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Councilmember Dev Davis launches bid for re-election

District 6 Councilmember Dev Davis was joined by Mayor Sam Liccardo and other Council representatives to launch her re-election campaign to serve another four years on the San José City Council on Oct. 16.

At this launch event, Councilmember Davis -- the sole woman running to represent District 6 -- announced her re-election platform heading into the March 2020 election.

Councilmember Dev Davis represents Willow Glen, District 6 in San Jose. Before being elected in 2016, Councilmember Davis spent 12 years as an education researcher for Stanford University's Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO).

With a strong interest in community organizing, she served as a Chair of the City of San José's Early Care and Education Committee, a delegate to the Junior League of California's State Public Affairs Committee, President of the North Willow Glen



Dev Davis announces re-election bid for San Jose City Council District 6.

Neighborhood Association, and Public Relations Chair for the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Playground Committee. Dev has a bachelor's degree in Economics and master's degrees in Public Policy and Education Policy, Organization & Leadership from Stanford University.

Dev and her husband, Chris, have been married for 20 years, and have lived in San Jose for nearly 16 years together with their two children who attend public schools in San Jose.

In 2010, then with two preschool-aged children, Dev and her husband acutely felt the cutbacks the city was obliged to make as a result of the city not being able to fund its basic services.

"I would take my preschool-aged children to the park, only to find the bathrooms closed. I would then want to take them to the library (surely the libraries would be open during the Summer) only to find the doors locked. Why weren't

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Good Karma Bikes keeps pedaling to help homeless after string of burglaries

By Adam F. Hutton

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

Good Karma Bikes, a nonprofit bike shop in Willow Glen that refurbishes donated bicycles to give away to homeless residents in San Jose, was burglarized twice recently, just after celebrating its tenth anniversary.

In the last decade, founder and CEO Jim Gardner says Good Karma Bikes has made 200,000 bicycle repairs, helped 25,000 people repair their own bikes, given away 3,500 bikes to homeless people and offered 750 free clinics in bicycle repair — but they've been hit by burglars more times than he can count.

The recent incidents were not the first time thieves targeted the shop one right after the other. In early 2017, Gardner recalls waking up in the wee hours to a call from his alarm company. He raced to the shop to find the glass door shattered — but the thieves were gone. Or so he thought.

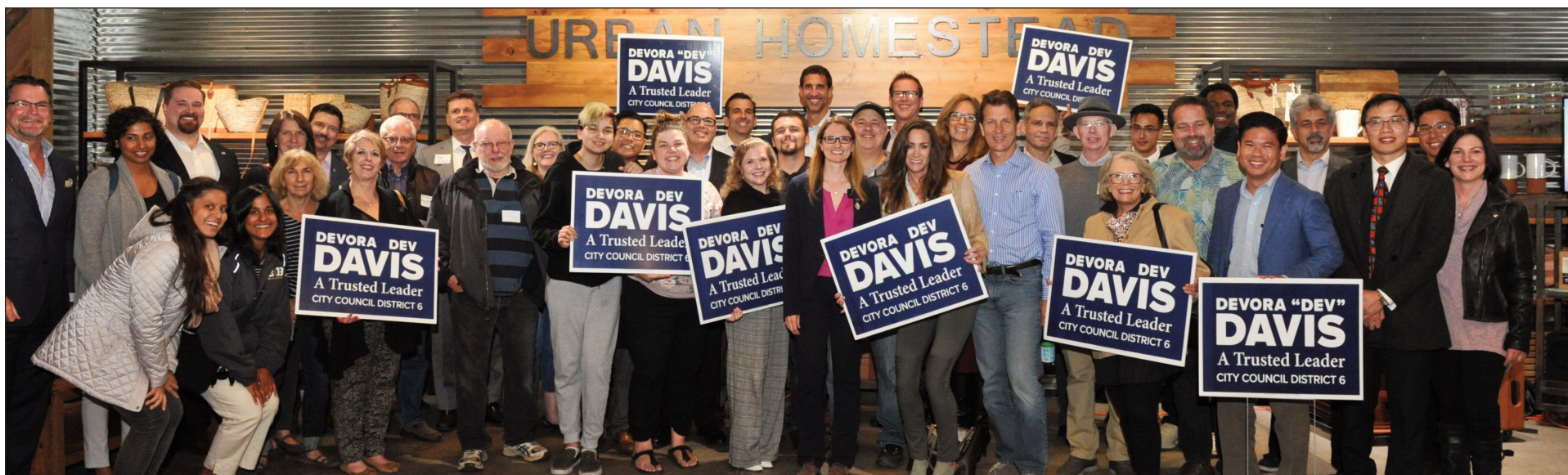
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Jim Gardner is founder and CEO of Good Karma Bikes, a nonprofit in Willow Glen that refurbishes and sells donated bicycles and channels the proceeds into homeless outreach and services, was burglarized twice in a week. Photo by Adam F. Hutton.

