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SAN JOSE UPDATES

San Jose companies on Inc.'s Fastest-Growing 5000 list

16 San Jose companies on Inc. Magazine's list of 5000 fastest-growing U.S. firms

One Silicon Valley private business made the top 100 in this year's annual Inc. 5000 ranking of the fastest-growing companies in the U.S. It is San Jose-based DigitalOnUS, a company that helps develop cloud native apps for business customers. It grew by 3,535 percent between 2015 and 2018.

Other San Jose companies that made the top 500 were San Jose-based Green Bits and Edvenswa. For all the details, see our [blogpost](#) and Inc.'s [article](#).



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DIRIDON STATION AREA UPDATE

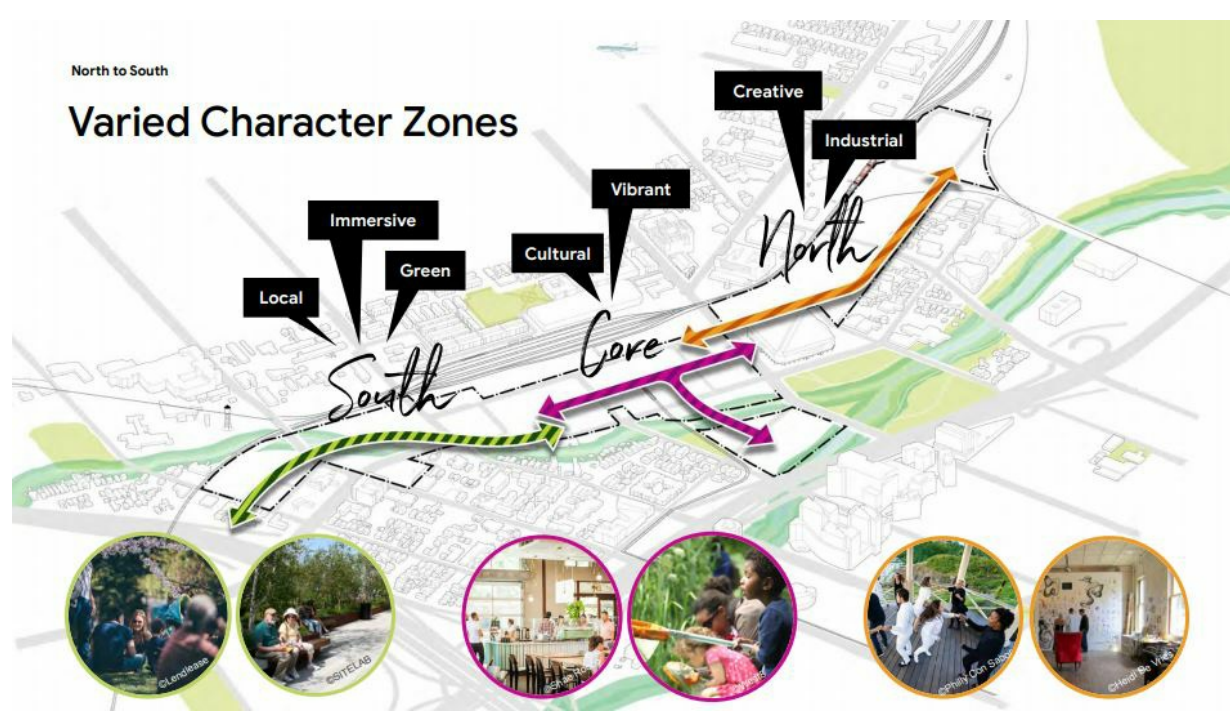
First view of Google plans offered at SAAG meeting Aug. 22

The regularly scheduled Station Area Advisory Group (SAAG) meeting on August 22 was the occasion of the first public viewing of the initial plan for the Google project in the Diridon Station area. Google's real estate team headed by Alexa Arena, director of development, presented a series of guiding principles for the company's planning process:

- Jobs near transit
- Housing alongside jobs
- Opportunity pathways
- Build a place that is of San Jose
- Connect people to nature and transit
- Create partnerships around a vibrant public realm



Full house in Council Chambers as SAAG meeting gets started 8/22



Google referred to the presentation as their Mixed-Use Framework. Through colorful sketches, maps and vignettes, they shared a series of snapshots of the company's vision for the three areas of the project site - the northern art/industrial area, the core with vibrant cultural, retail and civic uses, and the south, featuring green experiences and local flavor. The full [presentation is available for review online](#). In addition, the meeting was livestreamed on [YouTube and was recorded](#) for later viewing.

