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Ralph Dickman, Dev. Officer, Valley Medical Center Foundation faced off with **Shane Patrick Connolly**, Chief of Staff for Councilmember **Johnny Khamis**, regarding Measure A.

BALLOT MEASURES DEBATE

To vote for or against? That is the question

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Local ballot measures were hotly debated at a recent voters' forum hosted by Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA).

"This forum is designed to clarify ballot measures," says AVCA President Shiraz Kotadia. "It seems like there is a whole industry writing misleading measures. I hope we can help to clarify what the measures do and make us all better-informed voters."

• **Measure A – Permanent Extension for County Sales Tax**

Shall the county continue

its 1/8 cents tax?

Ralph Dickman, Development Officer, Valley Medical Foundation, who favors County Measure A, faced off against Shane Patrick Connolly, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Johnny Khamis and Vice Chair of the Santa Clara County Republican Party, who opposes it.

Dickman asserts that this tax measure will maintain rather than increase taxes currently in place for the betterment of the county. The one eighth of one percent tax goes towards the County's general fund to pay for the sheriff's

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Community erupts over school board's proposal to replace Leland and Bret Harte with affordable housing

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Residents packed Leland High School's gym to protest San Jose Unified School District's (SJUSD) plan to replace Leland High School and Bret Harte Middle School with affordable housing for teachers and school employees.

"It's ridiculous," says Jeni Angileri, who graduated from Leland High School and has children who attended the school. "We have plenty of affordable housing that's been built up by Cottle Road. I don't want affordable housing smack in the middle of Almaden. Our roads can't take it. It's going to cause a lot of congestion and doesn't make sense."

From the school board's perspective, their plan is a win-win. Their goal is to provide affordable housing to keep teachers and staff from leaving the district, while creating new state-of-the-art middle and high schools near Challenger School-Almaden on McKean Road.

"For Bret Harte and Leland, the question isn't just about what kind of workforce housing could be built here, but also what could we do that would be amazing for the students and the



"Why are you building affordable housing in the middle of one of the most expensive areas?" asks a student.

community," says Kimberly Meek, SJUSD Board Vice President and representative for

Almaden Valley. "I've had many concerns expressed to me about the quality of the facilities here: there aren't enough science labs and the rooms are old. We thought it could be a great opportunity to build two schools with all the bells and whistles you'd want. What if we could get these great facilities and address workforce housing?"

"The reason we're looking at building a new school," says SJUSD Deputy Superintendent Stephen McMahon, "is, it's easier

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Residents packed Leland's auditorium to voice their concerns about the plan.

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MIRACLES HAPPEN

Omar's Dream Run brings tears of emotion to many

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

A foe is extinguished. Love contained the power to conquer.

Something sacred called hope was everywhere in the wind and air.

All believed in the unbelievable and joyfully shook hands with ambassadors of cancer soldiers and doctor fighters who donned their running shirts and numbers to participate in the grand event.

The race, built on positive thinking, filled Hellyer Park with hope on Sunday, October 14th. The traditional ten foot arch of carefully patterned blue and red balloons again became the annual portal of the starting and finishing line.

Participants met at the park early, gathering at nearby picnic tables to converse about their stories and individual battle plans for combatting cancer – a fight that many are associated with who were in attendance. The fight brought all together.

Walls of sickness were torn down by the non-tangible power of love.

Hundreds of people with blue race shirts and handwritten entrance number placards placed on their stomachs walked the grounds - not in any real hurry to get to the starting line, but instead to simply catch up on community conversation and well-being.

Healthy snacks were once again brought forth and neatly displayed on tables through the help of caring volunteers, often in their teens. Fresh bananas, award winning fat apples, and carefully crafted hand-made packages of trail mix were all geometrically displayed in neat rows, in a take-what-you-wish and serve yourself affair. Other food items too were offered and everyone knew that after the race would come ice cream in well-planned clear plastic cups for all, with other tables displaying large open boxes of take-and-go fresh cream cupcakes donated by the Nothing



A miracle girl with her miracle doll brings light to the darkness.

Bundt Cakes shop on Aborn Road.

Talk often was about cancer and laughter was heard too, with grins and smiles about those winning the secret battle. New research and breakthroughs were spoken of which brought light to the darkness and increased understanding. Everyone knew that right here at the Omar Dream Run, cancer can be conquered, as proved by the tales from survivors who stroll amongst the gathering and speak unabashedly of their full remission.

The battle force

Educational Centers, scientists, doctors, parents children and others carefully created this front-line against cancer. Part of the plan is to always connect children and adults to their friends and classmates whenever anyone should go into the depths of treatment needed in a hospital setting. Chemotherapy and common colds can be a problem. Often the separation of school becomes a fact of life for the individual. Some are moved to hospitals to live for periods of time during treatment.

Omar teaches us today

The flagship of this movement is the Omar's Dream Foundation Non-Profit Organization. Omar had leukemia when he was two years old. His parents worked tirelessly to give him the best. When he was in the fourth grade he needed a

bone marrow transplant and went from Evergreen School District to live at the Stanford Medical Hospital. Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Melody Sutton and Omar's parents created a way to help Omar and his classmates communicate and stay together while also teaching Omar with the group. "We just had to find a way to make this happen," said Sutton. They set up a computer at the hospital and began talking to each other by Skype. Each day, Omar crossed the void and entered the classroom through the internet. For Omar, the process was a priority where learning and friendship took center stage. It was kindly stated that he sometimes adamantly told nurses, "you've got to come back later - we're doing math." Teacher Sutton is on the board of the Omar's Dream Non-Profit Organization and states, "We are here to honor his memory and make his dreams come true."

Omar, teachers, parents, nurses, doctors, hospitals and many others pioneered a new way of allowing students to continue in school and be with their classmates instead of being pulled away to the isolated private world of hospital tutoring. The organization grows each year, and now six hospitals help hundreds of children and adults continue education in this unique way. Omar blazed the trail and figured out how to

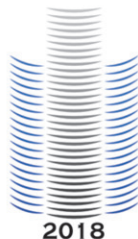
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The Omar's Dream Run is an event for everyone to enjoy.