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Times Feature



Supporters celebrate **Dev Davis'** re-election announcement, which she announced on October 16.

Davis

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these basic core services being maintained? Finally, as the city's budget remained in a deficit, SJPD slowly stopped

patrolling our neighborhood, until one day, they stopped coming altogether. This was the last straw!"

The city's budget crisis and extreme service cuts motivated Dev to run for City Council. Like many families, Dev and her husband relied on those services and felt

the impact when they were gone.

Dev ran for City Council to make sure that doesn't happen again. As a councilmember, she focused on finding cost-effective ways to enhance public safety, improve our roads, and bring more jobs to San Jose while keeping our core services

(Fire, Police, Roads, Libraries, and Parks) operating. While the city and our neighborhoods have improved, there is still much work to be done, particularly in caring for our unhoused neighbors and addressing our three biggest issues—housing, traffic, and crime.

Karma

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Gardner reset the alarm and headed back home for some tools and materials he needed to patch up the broken door. But before he got back, the security company called again.

"We got hit twice in the span of just a couple hours," Gardner told San José Spotlight. Good Karma lost seven bikes that night valued at more than \$3,000.

They got hit twice again recently. A daring pair of burglars broke in and stole three high-end bikes worth an estimated \$2,600.

"It took us hours to uncover this using the security cameras," Gardner said. "We have a unique building here that has windows on the roof. They knew where to climb onto the roof and where there was a camera shadow. One of them came in through one of the windows and let the other one in."

In a matter of minutes they had two brand-new Raleigh bikes and a Cannondale.

"They knew exactly the three highest value bikes we had," Gardner said Friday. "Yesterday was a tough day. A real tough day, but you have to keep going."

The Good Karma CEO says he felt the same way just a few days earlier when burglars broke in looking for money. Gardner says the thieves got behind the cash wrap and

starting tearing the place apart. They destroyed the cash register trying to get the drawer open, only to find the till empty — hidden away in a safe. But they didn't leave empty-handed.

"They took the computer that we use to run the register," he said.

Gardner says losses like that hurt Good Karma's mission in a measurable way. The sale of new, high-performance bicycles helps finance the nonprofit's outreach and training programs.

"If we make \$300 on the sale of a bike, that's 12 more bikes we can afford to give away," Gardner said "It only costs us about \$25 — including labor and rent and insurance and all that stuff — to refurbish a donated bike and give it away."

Ultimately, that's a major part of Good Karma's mission — and speaks to its origins. Back in 2009, just after Gardner had turned 40, the computer engineer was ending a run at his fourth failed start-up. He says he was reflecting on his own life as he drove to donate some clothes to a homeless shelter and saw a man riding a rickety bicycle with no brakes.

It was obvious to Gardner that the man was homeless and had no other means of transportation. So Gardner says he started going to St. James Park near downtown San Jose to help homeless residents repair their bikes.

