

September 2016 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEXICAN FLAG RAISING

September 16
12 PM - 12:30 PM
City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street

CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

September 17
Appointments at 10 AM, 12 PM

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district5@sanjoseca.gov*

Dear Neighbor,

Happy September to everyone. Feliz Septiembre a todos!

National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 through October 15, is upon us, and gives us an opportunity to celebrate the histories and cultures of Americans whose families came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, as well as Central and South America. It is also a time to remember the many ways that Hispanic Americans help share the U.S.

The reason the United States starts National Hispanic Month on the 15th is because on that date five Spanish-speaking countries, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras, celebrate the day they became independent nations. Mexico celebrates its independence from Spain on September 16, and this year like last, my office will be hosting a [Mexican flag raising ceremony](#) to commemorate this important date for Mexican and Mexican Americans here in San José.

Leading up to Hispanic Heritage month, I had the great pleasure of honoring one of East San José's most dedicated and humble community leaders, Blanca Carbajal, a dance teacher and long-time activist. My office also hosted the official welcome reception for the new Mexican Consul General, Mauricio Toussaint, in late August. Before that, my office hosted the [Colombian flag-raising](#) to mark the Battle of Boyaca for the second year in a row. And that same evening, I was honored to sit with Mayor Liccardo in San José's first official meeting with the [Mayor of Guadalajara](#), Mexico.

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Mayfair Community Center
2039 Krammerer Avenue

VIVA CALLE

September 18
10 AM - 3 PM

[Route info](#)

**SERVICE PROVIDER
VENDOR FAIR POT LUCK**

September 29
Set up 8:30 am
Fair 10 am - 2 pm
Campbell Community Center

**CANTO DEL COLIBRI FILM
SCREENING**

Friday, September 30
School of Arts and Culture
1700 Alum Rock Avenue
Door open at 5pm
Program begins 5:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**OUR CITY FOREST IS
HIRING**

Pays a living stipend and an education awarded upon completion

ESL CLASSES

Start September 13th
Beginning Class 10 AM - 12 PM
Intermediate Class 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Library
150 E. San Fernando Street

**MEXICAN HERITAGE
PLAZA CLASSES**

Registration closes September 19th

OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY

Includes:
An Evening with Owls
First Day of Fall Bird Walk
Starry Nights in Open Space

READING PARTNERS

Become a literacy tutor
Monday - Thursday

**Pat McMahon Masters Level
Scholarship Awarded**

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Sister Cities

Join Our Mailing List!

Look for more events to mark Hispanic Heritage month including my office giving a commendation to mark this important day this year on September 20 at the evening City Council meeting.

We have officially started off the [Participatory Budgeting process](#), with more than 70 people attending the first introductory meeting at PAL Stadium last week. We will have another meeting on September 26 at 6 p.m. at the National Hispanic University, so if you could not make the first one, please join us then.

September is National Preparedness Month, an excellent time to remind all of us about both our personal and family readiness for emergencies and our responsibilities for ensuring our organizational and community readiness for disasters. And disasters will happen, especially in California.

We've already again seen huge wildfires in Southern California and Lake County this summer, as well as the terrible flooding in Louisiana and recent devastating earthquakes in Italy and Burma. For more information on how to prepare and update your kit of emergency supplies, and learn more about how to be ready, visit www.ready.gov.

There are lots of exciting events coming up for the community at the [Alum Rock library](#), so I encourage you to take a look.

And check out our calendar section for a whole host of Hispanic Heritage and other community activities to launch us into fall!

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month, and happy fall 2016!



Councilmember/*Consejal*,
Magdalena Carrasco

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

My office is pleased to announce \$100,000 for unique and community driven projects that will be offered to residents of District 5. This process is called participatory budgeting and accepts all ideas from community members. If you believe you have a good idea to improve your community, contact our office to see how you may make that a reality!



This wonderful opportunity first originated in Brazil over two decades ago in 1989. After years of circling the world, being adopted by dozens of countries and hundreds of cities, it has finally arrived to our very own district. Ideas adopted in other cities vary in range, from slowing traffic signs to mobile laundry trucks. The possibilities are endless! Use this as an opportunity to get creative with your solutions!

We just had our first informational meeting at PAL stadium. If you missed it, don't worry because our second meeting will take place at The Foundation for Hispanic Education campus (previously known as National Hispanic University) on Monday, September 26th at 6 p.m. We will need committee members and Budget delegates to help facilitate the process. Committee members will help establish protocols and rules for everyone to follow while budget delegates will be responsible for reviewing all proposals submitted and narrow down the best proposals.

