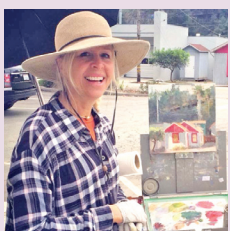


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## Dave Cortese wins State Senate election

**D**ave Cortese has won California's Senate District 15 seat in the Nov. 3 election. "I look forward to working to create new opportunities for all our families in District 15," Cortese said.

Cortese was victorious over rival Ann Ravel, winning 54.49% of the vote. Ravel garnered 45.51% of the vote.

Cortese and Ravel, who are both Democrats, were vying to replace termed-out state Senate Jim Beall for the district seat. Beall, who endorsed Cortese said, "Dave has the qualities and values I believe are important in Sacramento."

District 15 represents nearly 1 million residents in Cupertino, Los Gatos, Campbell and neighborhoods in San Jose from Willow Glen to Almaden to East San Jose.

Cortese, a longtime county supervisor and former San Jose City Councilmember and local school board member, has excellent name recognition among residents of the community.

Ravel has extensive experience working in government including serving as the Santa Clara

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## ELECTION 2020: LOCAL REPORT

### Almaden Councilmember-elect Matt Mahan shares his artistic vision

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

**D**istrict 10 Councilmember-elect Matt Mahan recently spoke with San Jose Arts Advocates about how art and public space can enhance the quality of life.

An advocate for San Jose's neighborhoods, Mahan believes in building a sense of place. While running for office, he spoke with residents about what mattered to them most. He said people were interested in their parks, libraries, community centers, public safety and quality of life.

Mahan spoke fondly of the Martin-Fontana Parks Association and how the neighborhood has embraced TJ Martin and Jeffrey Fontana Parks. The community organization banded together against PG&E in 2010 to save 140 trees, including mature oaks, from being cut down rather than pruned.

In the ensuing years, the Martin-Fontana Parks Association brought in native plants, cared for the trees, created a dog park and painted



Councilmember-elect **Matt Mahan** believes in the importance of art and public space. *Photo by Lorraine Gabbert*

PG&E utility boxes, making them works of art rather than eye sores.

"The community organized and decided to embrace this public space," Mahan said, "and turn it into something everyone can really benefit from."

Mahan said he'd like to see every neighborhood develop and take ownership of public

spaces.

"That's something really promising," he said, "I'd like to see more of."

Mahan said art can play a part in residents' desire for a pride of place and ownership in the city, deepening their sense of community and connection. In addition, as the city develops jobs and housing to its downtown core, Mahan said it has to continue to consider quality of life issues.

"Arts and culture and access to nature and open space are important," he said. "As the Bay Area adds millions more people, we need to plan ahead and preserve spaces where people can go for health, beauty and inspiration. Nature is one form of that, but we shouldn't write off urban areas and just think of them as functional spaces where we're supposed to house people and create jobs. They can also be beautiful, walkable, enjoyable."

As COVID-19 has shut down businesses, the arts community, which receives funding from

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## San Jose Police Department participates in Special Olympics Northern California law enforcement Torch Run

**T**he San Jose Police Department has raised funds and awareness for Special Olympics Northern California (SONC) by participating in the 2020 Law Enforcement Torch Run on November 5.

The Torch Run features more than 3,000 law enforcement personnel from hundreds of local agencies carrying the Special Olympics Flame of Hope throughout Northern California. In past years, the annual Torch Run would culminate in June at the SONC Summer Games in Davis. Due to COVID-19, however, Summer Games was canceled this year.

San Jose Police Department has been involved in raising money and awareness for Special Olympics for more than 25 years. Officers participate in various fundraising events such as Tip-A-Cop, Polar Plunge, Cop on Top of Donut Shop, Fuel the Dream, Torch Run, and numerous other events. Officers also hand out medals



to athletes at various sporting events and coach different Special Olympics sports.

If you wish to support Special Olympics through

SJPD's Law Enforcement Torch Run, visit [Bit.ly/torchrun20](http://Bit.ly/torchrun20). All the money raised goes directly to Special Olympics Northern California.