"There was never any strategy, there was never any

plan. I just started fixing bikes for guys," Gardner said. "So my wife and I incorporated Good Karma Bikes just to deduct what we were putting into it from our taxes."

Soon after, a benefactor donated a van that allowed for mobile bike repair clinics across the city, and another sponsor was willing to provide a workshop and retail space at affordable rent, and the rest is history.

Good Karma is more than a clever name for a nonprofit. Gardner believes that what goes around comes around. Doing good causes reverberations of goodness to bounce back your way, he said. For example, when the Mercury News wrote about the 2017 break-ins, a \$5,000 check arrived a few days later from a San Francisco benefactor — a sum that more than covered the losses.

A spokesperson for the San Jose Police Department says no suspects have been identified or apprehended in the latest burglaries, but anyone with information about the case is encouraged to call Detective Sheryl Acosta with the department's burglary unit at (408) 277-4401.

Anyone who wants to help Gardner replace the bikes can call the shop Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (408) 291-0501 or visit their www.goodkarmabikes.com/donate

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Symphony Silicon Valley presents Khachaturian & Brahms, December 7 and 8 at California Theatre

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Nareh Arghamanyan

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GoFundMe campaign started to help South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition

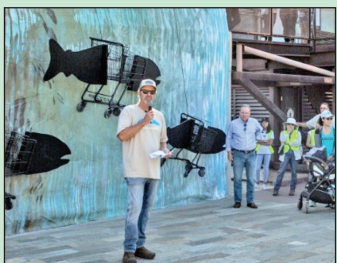
A GoFundMe campaign has raised \$3,580 so far for the South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition, a group that restores and revitalizes the creeks in Santa Clara County by having creek cleanups. The fundraising goal is \$9,000.

The Coalition recently had all of their supplies stolen, including tables, chairs, awnings, walkie-talkies, first aid kits, team t-shirts, boxes of unopened brochures, artwork, art supplies, educational kits, and more.

All money raised by this GoFundMe will go towards replacing the stolen items so the group can return to their monthly cleanups.

South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition restores and revitalizes the creeks in Santa Clara County by having creek cleanups. These cleanups occur on the second Saturday of every other month for two hours. More than 200 cleanups have been conducted since the organization was founded five years ago, hauling away 200 tons of garbage from local waterways.

You can donate by visiting: gofundme.com/f/replace-stolen-supplies-for-south-bay-clean-creeks



Stuart Richardson organized a GoFundMe fundraiser on behalf of South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition.

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San Jose City Council candidates differ on public policy, SVLG survey finds

By Arianna Ramirez

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

With the California primary election just five months away, a new survey sponsored by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group highlighted the stark differences between local candidates vying for a seat on the San Jose City Council.

SVLG, a trade association comprised of the region's leading businesses and tech companies, surveyed nearly 30 candidates running for local, county and statewide races in 2020. The questions ranged from funding for transportation to Google's massive tech campus and public charter schools.

The surveys, which contain the candidates' original, unedited answers, asked 14 questions in total. San José Spotlight reviewed responses from a dozen San Jose City Council candidates, including four incumbents, to provide a closer look at four questions that reflect significant policy perspectives that divide the political hopefuls.

Moving the mayoral term and limiting campaign contributions

One of the biggest issues facing San Jose voters next year is a potential ballot measure that would prohibit campaign contributions in local elections from landlords, developers and other special interests, in addition to moving the mayoral election to presidential years to boost voter turnout.

The labor-backed measure has split San Jose City Council candidates down ideological lines.

When asked whether they favor "a ballot measure that will prohibit campaign contributions from advocates for development and tie the San Jose Mayoral term to the Presidential Election Cycle," District 2 Councilmember Sergio Jimenez said he supports it and expects the measure to boost voter turnout, while his opponent Jonathan Fleming opposes it.

