535-8100 (Voz) / TTY # (408) 294-9337 por lo menos 48 horas antes de la reunión.*



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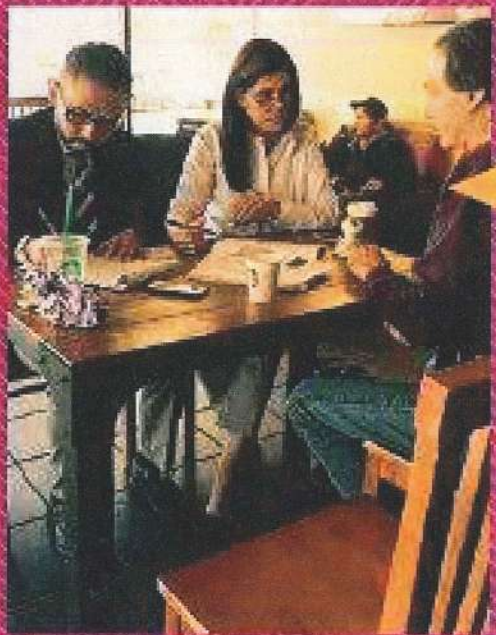
# Community Office Hours



with

**Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco**

**DISTRICT 5 - EAST SAN JOSE - QUESTIONS? - CONCERNS? - JOIN ME!**



Join Councilmember  
Magdalena Carrasco for her  
monthly Community Office  
Hours! This is a great  
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Every First Wednesday  
9:00am-10:30am  
Every Third Saturday  
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# DAY in the PARK

& FAACT Walk/Run for Food Allergies

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> • 9am - 3pm

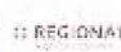
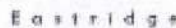
at Lake Cunningham Regional Park

2305 S. White Road, San Jose, CA 95148



- Free BBQ and Pumpkins (while supplies last)
- Skate park access
- Fishing clinics at 8 a.m.
- Outrigger canoe lessons
- Job and Community Resource Fair
- Get tips for conserving our planet's resources
- Food Trucks
- Live Entertainment
- Obstacle Course, Rock Climbing Wall, and more!

For more information, call 408.535.4908 or visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/district8](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8).



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# 7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

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**OCT 3, 2015**  
10am - 4pm

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**Dance**



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Foothill Community Health Center

3rd Annual

# Binational Health Week

## Community Health Fair



Light Refreshments  
while supplies last



Costume Giveaway  
while supplies last

When: Saturday October 17th

Where: Andrew Hill High School

3200 Senter Road San Jose CA 95111

Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 pm

### FREE SERVICES SERVICIOS GRATUITOS

Dịch vụ miễn phí

- Health screenings  
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kiểm tra sức khỏe
- Community Resources  
Recursos de la Comunidad  
tài nguyên cộng đồng

### ENTERTAINMENT ENTRETENIMIENTO

giải trí

- Car Show  
Desfile de Carros  
Buổi biểu diễn xe
- Zumba workout  
Entrenamiento de Zumba  
Môn tập thể dục
- Raffle prizes  
Rifa de premios  
Giải thưởng xổ số
- Healthy Recipe demos  
Demostraciones de Recetas Saludables

### CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

ACTIVIDADES PARA NIÑOS

Chò chơi trẻ em

- Arts & Crafts  
Artes  
nghệ thuật và thủ công
- Face Painting  
Pinta Caritas/ vẽ mặt
- Bounce House  
Bircoolin  
nhà nhảy cho trẻ em



For more information, please contact us at: 408-755-3904



# Volunteer Opportunities HOMEWORK CLUBS

*Help Youth in Your Community Succeed in School!*

Homework Clubs offer a space at the library where children in grades K-8 receive after-school assistance with their schoolwork. San Jose Public Library is expanding its Homework Club program this fall and there are three ways that you can be involved:

**Homework Club Coordinators** are adults who occupy a key leadership position and help to recruit and train other volunteers and promote the Club to the public.

**Scholastic Supervisors** are adults who provide on-site leadership and support while the Homework Club is in session.

**Homework Coaches** are teens who work directly with individuals or small groups to answer questions and assist students with their homework.

## COMMITMENT

A six to nine month minimum commitment is required.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Fingerprinting is required for volunteers ages 18 and over
- Training will be provided

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- Must be full time residence of a Veteran
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- Household meet income requirement, below 80% Area Median Income
- Veteran have honorable or general discharge

#### Loan Repayments and "Sweat Equity" :

- Home repairs are secured by deferred, zero interest, no payment loans.
- All households contribute to Habitat's mission with "sweat equity"—volunteer hours on your home. (if able)

#### Submit an application now!

- Visit [HabitatEBSV.org/HomeRepair](http://HabitatEBSV.org/HomeRepair)
- Call us at 510-803-3388
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HabitatEBSV.org | 866.450.4432 | EAST BAY: 2619 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612 | SILICON VALLEY: 513 Valley Way, Milpitas, CA 95035

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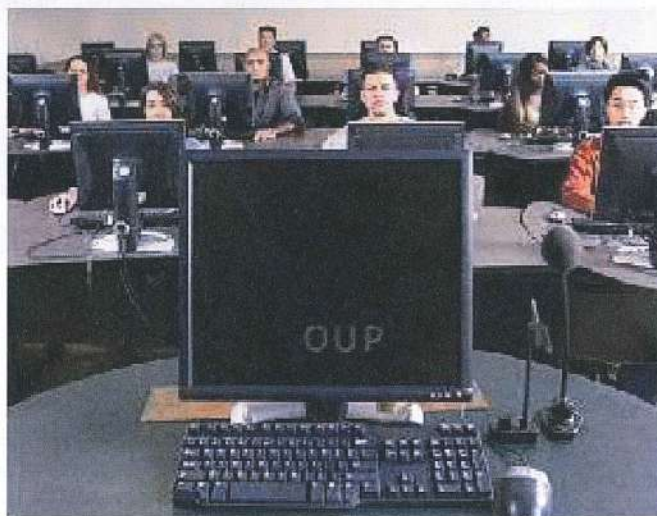
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*and/or*

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**martes &  
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[HabitatESV.org/HomeRepair](http://HabitatESV.org/HomeRepair)

**To Qualify you must:**

- Live in San Jose
- Own and occupy a single family home, town home, or manufactured home, **IN NEED** of painting
- Be within the income parameters Habitat for Humanity serves

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that has built, renovated, and repaired more than 500 homes in the Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties. We are a licensed general contractor, using volunteers to create affordable housing and great communities.

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