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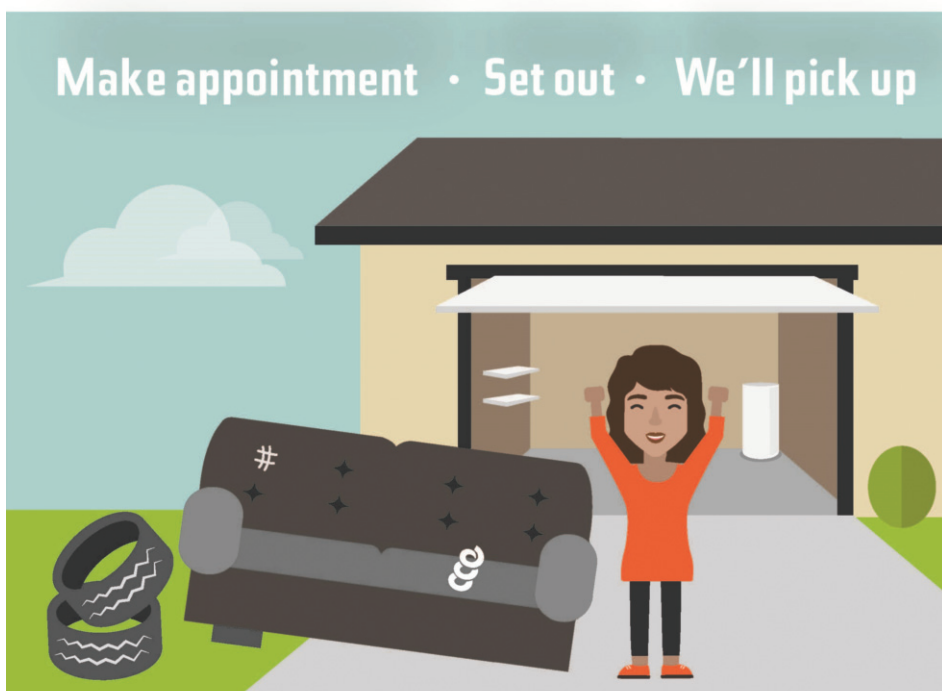


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Times Features

More than 150 San Jose residents rally in favor of Measure V

Mayor Sam Liccardo, housing advocates and more than 150 San Jose residents rallied in support of Measure V at the Yes on V, Vote Affordable San Jose Campaign Kickoff recently.

“Measure V will make room for us, so folks can afford to live in San Jose without having to choose between paying rent and paying for food, medicine and other basic necessities,” said Mayor Liccardo. “This is our city and we must do all we can to make sure our neighbors and our friends can continue to call San Jose home for generations to come. That’s why I’m grateful to the many housing advocates, labor organizations and community stakeholders who have joined our effort for a more affordable San Jose.”

Measure V supporters say it will help working parents, teachers, paramedics,



seniors, and veterans who struggle to afford to live and work in San Jose.

Measure V is supported by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, the League of Women Voters, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party, the Sierra Club, Habitat for Humanity, Housing Trust Silicon Valley, Catholic Charities, the California Alliance for Jobs and others.

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transcend learning beyond the white walls of a hospital room with tubes and equipment at arms grasp, combined with frequent injections and tests. Omar used his indomitable spirit to show the world that he and others could take control so that one never had to leave school for even if a person is to stay in the hospital with “doctor’s orders.” The internet could capture and connect laughter and learning in real time to battle back cancer and give hope to energize each traveling patient.

Miracle Girl with clean bloodstream

A lovely vibrant dynamic 12 year old actually had trouble not smiling when one spoke to her. Her joy was infectious. Each year, she makes time to come to the Omar Dream Run and offers her services of DJ-ing the music. She’s a miracle of modern day medicine, and quick to say that the power of prayer played an important role to her health too.

“I like coming here each year,” she stated as she DJ-ed the event with her father near. “Each year people keep running to fight cancer.” When asked about her story she says, “When I was four I was diagnosed with leukemia. I kept fighting and praying and luckily after three or four years, I survived. Two or three years ago I was finally told I am in remission. This means your blood is checked to make sure nothing is going on and you don’t have cancer any more. My mom

and dad prayed a lot for what was to happen and those in the local church prayed for me too, so I got prayer from all.”

Thanks mom and dad

She continued, “I think when my mom and dad found out that I was out of remission with no sign of cancer in my body, they were very happy and proud I was able to go forward. I love my mom and dad and my sister and I am glad I got prayers from them. I’m glad they are here today too at the Omar’s Dream Run.”

Welcome to the world of cancer

“She’s an inspiration and that is why our journey continues. There is hope. Look at this photo,” said her proud father as he used the screen of the computer to back up and share his statement with pictures of their journey. “They gave our daughter a doll and the hair came off of it. The reason for this was to show her it was OK and that it is what happens under chemotherapy, hair comes off. My wife and I did not really know what to do, it was like we were thrown into a new world. ‘Welcome to the world of cancer’ was the new place we were in. We knew we were in a battle to save the life of our child. The doctors could not tell us why, could not tell us the reasons why a little girl comes to have cancer.”

“Four years seemed like an eternity,” dad continued. “At first, it seemed way out of reach but the four years of treatment went by real quick. Now we are

A 12 year old miracle girl unabashedly shared her individual uplifting story of hope. Goosebumps were felt by many as the survivor helped others facing the battle.

looking forward and just not looking back anymore.”

Stanford Children’s Hospital “a class act”

The proud father of the 12 year old continued and spoke of their experience in the children’s hospital. “It was something out of heaven. They were like angels. It was a blessing to have that kind of atmosphere, professional, supportive program from the very beginning. We were going through this very harsh problem but they made it smoother for us.”

Doctors just don’t know why children and adults are afflicted with cancer

That 12 year old miracle girl unabashedly shared her individual uplifting story of hope. Goosebumps were felt by many as the survivor helped others facing the battle. Parents who began the same itinerary in years past, who knew the path, also helped everyone on their individual roads to remission by mapping out the journey and giving them the lay of the land, so to speak. Victorious examples of gallant fighting and survival were present at the event as the survivors spoke to all about their per-

sonal individual journeys.

Omar’s Dream Run belongs to you

Supervisor Dave Cortese and his wife were present and have supported the event since its inception. He stated to the crowd before the race began, “This is the way to do it. We need to just continue year after year.” With momentum building, Omar’s Dream is blossoming and expanding to more people. Mayor Liccardo also spoke and stated that he had insights about the issues of cancer regarding people he knew and that the event and organization is terribly important. He said, “In times of suffering we need each other and we need to be connected.” It was explained that Omar’s Dream has come true and it is a loving legacy.

One mom holding a baby said with bright eyes and conviction of faith, “we are taught that kids are born pure and considered angels. God tests those that are nearest to him.”

Another woman gently stated, “there is no small miracle.”

Editor’s Note: Omar’s Dream Foundation enables hospitalized and medically supervised children to remotely attend school allowing them to stay connected to their teachers and classmates. Their services are free for all qualified students and their educators. To see Omar’s teacher and classroom and to hear testimonials and breakthroughs in research go to (websearch) Omar’s Dream Foundation. Donations are welcomed and needed to expand the program.



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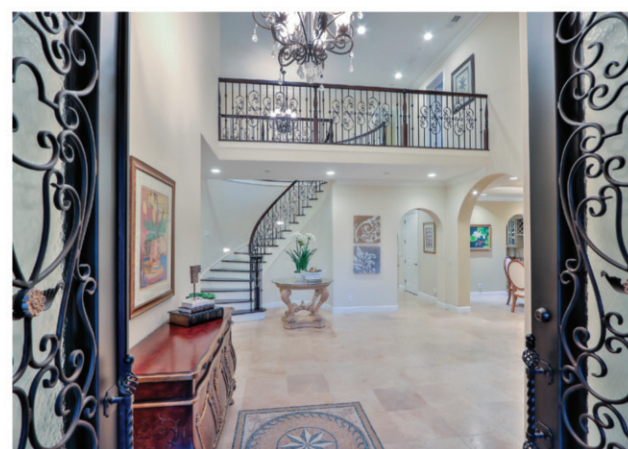
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The San Jose library website explains, "It is the mission of San José Public Library to provide equal access to information, services, and opportunities that empower, enrich, and enhance the quality of life for all. Fines are a barrier to that access. Expanding access to

youth materials is critical to the academic success and career achievement of students in San José and eliminating fines will encourage everyone in our community to utilize the resources the library offers."
Thanks Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members
In the 2018-2019 adopted operating budget, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed to fund a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of eliminating late fees on juvenile materials as a way to increase access for children and families.
They announced that the City Council approved the Mayor's proposal and any late fines for youth during Fiscal Year 2018/19 have been eliminated.