In District 4, Councilmember Lan Diep responded that "there is no reason to support

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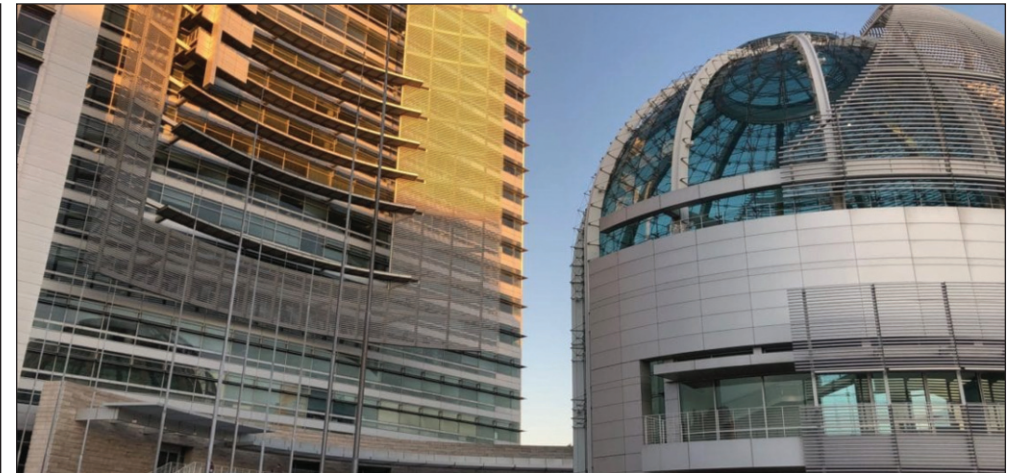


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this." Meanwhile, candidate David Cohen supports it, though he expressed concern that "regulating lobbyists" may impede on "free speech." Candidate Huy Tran also supports it, saying that a stronger democracy requires greater voter participation.

District 6 Councilmember Dev Davis opposes the measure, arguing that it would lead to a clash of local and national issues in conversations with voters. Meanwhile, candidate Andrew Boone supports changing the "outdated election rules" that "keep political elites and corporate interests in power." Candidate Jake Tonkel also supports the measure, saying it would help "remove the influence of money in politics."

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, who represents District 8, opposes the measure as it is written because she believes that prohibiting certain campaign contributions discourages participation in the democratic process. Her lone opponent Jim Zito had not yet entered the race when the surveys were conducted.

In the open District 10 race, Jenny Higgins Bradanini signaled support, saying changing the mayoral election cycle increases voter engagement, but believes that limiting contributions to campaigns should not be under the same measure. On the other hand, candidate Matt Mahan opposes the measure in its entirety, saying there should be the "same rules for everyone who participates in elections" and investing in "voter engagement and education" should be prioritized instead. Candidate Helen Wang also opposes it, calling the measure "expensive" and "unnecessary."

High-speed rail and FASTER Bay Area

A pair of questions on the survey focused

on transportation and asked candidates about two different efforts: One is funding to complete a valley to valley connection through high-speed rail and the other related to a measure dedicated to creating an integrated transit system to better serve Bay Area residents.

The measure, called FASTER Bay Area, promises to create an integrated transit system through a one cent sales tax. It is supported by SVLG.

When asked whether the candidates "support funding to complete a valley to valley connection through high-speed rail," Jimenez in District 2 said he supports "sustainable, long-term funding" of a high-speed rail given the amount of money already spent for its development. However, Fleming opposes such funding because "almost all California transit and transportation projects are extremely over budget" and this specific project does not warrant any difference in expense.

Diep supports funding high-speed rail because he believes it will help pinpoint where San Jose is located on the map within Silicon Valley. Similarly, Cohen also supports the high-speed rail funding, as "it provides an alternative to gas-powered vehicles and provides an economic boost." Tran, also a supporter, says high-speed rail would be an "environmentally friendly and safe mode of transportation."

All three District 6 candidates opposed funding the high-speed rail connection.

Davis opposes it because she said there isn't sufficient demand for a valley-to-valley connection, while Tonkel said California is "decades behind" on its development and Boone said the expensive project should not be a priority because it "will only serve California's relatively wealthier residents."