More details are available in [our blogpost](#) on the meeting.

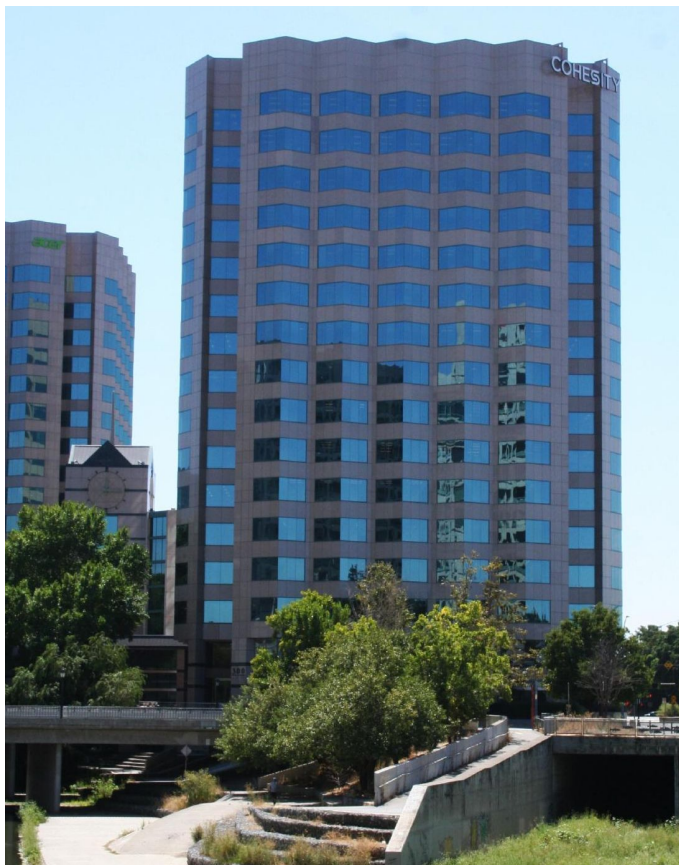
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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENTS

RiverPark II is filling up



The rapid, complete and ongoing occupancy of River Park Tower II at 300 Park Avenue is another example of the uptick in business interest in Downtown San Jose, and its appeal has been enhanced by being close to the planned Diridon Station area development, as well as offering a serene, tree-lined plaza along the Guadalupe River.

This month, tech company Sage Intacct expanded its River Park Tower II lease by taking over another floor (about 20,000 square feet) to its home office. Sage Intacct, a growing cloud accounting software and financial management business, now occupies six floors of River Park II. Enterprise storage company Cohesity moved into River Park II in July 2017, and announced in January 2019 that it would grow from 34,000 square feet to five floors - 99,000 square feet. Okta, which provides cloud software that helps companies manage and secure user authentication, also grew into River Park II, doubling its space to two floors (40,000 square feet) in July 2018.

Check out all the details in [our blogpost](#).