It's something the Library and Early Education Commission identified as their top priority.
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Glass-eyed Jacks and crystal gourds abound

Santana Row recently hosted a "Glass Pumpkin Patch," featuring many thousands of glass pumpkins offered for sale that were created by Bay Area Glass Institute artists from all over the region. The popular event attracted hundreds of art enthusiasts and fans of the fall season to the popular outdoor shopping district.
Photo by Jeff Baham


City & County Measures with a potential financial impact to residents

By Councilmember Johnny Khamis
Special to the Times
Santa Clara County Measure A – This measure makes permanent a temporary 1/8th-cent general sales tax that was approved as Measure A in 2012 - <http://bit.ly/2QWFH6r>. It generates about \$50 million per year for the County General Fund to pay for County services. In 2012, when Measure A was approved by the voters, County tax revenues were at a low point due to the property-valuation effects of the Great Recession. Property valuations now exceed pre-recession levels. The tax is scheduled to expire March 31, 2023, and a Yes vote on Measure A will make the tax permanent. A No vote will result in a 1/8th-cent sales tax reduction beginning April 1, 2023. Visit page 19 of the County Board of Supervisors agenda document for the complete resolution - <http://bit.ly/2zrQf6V>.
City of San José Measure T – A \$650 million general obligation bond measure to fund "Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure." It was at my request that the proposed measure specifies that at least \$300 million of the \$650 million bond would be issued for the purpose of repaving streets in the worst condition and repairing potholes and was included in the resolution. It is estimated that the bonds would be funded through an average tax of 11 cents per \$1,000 of the assessed value of each assessed parcel within the City of San José, averaging \$34,208,000 annually until repaid. A copy of the Tax Rate Statement can be found as Exhibit B to the Council Resolution placing Measure T on the ballot - <http://bit.ly/2pAqZj>.
City of San José Measure V – A \$450 million general obligation bond to fund "Affordable Housing." It is estimated that the bonds would be funded through an

assessed value of each assessed parcel within the City of San Jose averaging \$26,217,000 annually until repaid. A copy of the Tax Rate Statement can be found as Exhibit B to the Council Resolution placing Measure V on the ballot - <http://bit.ly/2zrZzHU>.
Full information on the City Measures is available at the City Clerk's Elections website - <http://bit.ly/2xOIRAf>.
City Measures that change how we do business:
City of San Jose Measure S - A ballot measure proposal to amend Section 1217 of Article XII of the San José City Charter to modify construction contract procurement and the bidding process - <http://bit.ly/2O444k1>. The measure reads: "Prioritize selecting contractors on cost, but enable consideration of factors like experience and work quality;

Increase opportunities for small, local, and economically disadvantaged businesses to compete for contracts; Modify the bidding threshold from \$100,000 to \$600,000, adjusted annually for inflation; Lower the "design-build" contract threshold from \$5,000,000 to \$1,000,000; and Allow modernization of public noticing?"
City of San Jose Measure U – A ballot measure to remove the Mayor and Council's ability to approve their own salaries; require the Salary Setting Commission to adjust the base salaries for the Mayor and City Council once every five years; limit base salary increases after each 5-year adjustment to annual adjustments for inflation; and align the City Charter with State law to allow the City Council to place competing ordinances on the same ballot in Municipal Elections - <http://bit.ly/2OPN51Z>. At present, a 5-member salary-setting commission con-

venes once every two years to provide their recommendations to the City Council. The City Council then approves or modifies their recommendation to reduce the recommended salary. The new process would have the 5-member commission, appointed by the Civil Service Commission, convene once every five years to set base salaries for the Mayor and Councilmembers.
Learn more
Great sources of information include Ballotpedia - <http://bit.ly/2zrfvdo>, the City Clerk's elections website - <http://bit.ly/2xOIRAf>, the County Registrar of Voters website - <http://bit.ly/2DpKieI>, Voter's Edge - <http://bit.ly/2Od5Tv6>, and your ballot guide. My comments on the Measures during Council meetings may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0jzSVw50sfSrZXUTtrP1Iw/vi>deos. If you're not registered to vote – use the County Registrar's link - <https://registertovote.ca.gov/> – you still have time – October 22 is the deadline to register online!



District 10 Report

Johnny Khamis,
City Councilmember

City-Wide Measure	Summary	Total bonds that could be issued	How would bonds be paid for?	Rate (estimated cost for ad valorem taxes)	Yearly cost for owner of parcel at average \$641,830 assessed value (per Assessor's Annual report 2017-2018)	Yearly cost for owner of median-priced San Jose home of \$1,128,300* (from Zillow.com)	Area Affected	Vote required for passage	Is there a Senior or other Exemption, beyond the standard Homeowner Exemption?
T	Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure Bond	\$650 million	Ad valorem tax	Maximum estimate of \$18.41/\$100,000 of assessed property value	\$118.16	\$207.72	City of San Jose	2/3 vote	No
V	Affordable Housing Bond	\$450 million	Ad valorem tax	Maximum estimate of \$14.29/\$100,000 of assessed property value	\$91.72	\$161.23	City of San Jose	2/3 vote	No
ESTIMATED ANNUAL TOTAL COST PER YEAR:					\$209.88	\$368.95			
County-Wide Measure	Summary	Total annual revenue estimated	How is it paid for?	Rate	Yearly cost based on \$30,000 in annual taxable purchases	Yearly cost based on \$60,000 in annual taxable purchases	Area Affected	Vote required for passage	Is there a Senior or other Exemption?
A	Makes permanent the temporary 1/8-cent sales tax passed in 2012 that was set to expire March 31, 2023.	\$50 million annually	Transaction and Use Tax (similar to sales tax)	.125% x value of retail transaction	\$37.50	\$75.00	All of Santa Clara County	50%+1	Personal services and non-tangible items not taxed in CA

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Keep Pets Safe this Halloween

(Family Features) Halloween isn't just for humans; four-legged friends have plenty of opportunity to get in on the fun, too. However, it's important to take some pet precautions that allow the whole family to enjoy the holiday safely, as the costumes and excitement can be overwhelming and some of the candy is even dangerous.

As you're filling the candy buckets and assembling the perfect costumes, be sure to heed these tips from the experts at PetSmart for a Halloween filled with pet-friendly fun:

Out and about

Make sure pets have proper identification by microchipping and registering your pet's microchip, and keeping identification and registration tags on their collars. This is especially important around Halloween, when open doors offer more opportunity for escape.