Arenas in District 8 supports the high-speed rail connection for the sake of unity within different communities and for the residents that are "currently living in the Central Valley and driving endless commutes to support their families."

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In District 10, Higgins Bradanini supports the project, saying it provides a solution to “cutting down on carbon emissions and the dangerous traffic congestion” within the Central Valley. Mahan also signaled support, adding that it will boost the state’s economy by linking “Central Valley’s residents with the jobs-rich and housing-poor Bay Area.” Wang opposed it, saying high-speed rail will be counter-productive and wasteful for the Bay Area.

A new one-cent sales tax for transit

Candidates were also asked whether they would “support a measure dedicated to build and operate a world class, seamless integrated transit system to better serve Bay Area residents, funded through a one cent sales tax, to better serve the transit dependent and those of us still in our cars.”

Jimenez supports the potential tax measure for transportation “in theory” but explains that he doesn’t want San Jose to “continue to rely on sales tax increases” to fund such expensive projects. Fleming, on the other hand, opposes it and said “taxpayer dollars will be washed into a general fund” that leads to prioritizing different projects.

Diep, in District 4, supports it and said San Jose “needs a sustainable funding mechanism,” while Tran opposed, saying he doesn’t want San Joseans to face another sales tax increase that makes it harder for

people to survive in the costly region. Cohen said he supports FASTER Bay Area to “increase ridership, reduce travel time, reduce traffic congestion and minimize pollution.”

Davis believes that an integrated transit system will help people “travel more quickly and with less stress across our region,” ultimately supporting the measure. However, her opponent Boone strongly opposed FASTER Bay Area, calling it “the most damaging and ill-conceived of any transportation tax ever proposed for the region.” Tonkel also does not support a “regressive tax... without understanding the allocation of funds to lower income communities and environmental improvements.”

Arenas supports the regional measure as it provides more access to the Evergreen and East Side communities, while also “delivering better access to jobs, entertainment and regional travel.”

Higgins Bradanini supports the proposed tax measure if it is “developed in a fair and equitable way.” While Mahan expressed concern about a sales tax increase on low-income residents, he supports an integrated transit system because it’s necessary “to support our quality of life and our regional economy.” Wang opposed the tax because she believes it’s unaffordable.

Proposition 13

When candidates were asked whether they “support or oppose a proposed amendment to Proposition 13,” Jimenez supports it because it’s “crucial to bring about equitable contributions to our state’s

tax base” while Fleming opposed, saying businesses and jobs would leave California.

Diep opposed, advocating for a more “comprehensive solution” that includes both commercial and residential properties. On the other hand, his opponents, Tran and Cohen expressed support for proposed amendments.

In District 6, Davis opposed changes, saying the measure “completely eliminates the property tax increase cap for businesses,” yet her opponent Boone supports reforming Prop. 13 so that corporations no longer benefit “excessively from this tax loophole.” Tonkel also supported amendments, saying that Prop. 13 reforms are needed to “provide other relief opportunities to small businesses that may be struggling” in San Jose.

Arenas opposes such changes, worrying about the effect on small businesses and the high costs of administering it.

Higgins Bradanini believes that Prop 13 needs to be updated and supports the measure because it “has been a major loophole to skirt financial responsibilities,” which prevents the city from benefiting from different public services. Mahan, however, opposes amending Prop. 13 because it can “hurt economic competitiveness.” Wang also opposes the reforms, saying they might be used against small businesses.

To read the full SVLG surveys from all Silicon Valley candidates, visit: svlg.org/2020-candidates-questionnaire

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Performances are November 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at 7:30 p.m. and November 10 at 2 p.m. All performances take place in the Main Stage Theatre of the Sobrato Center for Humanities and the Arts on the Bellarmino campus, 960 West Hedding Street, San Jose. Tickets available online at: www.bcp.org.