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## County of Santa Clara officials calling on the public for strict adherence to safety protocols after seeing sharp uptick in covid-19 cases

A sharp uptick in reported COVID-19 cases in recent days indicates community spread of the virus has increased, and County of Santa Clara officials are urging the public to adhere to social distancing, use of face coverings, and other safety measures.

There were 358 new COVID-19 cases reported this week, which is second only to the record 385 new cases reported on July 15. Nearly all these cases are from test samples collected in the past week, about half in the past several days.

The seven-day average of new cases last week was between 131 and 139, accelerating after a slow climb that started in mid-October. In addition, the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations on Sunday went up by nearly 10 percent.

"This surge in COVID-19 cases is not what we want to see going into the fall and winter holiday season," said Dr. Sara Cody, Health Officer and Director of Public Health for the County of Santa Clara. "New cases and resulting hospitalizations are increasing locally, regionally, as well as statewide and across the country and the world. These trends serve as a stark reminder that COVID-19 is all around us. Each and every one of us needs to redouble our efforts to keep our community safe."

Cooler temperatures and inclement weather that come with

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# Valley Currents

**cur|rent** (adj.) *Present, topical, timely, newsworthy.* (n.) *Movement in a definite direction, a flow.*



Nancy Takaichi is featured as one of "11 Artists to Collect Now: The Emerging Plein Air Painters You Need to Know" in Plein Air Magazine (October/November 2020 issue).

## Takaichi of Almaden Valley recognized nationally as a collectible 'plein air artist'

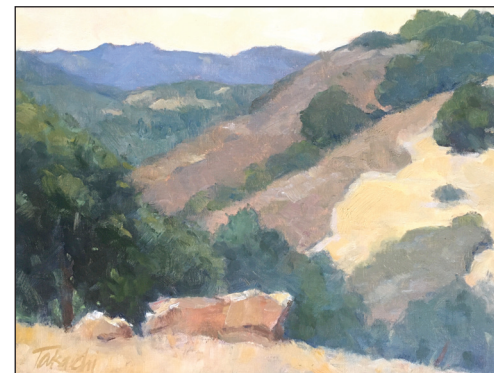
Nancy Takaichi has lived in Almaden Valley for more than 30 years and for the last eight years she has been painting scenes all over California and beyond.

Takaichi works mostly on location as a "plein air artist" and displays her oil paintings at Gallery 24 located in Los Gatos and also at Colibri Art and Frame in Morgan Hill. "Plein air" is the French term for painting in "open air", as opposed to in the studio.

"As with so many events this year, all of my plein air shows were cancelled due to COVID 19, so I'm working closer to home," Takaichi

explained. "Pre-pandemic, I was comfortable painting anywhere and enjoyed talking to onlookers. But for now, I'm looking for more privacy; I'm grateful to friends who have opened up their properties to me. I've painted on a few sprawling old San Jose ranch homes, nearby horse stables, and views from hilltop homes. Almaden Valley is a treasure!"

Takaichi's work creates not just the sense of place, but also its season, and the fleeting time of day. Her impressionist style is filled with light, which is derived from her careful arrangement of dark shapes. "Lighting is so fas-



Almaden's old Rock Quarry (9x12).

inating to me, The more I paint, the more necessary it is that I paint directly from the source. I just can't make this stuff up!"

"I'm also very interested in scenes that will be changing. We are always at a point in time that will change. I painted the last mustard bloom in the field that became Bass Pro Shop. Those scenes are particularly precious to me."

Takaichi accepts commissions; she painted a back yard garden for a couple who was leaving the area. Another commission was painting a bride and groom in candlelight, at a scaled down back yard reception. Another was a home and vineyard given as an anniversary gift. "My hope is that the painting tells a story about the people, and is something that is valued by the next generation because it's so personal."