If your pet will be joining the family while trick-or-treating, be sure they are visible to motorists by using a reflective collar, harness or leash.

Costume concerns

Just like with children, there are safety issues to consider when costuming your pets. Not all dogs like wearing clothes and some may become stressed or agitated while wearing a costume or sweater. However, many dogs just need a little coaxing and positive reinforcement.

- Start with a simple accessory, like a bandana, working your way up to a costume.

- Make sure costumes include eye and ear holes, and if they don't, consider removing whole portions of the costume to ensure your pet's ability to see, hear and breathe. Make sure there isn't anything that could be a tripping hazard. Also, be sure to check the costume for little parts within biting or chewing distance.

- Dogs can overheat easily, so ensure your dog's clothing is not too bulky or heavy if the weather is warm.

- In the end, the top priority should be your pet's comfort level.

Hazardous food and decorations

"It's fun to include our pets in our celebrations,

but it's also important to be aware of the dangers associated with Halloween to ensure their safety," said Jennifer Freeman, DVM, PetSmart's resident veterinarian and pet care expert. "Keep chocolate and candy out of paws' reach. Xylitol, a sugar substitute found in candy, gum, mints and baked goods, is toxic to pets and can cause liver damage."

Keep the Halloween fun going by establishing some rules for your family and any guests joining the festivities:

- Xylitol can be extremely dangerous to pets, even in small amounts. Just 1/8 teaspoon can cause dangerously low blood sugar in dogs and 1/2 teaspoon can cause liver damage. If xylitol is consumed by your pet, take him or her to a veterinarian immediately.

- Natural stimulants in chocolate can cause a range of symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea and abnormal heart rhythm.

- Raisins may cause a toxic reaction in dogs from vomiting to kidney failure.

- Cellophane, plastic and paper from candy wrappers and lollipop sticks can cause gastrointestinal upset.

- As an alternative to sharing dangerous snacks, stock up on some seasonal dog-friendly treats and set out a pet-specific bowl.

Seasonal decorations can also pose a threat:

- Fall decorations like jack-o'-lanterns can cause gastrointestinal upset.

- Glow sticks can cause irritation, agitation and vomiting.

- Hot wax and flames from candles can potentially burn your pet's nose, tongue or tail.

Don't forget the fun

Despite some concerns, Halloween can still provide fun moments for your pet:

- Take your dog along for trick-or-treating.
- Allow your four-legged friend to greet trick-or-treaters at the door.

- Encourage friends to dress up their pets and join the festivities.

Find more tips and tricks for keeping your pets safe this Halloween at PetSmart.com.



Popping Up Sweet Fall Treats

(Family Features) When it's time for a sweet treat, look for seasonal goodies that complement fun fall activities. For example, reach for an option like whole-grain, fluffy and crisp popcorn which can be an easy, DIY snack.

Combine sweet and salty flavors to create something delicious to devour like delightful Down Home Apple Pie Popcorn.

To better serve a crowd, try these Perfect Picnic Popcorn Squares at your next family gathering or fall cookout with friends.

For more creative, DIY popcorn recipe ideas, visit popcorn.org.

Down Home Apple Pie Popcorn (pictured above)

Yield: 10 cups
3 tablespoons melted butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
8 cups popped popcorn
1 cup dried apple chips, broken into large pieces
1/4 cup toffee bits

Heat oven to 300 F. Whisk melted butter with vanilla. Toss brown sugar with cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg.

Toss popcorn with butter mixture. Sprinkle evenly with brown sugar mixture. Stir. Transfer to baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

Sprinkle apple chips and toffee bits

over top. Bake 15 minutes, or until toffee bits start to melt. Cool before serving.

Tip: Add chopped pecans for extra crunch.

Perfect Picnic Popcorn Squares (pictured below)

Yield: 12 squares
1 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 cup reduced-fat peanut butter
3/4 cup raisins
8 cups air-popped popcorn
nonstick cooking spray

In large saucepan, combine corn syrup, sugar, brown sugar and peanut butter.

Bring to boil over low heat, stirring constantly; boil 2-3 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat.

In large bowl, combine raisins and popcorn; pour hot mixture over popcorn and toss carefully with wooden spoons until well-coated.

Spray 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray; press popcorn mixture into pan and cool completely.

Cut into squares and serve.



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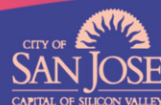
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office, construction of affordable housing, Valley Medical Foundation and healthcare.

“All of us living in this valley have seen the economic development and growth of the wealth in this area, but there are many people in this community who do not have that advantage,” says Dickman. “If you don’t have a place to live, it’s difficult to find a job. If you don’t have a place to live, where do you go to school? If you’re not well enough to work or learn, how can you progress? While we’re all thriving and prospering, it’s more and more difficult for many. We really need to ensure they and our entire community is healthy. I’m asking you as human beings and conscientious citizens to vote for Measure A to keep that flow of funds going through our county.”

Connolly agrees that it’s difficult for people to get by in this county and there are people in need. “Our county does fulfill an important role as a social service provider and safety net for our community,” he says. However, he notes that in 2012, voters passed this county sales tax—designated to pay for law enforcement and public safety, trauma and emergency room services, health coverage for low-income children, economic development and job creation, housing for the homeless and programs to help students stay in school—and four years later, Measure A was passed providing \$950 million for housing through property tax. “It seems like the go-to solution for every level of government in California is a new tax and that makes it harder to get by in Silicon Valley,” he says, “especially for those struggling to pay for clothes for their kids to go back to school and their shoes and things like that, on which you have to pay sales tax and that’s what this tax applies to.”

He believes that this tax should end in 2023 as it’s scheduled to as it was a temporary measure to help the County through a crisis following the Great Recession. “They said we need help to maintain critical services and they also said the employees were making big sacrifices,” he says. “As of 2014...employees had given up \$21.5 million in benefits and pay, which was 2/3 of what they said they’d give up if taxpayers kicked in. That amounts to less than 0.3 percent of the county budget. In San Jose, employees gave up 10 percent during the Great Recession to keep services alive. The sacrifices that the taxpayers are making are far greater. The money went to the general fund. But they’ve more than recovered and now exceed their previous levels.”

Dickman says that of the County’s \$4 billion annual budget, more than half goes to its health and hospital system. “Before the Affordable Care Act, the hospital was running at a deficit of \$45 million per year,” he says. “Now, the hospital is cashflow positive, but with the repeal of the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act, more and more people will decide due to economic issues not to buy health insurance and we’re going to see a deficit in the hospital again and see most of them showing up at the emergency room. That’s a key concern in the loss of these funds.”

He asserts that as challenges in the costs



Mackenzie Mossing, Policy Analyst and Agenda Services, Manager for City of San Jose, faced off with business owner **Mark Hinkle**.

of housing and healthcare continue to increase, this tax should become permanent.