Both the committee and budget delegates will be composed of volunteers from our communities and will be working closely with city departments. This is direct democracy at its finest!

For any questions, please email [Baltazar Lopez](#) or [Omar Torres](#) or call 408-535-4905.

COLOMBIAN FLAG RAISING

I am delighted to send our best wishes to the Colombian-American community of the City of San José on the Two-hundred and sixth anniversary of Colombia's Independence. Our deep bonds of friendship date back 192 years to the signing of a General Convention of Peace, Amity, Navigation, and Commerce in 1824, our first treaty with another country in the Americas.

Since then, the binding ties between our countries have only grown stronger. We share a commitment to freedom, democracy, and the rule of law, and maintain strong political, economic, cultural, and diplomatic ties.



The City of San José stands by Colombia as it advances peace, economic development, and prosperity for all its citizens. It was a true honor to raise the Colombian flag. A big thank you to fellow Councilmember Johnny Khamis and the United Colombian-American Foundation, especially Vivian Castiblanco, President of the Foundation. Thank you for all you did for putting this event together to help us make it a success!

I would also like to thank ColTrees for performing the Colombian National Anthem and Ruth Garcia, for singing the United States National Anthem! They did an incredible job and it was a delight to listen to!

SAN JOSÉ AND GUADALAJARA

San José and Guadalajara have been Sister Cities since mid-2014. However, it was not until Friday, August 19 that the Mayor of Guadalajara, Enrique Alfaro, came and met with Mayor Liccardo and myself.



Guadalajara is the capital and largest city in the Mexican state of Jalisco and the 4th largest in Mexico. Like San José, it's economy is based on industry, especially information technology with a large number of international firms having manufacturing facilities there. Most people in the United States know Guadalajara as the home of mariachi music, but it also serves as the cultural center of Mexico, hosting a number of large-scale cultural events like the Guadalajara International Film Festival and the Guadalajara International Book Fair, the largest of its kind.

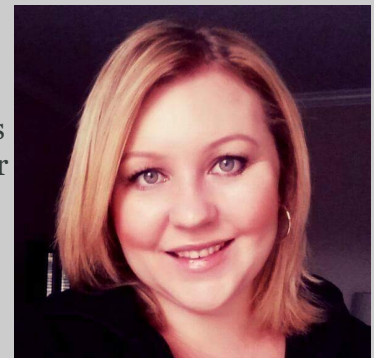
Mayor Alfaro was elected in 2009 and is the first leftist candidate not coming from the two most prominent parties in Mexico, the PAN and the PRI parties. He has continued to lead the interest of Mexican investors to look abroad for places to expand.

On his trip, he saw the site in Guadalupe River Park where the San José - Guadalajara Sister City Committee will be putting up a statue of the symbol of Guadalajara, one of the many ways in which San José and Guadalajara can partner to build a stronger relationship. He also discussed his city's efforts to revitalize their aging downtown by keeping the old facades in place while overhauling the interiors to make new office buildings, innovation centers, and technology incubators.

It was a great pleasure to meet and discuss the future of our Sister City relationship and to learn more about Guadalajara, also known as the 'Silicon Valley of Mexico'. We have much we can learn from one another and I look forward to our continued communication.

NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

Finally, I want to introduce Frances Hérbert as my Chief of Staff. She is no stranger to City Hall or to public service. Frances Hérbert began her love of policy at the age of 14, volunteering for Forrest Williams in his first successful bid for San José City Council. She began her career as the Community Relations Manager for Councilmember Forrest Williams, representing District 2 in San José.



She has comprehensive experience in public relations and government administration. Frances has been heavily engaged in critical public policy implementation as well as the staffing of key legislative matters.

Frances moved to the office of then-Assemblymember Jim Beall where she managed aging, disability, housing, land use and transportation policy for Assemblymember Beall. Frances followed Jim Beall into the Senate where she was the Senior Field Representative for three years representing Santa Clara County. Frances has worked 15 years in an elected official's office. Most recently she served as the Chief of Staff for all five of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

She has a Bachelor's degree in Public Relations and Communication and a Master's in Public Administration from San José State University. She resides in San José with her husband Christopher, son Kai and a feisty Boston Terrier, Harvey Birdman. She looks forward to continuing the work at City Hall, District 5, and for the great City of San José. If you would like to reach out to her, you can send her an [email](#) or call my office.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

OUR CITY FOREST

NOW HIRING for enthusiastic and service-oriented team members

- Serve the communities of Silicon Valley for a year
- Full-time commitment: 40 hours per week (Tues. - Sat., shifts may vary)
- 11-month term begins September 13
- Receive a \$15,000 living stipend and \$5,775 education award (awarded upon completion of term).