### National recognition

Takaichi was named one of "11 Artists to Collect Now: The Emerging Plein Air Painters You Need to Know" in Plein Air Magazine (October/November 2020 issue). This national magazine featured Takaichi and 10 other artists from all over the US. She's also been juried into many prestigious plein air events: Los Gatos Plein Air, Carmel Art Festival, Capitola Plein Air, and Frank Bette Art Center, winning best of show and first place in two of them.

To learn more about Nancy Takaichi's artwork, visit: [www.nancytakaichi.com](http://www.nancytakaichi.com).



Above left: "Logan's View" from a stable off McKean Road in Almaden Valley (11x14). Above right: New Almaden (10x20).

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## Happy Hollow Park and Zoo is back after eight month closure

After a nearly eight-month closure because of the coronavirus pandemic, San Jose's Happy Hollow Park and Zoo reopened Tuesday, Nov. 10 for members-only after an eight month closure. Non-members may begin making reservations beginning Nov. 24.

Visitors to the popular zoo must make a reservation online and must follow new protocols put in place to keep crowds small so as to allow for social distancing.

"We're so excited to finally welcome everyone back," said Happy Hollow Zoo spokesperson Charlotte Graham. "We have put a robust reopening plan in place, and now we're really just looking forward to providing a fun and safe experience where people can enjoy the outdoors, stretch their legs and learn about nature, our animals and wildlife conservation."

Members of Happy Hollow have begun making online reservations for members-only days, which will run thru Tuesday Nov. 21. The general public can begin making reservations Nov. 13 for visit dates beginning Nov. 24.

### Walk through the Zoo

Happy Hollow's first phase of "Walk through the Zoo" reopening features discounted admission for access to a one-way walking path that weaves through the park's two zoo areas with rescue wildlife and endangered species. At the end of the walk, visitors will get a glimpse of the newest animal zoo member, a black-and-white ruffed lemur pup, named Koa.

Staffers and guests ages two and up will be required to wear face coverings at all times while in the park. Because of this requirement, the park's picnic areas are closed and guests should not bring food or drinks inside the park.

Happy Hollow also will require that all guests and staff complete a quick health screening before entry, including a temperature check and a handful of yes-or-no questions related to symptoms and potential COVID-19 exposure. Visitors are asked to arrive 10 minutes before their reservation time to complete the health screening.

Julio Serrano, guest services specialist at the park, reminded visitors in a video

message to "stay with your group, take turns at viewing areas and maintain a 6-foot distance from staff and other guests who are not part of your household."

Pictured: Happy Hollow Park and Zoo reopened Tuesday, Nov. 10 after being closed for eight months.



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## COVID

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fall and winter mean people will be inclined to engage in more indoor activities, which are riskier than outdoor activities. Indoor dining, gathering in private homes with people outside of one's household, and becoming complacent with "pandemic fatigue," all elevate the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Before you visit any business, it is important to know their commitment to COVID-19 Safety Protocols. Every business in the County is required to have a revised Social Distancing Protocol on file with the County and the public is encouraged to review this in advance at <https://sdp.sccgov.org/>.



Times **Community News**

## Community and volunteers rally around 'Gifts for Teens' mission

By Jan Giroux

*Special to the Times*

**"P**andemic or no pandemic, the show must go on." That was the motto this year for the Gifts for Teens steering committee.

Even though the number of holiday gift bags decreased, there was no lack of enthusiasm, creative thinking and can-do spirit from the community and committee.

Generous donations were received from many businesses in the South Bay willing to help "Gifts for Teens," a non-profit that creates and distributes gift bags to community agencies that serve foster, low income and homeless teens that are often overlooked by local youth programs.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the following: Walmart Almaden store for their grant of \$1,000, Carl's Jr. for 400 gift meal cards and ongoing sponsor Emerald Hills Golf and for 400 admission passes. Funds were contributed by the Almaden Valley Singles, Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Dentist Susan Di Bene and tasty protein bars given by local Sprouts, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods Markets. In addition,

each of the 400 gift bags had a \$25.00 gift card from either Target or Walmart.