Connolly feels that the County already has the assets it needs. “The property tax revenues have grown by \$580 million since 2011,” he says. “They should be spending that money and not asking for an additional \$50 million. The County needs to focus on essential services—those most in need like the homeless on our streets and the mentally ill—and spend the money on that.” He says that the half of their budget not spent on healthcare and human services includes a lot of wasteful spending such as a proposal to spend \$5 million from the general fund on building monuments to the great women of our Valley. “It is a worthwhile cause,” says Connolly. “We’re doing that in our community honoring Pat Dando, but with private funds. They’re also providing millions in grants to the agencies that backed Measure A. So, it’s definitely in the interests of the agencies getting the money to promote continuing the tax and Measure A.”

Dickman says that the budget speaks for itself and that challenges continue to increase. “The Valley Medical Center emergency room is one of best in the community and the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Clinic is one of the best in the nation,” he says. “The emergency room is overwhelmed. We need to extend the tax. We have a long way to go and need the funding to make it happen.”

• Measure S – Construction Contracts Procurement Modernization

Steve Pagan, civil engineer and City of Campbell Project Manager favors Measure S. Connolly spoke against the measure on behalf of Johnny Khamis.

Measure S will update the city’s charter that covers the procurement of public works contracts, increasing the formal bidding threshold from \$100,000 to \$600,000.

“Currently, any project over \$100,000 must go through a formal bidding process and be awarded to the lowest bidder,” says Pagan. “Under Measure S, projects over \$600,000 will continue to be bid through the formal bidding process and projects under \$600,000 will be bid in a less formal process based on the city’s municipal code. It will save staff time and money and allow a greater number of projects to be bid

on and awarded and index the \$600,000 to inflation.” He also noted that San Francisco has its formal bid set at \$600,000 and San Diego at \$500,000.

Measure S will also modify the design build delivery process currently used for projects over \$5 million. The city awards a design build contract based on qualifications and experience. The monetary price is negotiated later. Measure S will lower the limit from \$5 million to \$1 million allowing more projects to be considered for the design build project delivery method.

“Currently formal bidding contractors are selected based on the lowest price,” he says. “Measure S will allow qualifications into the bidding process including safety record, past project performance and experience, labor compliance, management experience and financial condition. Bidders will be ranked based upon qualifications.” Measure S will also update advertising, removing the requirement to advertise in print paper as most businesses now advertise for jobs online.

Connolly says that Measure S has a lot to like in it from increasing the city’s ability to use money-saving design build contracting to increasing the dollar limit for informal bidding. He acknowledges that the formal bidding process currently can take up to nine months and is costly. “For a small parks projects on the \$100,000 cusp, adding the formal bidding process makes the project more expensive,” he says. “We could get a lot more done for less money.” He agrees that removing the requirement for print advertising and adding an inflation index is good business. However, he believes the measure contains a fatal flaw that could cost much more in the long run.

“The flaw is what Councilmember Khamis calls the ‘best friend bidding provision,’” he says, which changes the criteria for bidding on large projects from the lowest cost, responsible bidder to the best value bidder. “While best value can be used to select a bidder who has a great track record of completing projects on time and under budget with the fewest change orders, it can also be used to define costly criteria or to define out criteria to keep people accountable,” he says. “A future City Council could change the labor compliance part of the bidding criteria to include labor provisions pushed by special

interest like requiring all project hiring to go through a union hall which could increase the project cost from 12 to 20 percent. A council majority could choose the most well-connected contractors – perhaps those who donated most generally to their campaigns.”

Although Connolly and Khamis encourage residents to reject Measure S, if it fails, they would like the city council to change this part of the measure and place it on the 2020 ballot. “It could cost us much more in the long run,” says Connolly, “if we don’t do it right the first time.”

• Measure T – \$650M Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety & Infrastructure Bond

Mackenzie Mossing, Policy Analyst & Agenda Services Manager for City of San Jose, favors City Measure T. Robert Imhoff, Executive office of the Libertarian Party of California, opposes it.

“Why do we need Measure T?” asks Mossing. “Decades of underinvestment in deteriorating streets and bridges and public safety facilities undermine our daily emergency responses and make us vulnerable to earthquakes and floods. We want to improve response times for heart attacks, fires, burglaries and natural disasters and make our city a safer place to live.”

Mossing notes that San Jose has a \$1.4 billion backlog to repair and rebuild infrastructure, including 388 miles of roads that are in poor or failing condition. “Our roads are literally crumbling,” she says “and many bridges were not built to withstand a major earthquake. Measure T will fund \$300 million in road repair.”

Measure T will reduce flooding by preserving open space that absorbs water in heavy rains, protect our ground water supplies from contamination and reduce our vulnerability to wildfires, she says. “In 2017, our neighbors suffered a devastating flood that displaced 14,000 people and cost more than a hundred million in damages. We’re also seeing wildfires across California. Who’s to say we’re not due for one or an earthquake. Shouldn’t we seek every opportunity to protect our communities?”

Mossing also noted that after their horrible flooding Houston experienced two years ago, it recently passed a \$2 billion bond measure to address the flooding issue, including preserving open space and purchasing land in the flood areas.

In addition, Measure T will also fund sites for emergency shelters and rebuilding portions of the storm sewer system to prevent flooding.

“Your ‘No’ vote should be based upon principle and how our cities are run,” says Imhoff. “And \$650 million is a lot of money. In June, we passed County RM3. We raised all the bridge tolls to repair roads. SB1 collected 12 cents per gallon for a state tax.”

Imhoff says that San Jose didn’t receive any portion of the \$5.4 billion raised by the gas tax but \$2.3 billion went to Los Angeles, which is why it’s being considered for repeal. Still, he believes the city has the money it needs without raising additional funds. “They have billions of dollars in infrastructure you’re already paying for,” he says “and now they’re asking you to pay more. Our budget is the largest it’s ever been and yet they keep saying how about this pet project? Send a

message to City Hall that you're not going to pay any more."

Mossing acknowledges that two years ago, the sales tax measure for public safety and upgrading infrastructure was passed and went to staffing the police department as well as repaving roads. "We spent \$17 million fixing roads in critical need, but our backlog is so huge it's hard to address in one sales tax," she says. "This bond measure is strictly focused on fixing our roads. There's a critical need that will continue to grow if we don't address it now."

• **Measure V – \$450M Affordable Housing Bond**

Mossing also spoke in favor of Measure V. Mark Hinkle, business owner and former National Chairman of the U.S. Libertarian Party, spoke against it.

"Why do we need Measure V?" Mossing says. "There's no question we have a housing crisis in the Bay Area. People who work two or even three jobs are struggling to afford housing. Families are forced to choose between healthcare, groceries, and rent. Young adults can't afford to pay rent in the city they grew up in, let alone buy a house here. Over 4,000 people are homeless in San Jose. Measure V will provide affordable housing for working families, veterans, seniors, teachers, nurses and paramedics. It will help homeless residents get off our streets and out of our creeks and parks."

Mossing believes that Measure V will create incentives for developers to build 3,600 affordable units bridging the gap to reaching the city's goal of 10,000 affordable units by 2022. "Now they estimate you have to make a combined income of \$274,000 a year to be able to afford a house in San Jose," she says.