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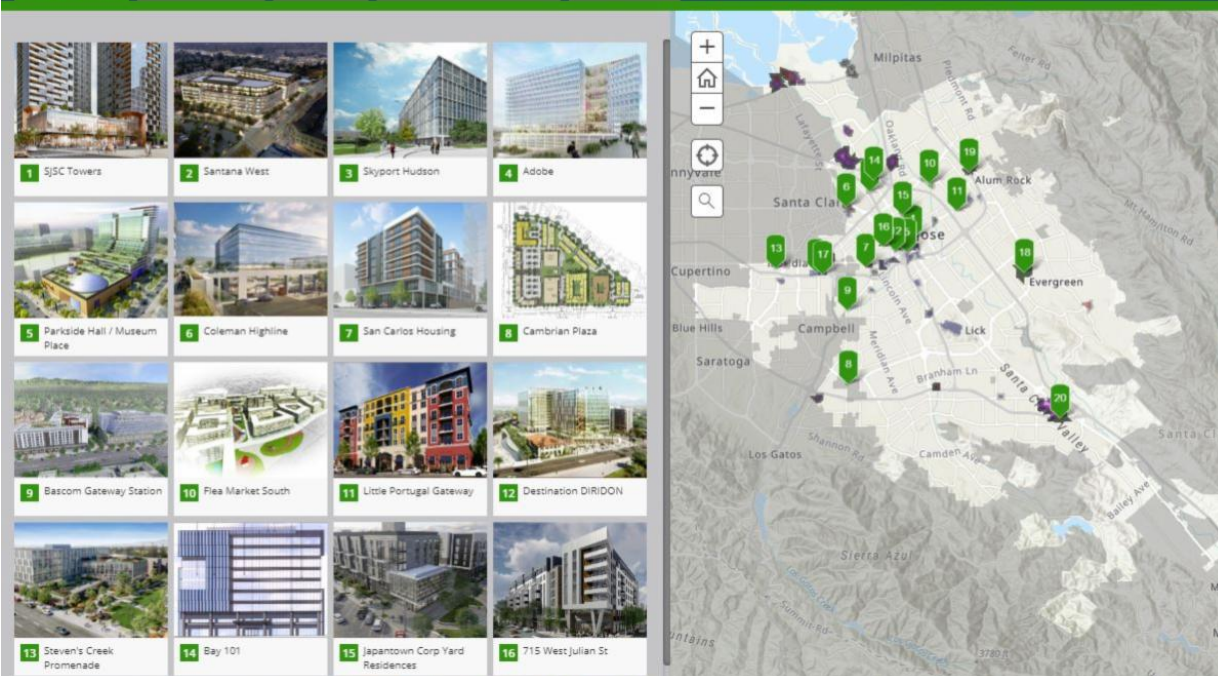
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DEVELOPMENT REPORT & MAP

Updated San Jose construction report and interactive map

Key Economic Development Projects

Mixed Use Commercial Housing Commercial-Office Additional



Screenshot of one view of the new [San Jose project map](#)

In addition to our Development Update Report, this month we are delighted to share a new feature, an [interactive map of San Jose development projects](#), that incorporates links to Google satellite maps to see street view images of the project site, and a link to SJPermits.org to get more information on any of projects, including the permit status and site information.

The map was developed in partnership with City of San Jose's Public Works GIS team and we're looking forward to iterating and add features to improve our ability to share information. Projects are identified by Housing, Commercial, or Mixed Use categories, and the project outlines on the map represent whether the project is under Planning Review, Approved, or under Construction - the closer the border is to being solid, the closer the project is to being under construction.

You can read more details in the [blogpost](#), and access the [project list online](#).

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CONSTRUCTION FOCUS

OED visits new Webcor/San Jose chief



Jitendra (Jit) Pahilajani, Senior Vice President of South Bay operations for Webcor



The new manager of Webcor's year-old San Jose office is young in years, but seasoned in the company and the world of large-project construction.

Jitendra (Jit) Pahilajani, Senior Vice President of South Bay operations for Webcor, started with the company as a project engineer in 2004, right after earning his master's degree in structural engineering at Arizona State University. He has served in multiple roles and divisions, most recently as vice president of preconstruction and estimating for Northern California.

His insights into the South Bay development picture are in [our blogpost](#).

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DOWNTOWN HAPPENINGS

The We Company opens everyone's Backyard



Backyard, a pop-up community garden, has put a jolt of energy into the heart of downtown San Jose's Historic District. It is a place where innovative technology, collaboration and public space activation come together.

Located at 35 S. Second St. in the parking lot next to Fountain Alley, Backyard is the brainchild of The We Company (formerly WeWork), more specifically, The We Company's future cities team in San Jose led by Josette Melchor.

Melchor took a bow at the Aug. 15 grand opening party of Backyard. Her team has

The opening of the new hangout and event space, Backyard, assembled more than 40 community partners to activate the space with community activities and special events between now and Oct. 31, 2019.

For example, San Jose Downtown Association will host Starlight Cinemas Backyard free outdoor movie series. Starlight starts off with the entire Star Wars series, Episodes I-VI, shown each Wednesday. More favorite features will be shown on Wednesdays after Star Wars ends.

Read the [guest blogpost by Bree Von Faith](#), Director of Marketing, Communications and Events, San Jose Downtown Association for all the details and how to get the app for event updates.