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Times Feature

County tackles housing the vulnerable

By County Supervisor
Mike Wasserman
Special to the Times

Residents understandably are asking, “What is being done to address homelessness?” The answer is that we are housing people. On October 22, 2019, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved two new sites for affordable housing developments. The County’s portion of the housing developments will be funded with \$15.6 million from the County’s 2016 Measure A Affordable Housing bond and \$17.4 million from the state-funded No Place Like Home bond for a total of \$33 million.

The Gallup and Mesa Apartments – located on a .38-acre site near Blossom Hill Road and Almaden Expressway – is comprised of 45 affordable units, including 16 studios, 19 one-bedrooms, 5 two-bedrooms and 5 three bedrooms (plus 1 manager’s unit). Twenty-three (23) of the units will be set aside as permanent supportive housing for homeless Transitional Age Youth. The residential amenities will include a 3,000 square foot common space in an indoor community room which flows into an outdoor courtyard.

The second project is the 425 Auzerais Apartments, which is a 130-unit affordable family development near downtown San Jose. The development will consist of 128 affordable apartments, comprised of 82 studios, 24 one-bedrooms and 22 two-bedrooms (plus two manager units). Sixty-Four of the units will be set aside as permanent supportive housing for formerly-homeless households. Amenities will include community facilities and 15,000 square feet of private open space with plant-ers for a community garden.

Our top priority is to use these voter-approved funds and other public investments to create affordable housing for seniors on fixed incomes, young adults with a mental illness and other vulnerable residents. With 21 affordable housing developments in the works (four of which are expected to be completed by the end of December), the County is now almost a third of the way toward our goal of financing 4,800 new affordable units through Measure A by 2027.

Mike Wasserman serves on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, District 1. Visit his website at <http://www.supervisorwasserman.org>



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Times **Feature**

San Jose set to receive up to \$14 million for electric vehicle charging infrastructure

San Jose is increasing the number of electric vehicle charging stations throughout the city with a new \$14 million investment.

Over the next two to four years, the California Energy Commission will be funding \$10 million and San Jose Clean Energy, a branch of the city of San Jose that deals with supplying electric power, will provide the other \$4 million, city officials said Tuesday.

The money will fund 100 new “super-charging” stations and 1,400 new “Level 2” chargers that can power up to 20-40 miles of charge per hour. The superchargers can power an 80 percent charge to a vehicle in 20-30 minutes, according to city officials.

“We’re grateful to the California Energy Commission for their partnership, as we invest with them to double the number of electric car chargers available to San Jose residents,” said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. “It’s important to recognize, though, that we won’t win our battle against climate change by merely building a city for Tesla’s; that’s why we’re simultaneously exploring how we can use rebates, car-sharing platforms, and other tools to make electric cars accessible to our least affluent families, so that everyone in San Jose can benefit from cleaner air.”

Making charging stations abundant helps spur further EV adoption. Since transportation is the leading source of emissions in Silicon Valley, encouraging electric vehicles can go a long way in supporting California’s climate goals.

Incentive funding would cover most of the charging station installation costs as well as the electrical infrastructure upgrades needed to install the charging stations.

“Because of these funds, residents can look forward to increased availability of EV charging,” said Lori Mitchell, Director of San Jose Clean Energy. “Adding charging options in convenient locations will make EVs accessible for those unable to charge at home. This in turn will support a continued increase in EV adoption, improving local air quality for everyone, especially those living

along busy roads and freeways.”

San Jose’s allocation is part of a larger regional investment from the CEC’s California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) that could see up to \$60 million invested in new EV charging infrastructure in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. SJCE worked collaboratively with four local government energy agencies – Silicon Valley Clean Energy, Peninsula Clean Energy, Silicon Valley Power (City of Santa Clara), and City of Palo Alto Utilities – to apply for the CEC funding.