Welcome additions to our gift bags included a warm hooded sweatshirt, hygiene kits, fun teen items and hand sanitizers. To add a more personal touch, the Gifts for Teens Club, students at Pioneer High School, made 400 personalized, hand-written notes, one for each teen recipient.

The assembly and filling of bags were prepared in an outdoor setting complete with shade tents, distancing, masks and sanitizers per County COVID protocols. Thank you to the San Jose Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for use of their space.

Committee members along with a limited number of community volunteers from the Almaden and Blossom Hill Chapter of National Charity League, Pioneer High School students, History Club of Los Gatos, and Xi Iota Zeta Sorority assembled and filled bags on September 19, October 17 and 20th. Agencies receiving gift bags this year include: Sacred Heart Community Service for teens of low-income families, Advent who serves teens suffering from substance abuse and the Bill Wilson Center for their foster teens and homeless drop-ins.

The generosity of AAUW members, community businesses and volunteers during this pandemic year has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Knowing that you contributed to making a merrier holiday for a deserving teen is a reward in itself.

## Jet carriers Southwest, Hawaiian, Alaska resume service from San Jose to Hawaii

*Uplifting news amid the dreary coronavirus travel doldrums*

Three airlines have announced they are resuming flights connecting San Jose with several islands in Hawaii.

Alaska Airlines resumed flights to Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii and to Lihue on Kauai on Nov. 1 and to Kahului on Maui on Nov. 2. Flights to Honolulu resume on Dec. 2.

Hawaiian Airlines resumed service between San Jose International Airport and Honolulu on Oahu on Nov. 2. Service is scheduled for Nov. 18.

Southwest Airlines resumed service to Honolulu, Maui, and Kauai on Nov. 4. Flights to the Big Island resume on Dec. 6.

"We are happy our partners at Hawaiian, Southwest, and Alaska are expanding their flight offerings by resuming operations to Hawaii," said John Aitken, director of aviation with the city of San Jose. "As we continue to show signs of recovery, we look forward to safely welcoming back more flights

and providing our passengers with expanded travel options," Aitken said.

Word of the expansion in air travel options out of San Jose serves as a welcome counterpoint to the dreary travel picture due to the coronavirus.

## Downtown Transportation Plan sponsors logo contest

Aspiring student artists of Santa Clara County may enter the San José Downtown Transportation Plan sponsored logo contest.

MoveSanJosé is looking for a vibrant, eye-catching logo design for their new transportation initiative, in which they aim to make travelling around and in Downtown San Jose safer, easier, and more affordable for all.

There is a \$700 Grand Prize (\$100 each for three runners-up), for involved emerging local artists providing an important artwork that will help identify and improve transportation equity in San José.

- The contest is open to all Santa Clara County residents enrolled part- or full-time in a degree-granting college, university, or polytechnic institute.

- All entrants must be 18 or older as of October 1st, 2020.

Entrants must submit preliminary designs by email to [movesanjoseca@gmail.com](mailto:movesanjoseca@gmail.com) 11:59 p.m. on Monday, November 16th, 2020.





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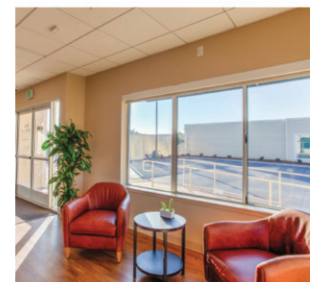
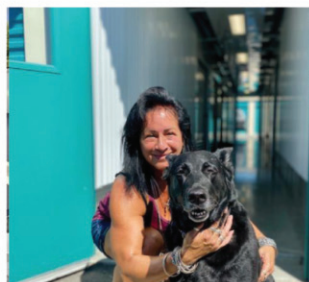
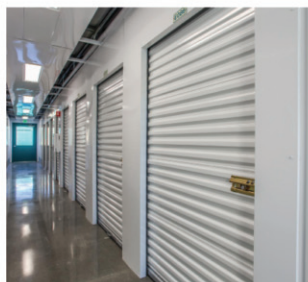


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## Loaves & Fishes delivers hot meals to 65 distribution locations in San Jose

With the need for food assistance services rising, the City of San José is working with local nonprofit organizations in order to meet the continuing food demand and support San José residents.