"When government comes to you with a tax increase," says Hinkle, "they're saying everything in their budget is a priority and everything not in their budget is not. Low cost housing is not in their budget, so it's not a priority. This November there are 24 tax increases on the ballot throughout the County. That's almost \$4 billion. Bond Measures are like mortgages and have to be paid off with interest. It's going to cost twice as much. It's not a good deal."

Hinkle is concerned that the affordable housing units will result in an undesirable neighborhood. "Who wants a slum in their backyard?" he says. "Nobody does. Everybody knows homeowners take better care of their housing than renters do. Where is high crime rate? Slums and centers of crime, drugs and prostitution with govern-

ment-built housing projects."

Mossing disagrees. "I don't consider homes for teachers, nurses, paramedics and younger families slums," she says. "It's not government-run or owned. The city is just putting money towards it. There are not drugs and prostitution. These are not slums. They're good places to house our community members; people who are struggling to make ends meet as the cost of living continues to go up. It's a place where people who went to Leland would live and people who teach your children at Leland would live. It's simple supply and demand. You increase the supply you address the affordable housing crisis. It's the right thing to do to make sure future generations can afford to live here."

• **Measure U – City Charter Amendment – City Council Salary Setting & Competing Measures on Same Ballot**

Matt Mahan, CEO and Cofounder of Brigade, a voter network startup, presented Measure U. Mahan is also an AVCA and Silicon Valley Leadership Group Board Member.

"Measure U combines two measures and is about the city charter and what city council can and can't do," says Mahan. "First, it's about salaries for city council. Currently, a group of citizens serve on a commission meeting every two years and recommend to council what their salaries should be. In recent years, they recommended double digit increases as the cost of living increased and private sector salaries have increased. But because council feels it's bad form to vote themselves a pay increase, they usually vote 'No' or for a small increase. The proposed solution is to take away the responsibility for their own pay increase from the council. The salary commission would implement the increase, but they would only meet every five years and the adjustments would be a cost of living adjustment only."

The second issue is about competing ballot issues, he says. In the previous election, Measure C was put on the ballot by council due to concerns about Measure B, but it was close to being a competing measure. Previously, the council decided not to allow itself to put competing issues on the ballot, which led to challenges. Voting "Yes" on U would allow council to put competing measures on the ballot but it would require a 2/3 super majority to do so.

"Please vote," says Kotadia. "Your vote does count."

To contact or find out more about the AVCA, please see: www.avca-sj.org

Five steps to help prevent accidental carbon monoxide poisoning

(Family Features) Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, potentially deadly gas that can be produced by fuel-burning appliances. Stoves, fireplaces, furnaces and many other types of home appliances and cooking devices are potential sources.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning is a leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States, responsible for more than 400 deaths and 50,000 emergency room visits each year.

Learn how to help protect yourself and your family from accidental CO poisoning with these tips from the experts at Kidde:

1. Have All Fuel-Burning Appliances Checked Annually

Know that any fuel-burning appliance is a potential source of CO, including but not limited to: gas stoves and ranges, fireplaces and furnaces. It's important to have all fuel-burning appliances checked annually for any damage or possible leaks. Set a recurring reminder in your phone to make an appointment for a certified professional to check your fuel-burning appliances every year.

2. Install Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The only safe way to detect carbon monoxide in your home is with a working CO alarm. You should install CO alarms on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area. However, it's important to remember CO alarms don't last forever, and the units typically need to be replaced every 7-10 years, depending on the model. For example, new Kidde CO alarms last 10 years and come equipped with a sealed-in battery that never needs to be changed. As an added safety measure, the alarms also include an end-of-life warning feature, which alerts homeowners when the unit needs to be replaced.

3. Avoid Idling Your Car in the Garage

Even if your garage door is open, you shouldn't leave your car running inside. Similarly, never leave your car idling in a carport. CO can quickly accumulate in the small space surrounding your car or leak into your home. Always be sure to turn your car off immediately when parked in the garage or carport, or simply finish your conversation outdoors or in the comfort of your home.

4. Never Use a Generator Indoors

When the weather gets colder, storms can sometimes lead to power outages, and people turn to portable generators to power their homes. It's important to remember to always keep portable generators outdoors - never bring them inside your house or garage, even if doors and windows are open. The CDC recommends keeping portable generators at least 20 feet away from your home, doors and windows. Make sure to keep them at least 20 feet from your neighbors' homes, as well. The same safety precautions apply to other portable appliances, such as portable grills and camp stoves.

5. Know the Signs of CO Poisoning

In addition to properly maintaining the devices and appliances that generate CO and



installing working CO alarms, it's important to know the signs and symptoms of CO poisoning so you can get help before it's too late. At high concentration levels, CO can be fatal in minutes.

* Mild exposure: A slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, flu-like symptoms (but no fever)

* Medium exposure: A severe headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate

* Extreme exposure: Convulsions, unconsciousness, brain damage, heart and lung failure followed by death

Carbon monoxide can be scary, but knowing the basics of staying safe from the silent killer can help you and your family can breathe easy all year long. To learn more about CO safety, visit beatthebeep.com.

Beat the Beep in California

Under California Senate Bill 183, also known as the "Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act," which went into effect July 1, 2011, all single-family homes with an attached garage or fossil fuel source are required to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms within the home.

However, many people don't realize that over time, the alarms' sensors lose sensitivity as dust and other airborne contaminants build up in the sensing chamber. As a safety precaution, Underwriters Laboratories standards require CO alarms to have a certain lifespan.

Alarms purchased to comply with the law that was introduced in 2011 will start sounding an end-of-life beep indicating the need for replacement at some point in 2018.

There is a difference between an alarm's end-of-life beep and the beep indicating that there is a CO hazard or the alarm needs new batteries. The end-of-life warning sequence may vary slightly depending on alarm brand. For example, Kidde CO alarms purchased in 2011 will indicate the need for replacement by sounding an end-of-life warning beep twice every 30 seconds.

Knowing how to identify various alarm beeps can be key to keeping your home safe:

* End-of-life warning will occur every 30 seconds

* If the alarm has a digital display, it will display the ERR or END error code

* Replacing the battery will not stop the beep

* The beep will only stop when the alarm is out of power

It's important to replace your alarm if you think it may be nearing expiration. Once alarms enter end-of-life mode, they can no longer detect CO.

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Housing

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The District’s vision, presented in their “Master Plan” at their Sept. 27 Board meeting was the result of their concerns about declining enrollment, teacher attrition and aging schools. “People can’t afford to live here and are moving out of the area for a better quality of life,” says Meek. “We’ve lost over 3,000 students in a fairly short period of time, which changes the revenues coming into our school district. Our overall costs haven’t been able to go low enough not to affect our reserves. In two or three years, they will be dangerously low.”

In addition, teachers can’t afford to live in the area. “We have teachers who serve as Uber drivers to earn extra money,” says Meek. “We have teachers with a family of four sharing a one-bedroom apartment. These are teachers, support staff, people who educate our futures.”

SJUSD Superintendent Nancy Albarran agrees. “Every year, we have to hire 200 teachers,” she says. “Our teachers and administrators aren’t able to afford homes here given the cost of living. We need to do something for our employees. They want to build lives and live in the communities they serve. We’re trying to find a solution to this problem.”