The incentive project would launch in spring 2020, and funds would be available for two to four years. Businesses, non-profits, and public agencies would apply for the funding, install the charging station(s), and then receive a rebate for a portion of the costs according to project guidelines. The CEC selected the non-profit Center for Sustainable Energy to administer and promote the project.

Sharks select Gifts for Teens at Raffle Night

By Jan Giroux
Special to the Times

The San Jose Sharks have selected Gifts for Teens to share in the 50/50 raffle at the Shark game on December 14.

Come out and cheer for our Sharks while supporting Gifts for Teens in the raffle.

Gifts for Teens will receive half of all the sales of raffle tickets from that night.

These monies will go a long way in purchasing much needed warm hoodie sweat-shirts that are in each of the 1,200 gift bags.

Sharks and the Sharks Foundation continue to be an active participant in the community and supporting local nonprofits. Go Sharks!

Volunteers are still needed to fill our holiday gift bags for homeless and needy South Bay teens December 4-16. Volunteer shifts are 9 a.m. -12 noon and 1-4 p.m. Interested volunteers can contact kathy@gifts4teens.org.

Editor’s note: The assembly location for the holiday gift bags has not been determined at this time.

The assembly site is being finalized. Check out Gifts for Teens website: www.gifts4teens.org for final work site confirmation.

2019-20 SYMPHONY SEASON

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October 5-6, 2019
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◆ Kodaly: Variations on a Hungarian Theme - Peacock Variations
◆ Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6 - Pathétique

SET #2: Partners & Dances
October 26-27, 2019
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Soloists: Robin Mayforth & Evan Kahn
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Soloist: Jon Nakamatsu, piano
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May 9-10, 2020
Conductor: Tito Muñoz
Soloist: Giora Schmidt, violin
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Power outages and pets: tips and tricks to keep them safe and calm

By Dr. Raj Singh
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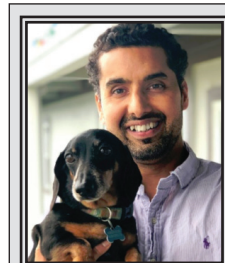
Like us, power outages affect dogs and cats too.

Even though pets can see better in the dark than we do, it still is a good idea to keep them safe when the power goes out.

Pets can get agitated, reactive or jumpy because they can sense when their owner is nervous during a power loss. Just imagine how we get nervous when a fire alarm beeps. Although electricity loss carries no sound like a fire alarm, our pets pick up clues from our nervousness. The following tips and tricks can be used by pet owners in the event of a power outage.

1. Temperature: like people, pets respond to temperature changes since they are used to the temperatures we set in our homes, so any drastic change can affect them greatly. Keep pets warm in winter by using comfortable blankets and keep them cool in summer by opening windows and providing shade. In the case of extreme weather conditions, it is advised that you board your pet at your vet's office or boarding facility until power is restored. You can also seek help from family or friends by asking if they can keep your pet until power is back on.

2. All the pets should have a collar with ID tags which contain your phone number and address, in case the phone is not working. If a pet is lost during a power outage, the easiest way to get reunited is via the ID tags.



Your Pet and You

By Dr. Raj Singh
Veterinarian

3. As you might have to get water from a different source, make sure that pets also have access to fresh, clean water all the time.

4. If you feed your pet dry food, then please store it in an airtight container to avoid insects getting into the food, and to prevent mold growth.

5. Pets staying outside should be supervised at all times, as there may be downed power lines or there may be a work crew that could startle your pet. If a power line is down, keep your pets

indoors as they might touch it.

6. Keep the same normal routine for your pet. If you walk them, then take them out for activity or walks. This will help to keep them calm and eliminate some stress from a power outage.

7. If you are a senior or unable to care for your pet during a power outage, contact your family and friends or contact your vet who can provide different options. If your pet is on a medication that needs to be refrigerated, seek help from your family vet.

8. Lastly, if you don't want your pet to have any problems or issues or just want to avoid power outages in the future, invest in a power generator which is quiet and can power your home to keep you and your furry family safe during power failures.