Loaves & Fishes is one such organization that provides local support.

"We've gone from 2,500 to over 7,000 meals a day," said Gisela Bushey, CEO of Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen. "That's a 300 percent increase just since the beginning of March."

Since 1980, Loaves & Fishes has prepared, packaged, and delivered hot meals from as far south as Morgan Hill to the foggy corridors leading into South San Francisco.

However as Loaves & Fishes revealed their brand new 12,000 square-foot home in an industrial block near the 880 highway one theme soon became crystal clear— San José is home.

"We needed to centralize our services and that led us on this hunt for a building here in San José," Bushey admitted. "With the majority of our services being here in Santa Clara County population wise, 70 percent of our meals are provided to the City of San Jose."

According to Loaves & Fishes, the 40-year, San José-based nonprofit will be able to serve upwards of 10,000 meals in the next year and a half once the commercial kitchen is up and running.

This new centralized kitchen comes at a time when City leaders are looking to partner with community-based nonprofits to meet the increasing demand for food.

Loaves & Fishes was one of several recipients of the City's Collective Impact Grant (CIG), which provides additional funding for community-based organizations that are actively distributing food and necessities to San José residents in need.

"It's really enabled us to be able to create more delivery locations. We currently have 55 partner organizations, and are delivering to 90 sites throughout Santa Clara County," said Bushey. "We actually, for the first time in 40 years, have a waiting list asking for our food. And so we are now going to be



Loaves & Fishes' centralized kitchens enable the nonprofit to prepare hot fresh meals that are loaded onto temperature-controlled vehicles to ensure food quality and safety.



Loaves & Fishes has prepared and delivered hot meals for San José residents in need for over 40 years. Photos courtesy of Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen.

able to provide those meals because of this grant."

Loaves & Fishes' ability to prepare, package, and deliver hot meals to where they are needed is an absolute game changer when it comes to providing food efficiently and quickly.

The San José nonprofit's fleet of eight temperature-controlled trucks ensures food is maintained at safe temperatures while allowing drivers to abide by health safety protocols for food handling and COVID-19.

Loaves & Fishes is looking to add a ninth delivery vehicle to its food-providing arsenal and aims to reach 105 delivery locations by the end of December 2020.

Thanks to the generosity of financial donors and grants like the Collective Impact Grant,

community-based nonprofits like Loaves & Fishes are reaching vulnerable residents when they need it most.

"What makes us different is we take food that is uncooked, we prepare it and then we deliver it to partner organizations serving the same population," said Bushey. "This [grant] is going to enable us to provide 121,000 pounds of shelf stable groceries and prepare 154,000 hot meals between now and the end of the year."

Loaves & Fishes is in need of donations, partners and volunteers. Learn more by visiting [www.loavesfishes.org](http://www.loavesfishes.org) today.

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## Tech Jargon of the week

# Industry 4.0

Have you ever stumbled into a conversation where everyone is speaking around this “techie” word – and even after you’ve broken in, it is difficult to understand the unfamiliar jargon and acronyms? Well, there’s no need to sweat it. Let us teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

### Industry 4.0

Over the years, industrial revolution has changed the landscape of how machines work and how it impacts our life. The first industrial revolution was depicted by mechanization through water and steam power; the second saw the concept of mass production through electric power; and the third resulted in the rise of computer and automation.

And now we enter Industry 4.0, in which computers and automation have come together in an entirely new way, with robotics using machine learning algorithms to learn and control, requiring very little input from human operators. Industry 4.0 is driven by four technology trends:

- The astonishing rise in data volumes, computational power, and connectivity, especially new low-power wide-area networks;
- The emergence of analytics and business-intelligence capabilities;
- New forms of human-machine interaction such as touch interfaces, augmented-reality systems and wearables;
- Improvements in transferring digital instructions to the physical world, such as advanced robotics and 3-D printing machines.