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ART FOR EVERY DAY

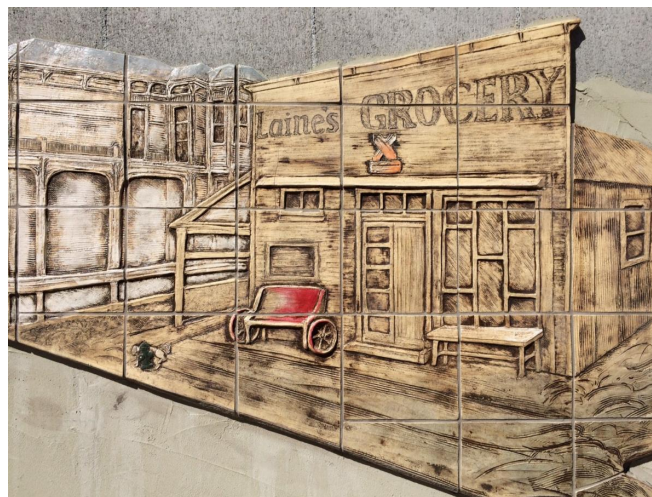
San Jose public art makes awesome screensavers

Guest blogpost by Michael Ogilvie,
San Jose Director of Public Art

The City of San José announces its 'Public Art Screensaver' for those who need a screensaver makeover! Want something cool to look at when you mash that keyboard and cycle through a million digital windows?

Curious to know how our public art has grown and evolved? Or maybe just need a destination reminder of some place in this lovely city to visit when you have a rare spare moment?

Snag your screensaver today, it's free, won't camouflage your files, and will remind you of the beauty inherent in our history, culture, and art!



A close-up detail of Dreams of the Salt Marsh, by artist Sam Tubiolo located at the Alviso Storm Pump Station .

Visit the [blogpost](#) for details on the four art images available for download.

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Children's Discovery Museum opens Art Studio

With \$250,000 in funding from the Good Tidings Foundation and the LeRoy Neiman and Janet Byrne Neiman Foundation, the iconic Children's Discovery Museum celebrated the opening of a newly upgraded arts and creativity space. Renamed the LeRoy Neiman Art Studio, the studio was dedicated and opened to the public in July.

The LeRoy Neiman Art Studio includes a large digital screen allowing four artists to simultaneously use its image projection capabilities for video, photos, and other digital projects.

Immersive creative experiences such as shadow and light-play are now possible thanks to an electronic blind system on all windows. More young artists will now be served with new mobile furniture that adds additional seats and work spaces and can be configured differently based on the activity.

For more details, check out our [blogpost](#). For a taste of the opening event, watch the [NBC Bay Area News segment](#).



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EVENTS

[Please visit September's full event calendar](#). Don't miss out on these featured events.

Die Fledermaus - Free Preview
California Theatre
9.3.2019

Facebook First Fridays - Teacher Appreciation Night
San Jose Museum of Art
9.6.2019

Marisela & Amanda Miguel
San Jose Civic
9.6.2019

Fresh Pasta Dinner Cooking Class
Savory Kitchen - The Alameda
9.6.2019

DYKSJ? Village Fest Edition - San Jose Jazz
Village Oaks Shopping Center
9.7.2019

Cafe Tacvba
Camino Brewing
9.11.2019

Palermo Cigar Dinner
Palermo Restaurant
9.11.2019

CityDance San Jose 2019 - K-Pop
Plaza de Cesar Chavez
9.12.2019

Gulzar Ek Ehsaas
San Jose Center for the Performing Arts
9.14.2019

Urban Bush Women presented in Hair and Other Stories
School of Arts & Culture, Mexican Heritage Plaza
9.14.2019

CityDance San Jose 2019 - Swing
Plaza de Cesar Chavez
9.5.2019

Hammer Theatre Center presents "NT Live: The Lehman Trilogy"
Hammer Theatre Center
9.12 through 9.15.2019

One-Woman Sex & the City
3Below
9.13 and 9.14.2019

San Jose Home Show
San Jose McEnery Convention Center
9.14 and 9.15.2019

CityDance San Jose 2019 - Bachata
Plaza de Cesar Chavez
9.19.2019

Third Thursday | Journeys: How Immigrants Made a Home in San José
San Jose Museum of Art
9.19.2019

Dance with Nature - Feng Ye Studio
Montgomery Theater
9.21.2019

CityDance San Jose 2019 - Disco
Plaza de Cesar Chavez
9.26.2019

Pod Tours America
San Jose Civic
9.26.2019

Supreme KZ Tandingan - The World Tour
San Jose Civic
9.27.2019