Nine sites are under consideration by SJUSD to convert into affordable housing: Walter L. Bachordt Elementary, Peter Burnette Middle School, San Jose Unified School District Office on Lenzen, Selma Olinder Elementary, Gardner Elementary, River Glen K-8 School, Second Start-Pine Hill, Bret Harte Middle School and Leland High School.

Meek says that for any of these facilities to become workforce housing, there are a number of questions that need to be asked and answered and details that need to be

worked out, like traffic, the effect it would have on the neighborhood school and community, and what kind of housing could be built there.

The District’s plan is to leverage the 70 acres it owns near Calero County Park in exchange for undeveloped County property on McKean Road for Leland and Bret Harte’s new campuses. “The District purchased them decades ago for new school construction,” says McMahon. “We don’t think it’s the best location for schools and is better for Santa Clara County to extend Calero Park there. We’re working with the County to preserve these 70 acres of open space indefinitely. The idea is that we can get a better facility while creating options for housing and preserving open space.”

McMahon says that any employee housing would have the same look and feel as the surrounding neighborhoods. The track and fields would remain but be surrounded by houses.

“The school district needs to continue to evolve to make sure our classrooms are filled with teachers,” he says. “We’re hoping to protect open space, attract or retain high quality employees, enhance student experiences and increase property values: property taxes fund the school district. Anything that lowers property values lowers revenue for the school district. When the new schools are ready, the students would move there. We’d have a new 6 to 12 grade expansion with all the things people have asked for.”

Public outcry

The boisterous crowd of about 600 residents wasn’t swayed by the District’s presentation.

Although SJUSD was on break, word of its possible closure spread like wildfire on social media. “I think it’s a disgrace SJUSD never let us know about this meeting,” says a resident. “It’s only through Nextdoor that we came out. Many people who have students at this school aren’t

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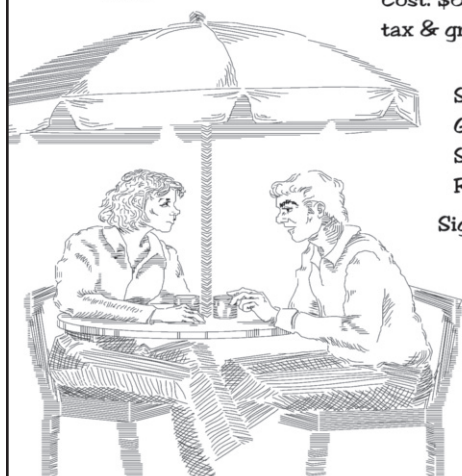
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SJUSD proposes moving Leland High School and Bret Harte Middle School (white box) adjacent to Challenger-Almaden (blue box) on McKean Rd. To do this, they hope to swap County-owned land with District-owned land (green box) adjacent to Calero County Park, making it Open Space.

even here because they're on vacation this week."

"You talk about declining reenrollment," says a resident. "You need money. I'm a professor. I know we can't hire people at San Jose State because of high cost. But an excellent teacher at Bret Harte left because he could make more money in Palo Alto. Will the rents coming in offset the declining enrollment? It comes down to money. If you haven't done the back-of-the-envelope calculations, why are we wasting our time here?"

Residents raised safety and traffic concerns with the proposed new locations for the schools. "It's definitely a concern," says McMahon, "but there's not a school without traffic challenges. There's not a school site that doesn't have an impact on neighborhood traffic."

The crowd didn't appreciate his cavalier attitude. "There's a lot of energy in the room," says Meek. "We'll do the best we can to hear what you're saying and respond. I understand people want to speak."

Resident Greg Braley, who has already garnered about 5,800 signatures on his petition to "Save Leland and Bret Harte" on change.org, addresses the crowd. "We're Almaden people...civil people," he says, quieting them.

"Meek, what was your thought process that you thought this would be acceptable for these people?" Braley asks her.

"I was looking at it from a potential situation," she says. "There are hundreds of questions I have. Should the school board be in the housing business?"

"NO!" shouts the crowd.

"But, we're in a situation that is dire," she says, "and I'm willing to explore the idea."

"So," says Braley, "if the scenario goes through, you'd be in favor?"

"If it comes back that we'd damage our community, that the community doesn't want what we propose, why would we do that? I'm open to the possibility of a 'Yes' or a 'No.'"

"Are you getting a sense of a 'Yes' from this room?" shouts a resident.

"I think it's only reasonable to require a comprehensive study that is transparent," suggests another resident. "It's important that the community collectively has some say over this project."

"I agree with you," says Meek. "This is not something that's been in the works for months and months. It's obvious there's not a lot of support for it at this moment. We need to have studies and I agree we have to be open and transparent. We need your buy-in and support. I wouldn't feel comfortable moving forward with the project if the number of people against it continues to stay so high."

When Braley asks if all the affordable housing units would be rentals Meek was taken aback. "These are the kinds of questions we do not have to answer," she says.

"Our employees work with the students in this area," says Albarran. "What is the concern if they're rentals to employees?"

"I love teachers," says Braley. "But the surrounding areas are over 90 percent owner-occupied. These would be 100 percent rentals."

Braley is also against relocating the neighborhood schools as they are conveniently located, while the proposed location is at the very edge of Almaden and would increase traffic congestion. In addition, he says that tearing down the existing schools just to rebuild them in another location is a huge unnecessary cost and a waste of taxpayer's money.

"Why not put the housing at the district offices, off the Alameda, with plenty of transportation?" suggests a resident. "There's high-density housing there already." Meek notes that it's already on the list of the nine proposed sites.

Asked if the District owns the land they want to build the new Leland and Bret Harte campus on, McMahon confirmed that currently they only own the land Challenger occupies.

"That means more bond measures and higher property taxes," says a resident.

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Housing

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"Thank you for coming to speak to us," says a student. "It really shows how unprepared you guys are for this. You're going to fit what, 30, 40 houses? What a total waste. We're going to spend \$450 million. This is a blockheaded idea."

"And we're borrowing that money for a city that's already in deep debt," says another student. "Why are you building affordable housing in the middle of one of the most expensive areas?"

The crowd erupts in applause.

"You made the comment earlier that if the community isn't supportive you wouldn't be supportive," Braley says to Meek. "I think you can clearly see the community isn't supportive. It's not a good idea for this area."

"Listening to my community so angry, is there a successful story of how this has worked elsewhere?" asks a resident.

"Santa Clara Unified has a teacher program," says McMahon. "It's more common at community colleges and universities to maintain talent. The city, county and state have changed the laws to encourage school districts to do this. Everyone knows there's a teacher shortage throughout the state of California and the state has to work hard at options. We need to make sure we have Advanced Placement teachers every year at Leland. No one on the team at

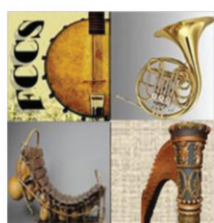
SJU is going to ignore this issue. We have to do something to support these hard-working people. They take care of children on a daily basis and are high quality individuals."