Germany is widely credited as being the founding nation of this concept “Industrie 4.0”, with the name emerging from a national strategic initiative to establish the country as a lead provider of advanced manufacturing systems. The country has one of the most competitive manufacturing industries in the world, and it is supported by a network of state-of-the-art research and development facilities.

Industry 4.0 is revolutionizing the way manufacturing processes work. However, it’s important to weigh the advantages and the challenges that companies face.

Optimizing the production is a key advan-

*Industry 4.0 has a lot to promise when it comes to revenues, investment, and technological advancements. The economic rewards are immense.*

tage to Industry 4.0. A smart factory containing hundreds or even thousands of smart devices that are able to self-optimize production will lead to an almost zero down time in production. This is extremely important for industries that use high end expensive manufacturing equipment such as the semi-conductor’s industry. Also creating a flexible market makes it customer-oriented and help meet the population’s needs fast and smoothly. This fastens the production and delivery processes. The adoption of Industry 4.0 technologies will push research in various fields such as IT security and will have its effect on the education in particular. A new industry will require a new set of skills. Consequently, education and training will take a new shape that provides such an industry with the required skilled labor.

However, challenges faced by Industry 4.0 include the IT security risks on machines. The online integration will give room to security breaches and data leaks. Such transformation will also require huge investment in new technologies. The risks must be calculated and taken seriously taking into consideration the profit margins.

Summing up, Industry 4.0 has a lot to promise when it comes to revenues, investment, and technological advancements. As mentioned above, the economic rewards are immense.

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## Times Community News

### Tickets on sale now for drive-through Christmas in the Park

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Tickets for San Jose's beloved holiday tradition, Christmas in the Park, are now available for its new venue due to COVID-19.

It might seem a bit early to start thinking about Christmas, but Jason Minsky, the executive director of Christmas in the Park, has been hard at work coming up with a social distancing

venue.

Instead of a stroll through downtown's Plaza de Cesar Chavez, Christmas in the Park will instead be a drive-through event at History Park on Senter Road. And — like the annual Fantasy of Lights show at Vasona Park — you have to reserve a day and time to visit in advance.

A change in venue for Christmas in the Park, the first time in its 41-year history, was required because a loss of sponsorship revenue due to the pandemic, not to mention the lost vendor and ride income normally taken in during a normal year.

"People are going to expect to see Christmas in the Park from a car, and I think they're going

to be blown away," he said. "They're going to be overwhelmed by how much more there is to see," Minsky said.

As a bonus, the regular Christmas in the Park displays, the historic and replica buildings at History Park also will be decorated, along with the illuminated replica of the San Jose Light Tower.

"There will be light tunnels, giant snowflakes and hundreds of decorated trees, with the whole visit choreographed to music. Santa Claus will be around, too," said Minsky.

#### Drive-thru pricing

The pricing for Christmas in the Park drive-thru is \$20 per vehicle for standard-sized cars

and trucks up to 8 ft. high (no buses or limos) — from 5 to 10 p.m., and \$10 during "twilight hour" between 4 and 5 p.m. Reservations are in 15-minute windows, with hundreds of cars able to visit in a single day.

There's no option to visit during the day due to the emphasis on illuminated displays.

Understanding not all families can afford the admission, Minsky said tickets also are being distributed through nonprofit partners including Somos Mayfair and Catholic Charities. You can donate to sponsor another car when purchasing a ticket.

For more information and to reserve a spot visit: [www.christmasinthepark.com](http://www.christmasinthepark.com).

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# San Jose Unified students to return to school in January

By Lorraine Gabbert

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

With the spread of COVID-19 slowing in Santa Clara County and schools no longer responsible for testing, San Jose Unified School District officials will allow students to return to class Jan. 5.

Nancy Albarrán, SJUSD superintendent, said staff members are preparing classrooms and common areas, and developing training for in-person learning.

In September, the school district decided to only offer distance learning through the end of the first semester (Dec. 18) due to the high number of COVID-19 cases countywide. East Side Union High School District started easing back to in-person learning on a limited basis last month.