Editor's note: Questions for this column may be directed to Dr. Singh's email address: for-petvet@yahoo.com; 408.270.4600; Aborn Pet Clinic, 3286 S. White Rd., San Jose, CA 95148.

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"I applaud Facebook for stepping up to make this extraordinary \$1 billion commitment toward our collective work to combat this housing crisis. As a company that serves billions of customers with thousands of employees throughout the world, it's uplifting to see Facebook recognize the need in their own back yard."

Office of Emergency Services launches nation's first statewide Earthquake Early Warning System

On the 30th anniversary of the deadly Loma Prieta earthquake, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), UC Berkeley, United States Geological Survey (USGS), and others announced the launch of the nation's first statewide Earthquake Early Warning System.

The California Earthquake Early Warning System will marry a new smartphone application with traditional alert and warning delivery methods such as Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA).

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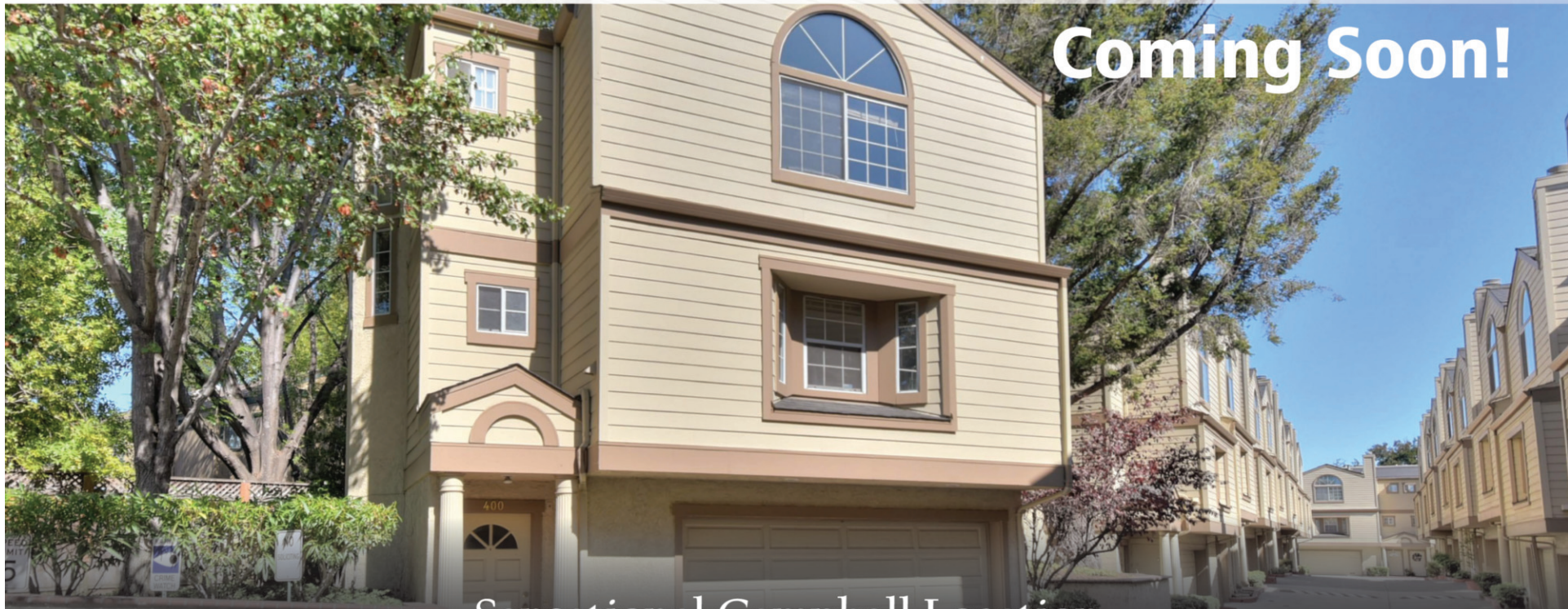
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