"Thank you for coming here and facing this firestorm," says a resident. "In my career, I've relocated a factory. The problem is, you haven't done the essentials. Looked at commute time, housing, transportation, etc. We hired a real estate person who identified the geo-center for all the employees and we sought to find a factory at that geo-center that was affordable. Another method is to go vertical. You need to back up, do the basics, do the research and come back with a much more intelligent plan."

"I agree," says Meek. "We asked staff to go do due diligence. Yours was a private company and ours is a government agency. We have to be transparent. This is not the last time we'll talk about this. We've just given staff permission to investigate, that is all."

One resident thought ahead. "What is the city's plan for building in the future?" he asks. "Where's the right spot to have put the school 20 years ago? The closest other high school is on Blossom Hill Road. The next school should be five to seven miles south of Leland."

After some commotion, Meek addresses the crowd. "We don't have all the answers," she says. "I know it's frustrating. Your feelings are heard. Those nine properties will whittle down. As we



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“We have strong community opposition that wants this off the list now,” says Braley. “The longer this goes on, the more and more you’ll have community opposition, anxiety and resistance. I don’t think it’s acceptable to say, ‘Okay we heard you.’ We want this off the list.”

“From a procedural perspective, we can’t take it off the list now,” says Meek. “Your request has been heard.”

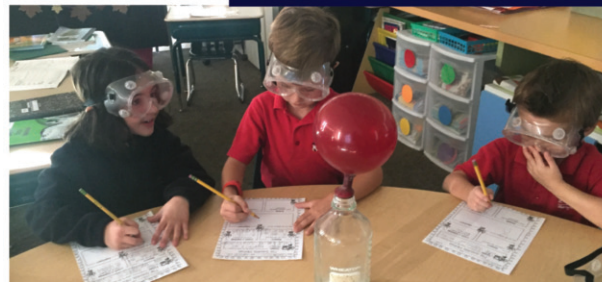
“The community has rallied against this,” says Braley, “and I hope the district is receptive to that. People feel strongly about this. People care about these schools. They move here and pay extra money for their houses just for these schools. People feel pretty emotional about it and I do, too.”



“For Bret Harte and Leland, the question isn’t just about what kind of workforce housing could be built here, but also what could we do that would be amazing for the students and the community,” says **Kimberly Meek**, SJUSD Board Vice President and representative for Almaden Valley.



Above left: “Every year, we have to hire 200 teachers,” says SJUSD Superintendent **Nancy Albarran**. “Our teachers and administrators aren’t able to afford homes here given the cost of living.” Above right: Resident **Greg Braley** has already garnered about 5,800 signatures on his petition to “Save Leland and Bret Harte” on change.org.



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RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$1,250
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**	-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNT AND REBATES
\$18,977

4 AT THIS NET PRICE
4 AT GILROY #501382, 501372, 501375, 501381

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\$20,977 Net Price
2019 RAM 1500 CLASSIC 4-DOOR
EXTERIOR REAR PARKING CAMERA, REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY, BEDLINER HEATED DOOR MIRRORS & MORE!

MSRP	\$33,715
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$7,238
SALE PRICE	\$26,477
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$3,000
RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$1,250
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**	-\$500
RAM CA 2019 RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$750

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNT AND REBATES
\$20,977

5 AT THIS NET PRICE
5 AT GILROY

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\$12,077 Net Savings
2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE OVERLAND 4X4 *DIESEL*
NAVIGATION, LEATHER, BLIND SPOT SENSOR, LANE DEPARTURE, DISTANCE PACING CRUISE CONTROL & MORE!

DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP	-\$7,077
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**	-\$500
JEEP CA 2018 RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$500
JEEP CA 2019 BONUS CASH*	-\$1,000
JEEP CA DIESEL BONUS CASH*	-\$1,000

NET SAVINGS AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES
\$12,077

8 AT THIS NET SAVINGS
3 AT GILROY #394262, 394260, 304452
5 AT MARIN

*RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY. **MUST FINANCE THROUGH CHRYSLER CAPITAL. SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL.

2018 FIAT 500e BATTERY ELECTRIC
NAVIGATION, AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE CONTROL, PREMIUM AUDIO SYSTEM, WIRELESS PHONE CONNECTIVITY, PARKING SENSORS EXTERIOR REAR PARKING CAMERA & MORE!



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10 AT THIS LEASE OFFER
2 AT GILROY #469619, 377367
8 AT MARIN

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\$7,000 Net Savings
2018 FIAT 124 SPIDER
BLIND SPOT SENSOR, LEATHER, UPHOLSTERY AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE CONTROL, WIRELESS PHONE CONNECTIVITY, PARKING SENSORS, & MORE!



DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP	-\$6,000
FIAT CA BC RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$1,000

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES
\$7,000

10 AT THIS NET SAVINGS
2 AT GILROY #140377, 140178
8 AT MARIN

*RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

\$19,777 Net Price
2018 CHRYSLER PACIFICA
3RD ROW SEATS, WIRELESS PHONE CONNECTIVITY, EXTERIOR REAR PARKING CAMERA, FRONT DIAL ZONE A/C & MORE!



MSRP	\$28,785
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$5,598
SALE PRICE	\$23,187
CHRYSLER CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$1,750
CHRYSLER CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**	-\$500
CHRYSLER CA 2018 RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES
\$19,777

18 AT THIS NET PRICE
18 AT GILROY

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2018 RAM PROMASTER CITY GREAT FOR SMALL JOBS!
WIRELESS PHONE CONNECTIVITY, EXTERIOR REAR PARKING CAMERA, REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY & MORE!



MSRP	\$25,935
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$5,708
SALE PRICE	\$20,227
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$2,500
RAM 2018 ON-THE-JOB COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT/UPFIT**	-\$500
RAM PROMASTER CONQUEST BONUS CASH**	-\$750
RAM FALL COMMERCIAL VAN SEASON B&E BONUS CASH	-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES
\$15,977

10 AT THIS NET PRICE
5 AT GILROY
5 AT MARIN

*RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY. **QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER THAT REQUIREMENTS IN BUSINESS FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF PURCHASE IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE ON-THE-JOB INCENTIVE. SEE DEALER FOR DETAILS. ***MUST CURRENTLY OWN OR LEASE A NON-FCA US LLC VEHICLE. TURN-IN OR TRADE-IN NOT REQUIRED. CURRENT REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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No way til I got there. Yes way! - B. Singh (Fresno)



DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP	-\$9,327
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$3,250
RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$1,250
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**	-\$500
RAM CA 2018 RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$1,000
RAM CA 2018 BONUS CASH*	-\$2,750
RAM LD DIESEL BONUS CASH	-\$1,000

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES
\$19,077

50 AT THIS NET SAVINGS!
50 AT GILROY

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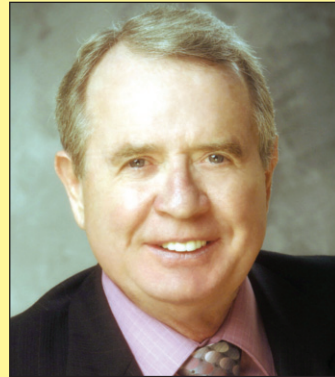
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