Our City Forest AmeriCorps members build capacity in the community by engaging volunteers and residents in cultivating plants and young trees at the community nursery, planting and caring for trees in neighborhoods, schools and parks, and fighting the drought through water conservation efforts. AmeriCorps members educate the community on Our City Forest's best practices and help train environmental stewards.

VIVA CALLE SJ

Walk, Bike Skate and Play! Connecting Communities in San José

Viva Calle SJ is back on September 18th!! This open streets event will close 6 miles of San José streets to motorized vehicles so people can walk, bike and roll without competing with cars and busses. This year's route, "From the West: Glen meets Zen" will cross through the Willow Glen, Burbank, Downtown and Japantown neighborhoods. It's not a race, so anyone can enter and exit the route anywhere along the way. Come and experience the streets of San José like never before! Click [here](#) for more information.

SISTER CITY PROGRAM

We are welcoming Áine Cahill of Dublin, Ireland to San José, California!

Áine is the fifth recipient of the Pat McMahon Masters Level Scholarship, sponsored by the San José - Dublin Sister City Program in partnership with Cypress Semiconductor, San José State University (SJSU) and Dublin City University.

She is attending Dublin City University this fall, followed by spring semester 2017 at San José State.

While at SJSU, her curriculum includes a three-unit accredited practicum at Cypress Semiconductor, followed by a four-month paid summer internship.

Founded in 1986, by then Mayor of San José, Tom McEnery, and former Irish Prime Minister and then Lord Mayor of Dublin, Bertie Ahern, the mission of the San Jose - Dublin Sister City Program is to develop civic, cultural, economic, educational, artistic and athletic ties between San José and Dublin as well as Silicon Valley and Ireland.

To learn more about Áine Cahill and the Sister City Program, click [here](#).

READING PARTNERS

Volunteer as a literacy tutor with Reading Partners!

Reading Partners is a literacy nonprofit that mobilizes community volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring to struggling elementary student readers.

No experience is required! We are looking for community volunteers to give just one hour of their time each week to a student at Cesar Chavez Elementary or San Antonio Elementary. Tutors work with the same child each week for a minimum of one semester. Reading Partners also provides an easy-to-follow curriculum that includes all of the books, worksheets, and step-by-step lesson plans to teach an effective lesson.

Reading Partners runs programming Monday-Thursday with available session times running from 9AM - 5PM.

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up online [here](#) or [email](#) Volunteer Coordinator Taryn Kearns or call (408)540-8315.



MEXICAN

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

San José City Hall Plaza
200 E. Santa Clara Street San José, CA
Friday, September 16, 2016
12:00pm-12:30pm

Reception to follow in the Rotunda
12:30pm-1:30pm

**HOSTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS
MAGDALENA CARRASCO &
RAUL PERALEZ**

Please park under City Hall. Enter on 6th Street.
Bring ticket for validation.
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SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

WALK, BIKE, SKATE, PLAY AND EXPLORE THE CITY
LIKE NEVER BEFORE. OPEN STREETS SAN JOSE!

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FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP MAYFAIR COMMUNITY CENTER

FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Appointments available at:

10AM, 12PM, & 2 PM

Mayfair Community Center
2039 Kammerer Avenue
San Jose, CA 95116

Take the next step to become an American citizen:

- Learn about the requirements and process
- If eligible, get help completing your naturalization application
- If eligible, get help requesting a fee waiver
- Receive ESL and legal referrals, if needed
- Receive the 100 USCIS citizenship interview questions

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP YOU MUST BE:

- 18 years of age
- A legal permanent resident for 5 years or 3 years if married to U.S. citizen

DON'T FORGET TO BRING:

- Your green card and social security card
- List of ALL trips taken outside of the US for the last 5 years
- Family information, including all children and spouse (current and former)
- If you have ever been arrested, certificates of disposition for all arrests
- Your address and job history for the last 5 years

TO APPLY FOR A FEE WAIVER:

- 2015 Income Tax or Proof of Public Benefits (such as food stamps, cash aid, SSI etc.)

**if you do not qualify for the fee waiver, the USCIS fee is \$580, payable to "US Department of Homeland Security" via credit card, check or money order*

To register call (408) 214-6828 or visit www.e-immigrate.us





Partners in Reading

FREE ESL CLASSES

Beginning and Intermediate ESL Classes

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Classes September 13 to December 1, 2016

Tuesday and Thursday

- Practice speaking and listening
- Learn vocabulary for everyday conversation
- Practice reading and writing
- Choose topics that you need and that interest you

Beginning Class: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Intermediate Class: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Call to sign up
Interview required

(408) 808-2361

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