In a letter to the San Jose Unified community, Albarrán said the school district has worked closely with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, labor group leaders, the County Office of Education, state agencies and superintendents throughout the state in planning for the next phase of the 2020-2021 school year.

Albarrán said a key factor allowing in-person learning is the availability of COVID-19 testing provided by health care providers.

"The Public Health Department has ordered local health care providers to provide COVID-19 testing to essential workers, which includes school employees," Albarrán said. "In addition, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is partnering with multiple districts in the county to secure additional testing to offer more convenient access for school staff."

However, parent Holly Case is concerned district employees are not required to be tested regularly.

"That makes me nervous because they admitted a few people had COVID-19 on campus, although they were isolated," Case said. "Once you throw in more people, if somebody should test positive, they will come in contact with a lot more people. Their plan has been working but partly because there aren't many people there."

SJUSD spokesperson Jennifer Maddox said teachers will be required to be tested but students are not unless they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. The school is responsible for contact identification, letting the district and Santa Clara Public Health know which students and staff had COVID-19 at school. Those exposed to that person will receive notifications.

Maddox said the district is capping the capacity of the classrooms based upon 6-foot distancing and is planning for 50% capacity in each classroom. During the week of Nov. 16, families must decide whether to continue distance learning or return to school.

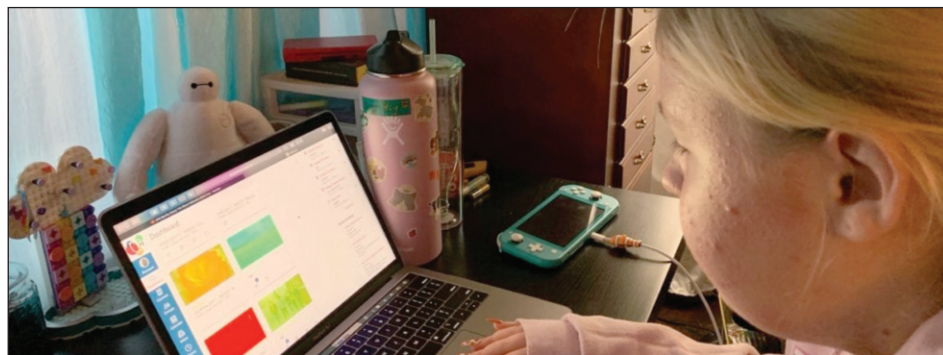
"By and large, we have parents fully committed to remaining in distance learning, some even until there is a vaccine," Maddox said, "but others are ready to have their students return to school."

Case worries that if students choose to

return to campus or continue distance learning, their choice cannot be changed for the entire semester.

"We have to make a decision that lasts for six months," she said. "They said we had to agree to the whole semester, which I don't

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San Jose student **Chloe Case** has to decide between in person or distance learning. Photo courtesy of Holly Case.



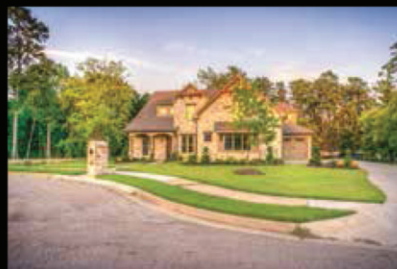
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Scores of local leaders gathered outside the SVO Monday to call for systemic change to politics as usual. (Photo via Facebook)

# SVO disbands PAC amid backlash to 'blatantly racist' campaign ad

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The campaign arm of the Silicon Valley's chamber of commerce known as PAC (Political Action Committee) is officially terminated.

"SVO will immediately cease all PAC operations," said SVO's (Silicon Valley Organization) spokesperson Terry Downing. "As a first step toward restoring its 130-year reputation, the Silicon Valley Organization voted to immediately dissolve the SVO PAC, subject to state and local campaign finance laws and reporting requirements."

The decision to eliminate PAC was made after community outrage from a week of fallout from a PAC-paid photo related racist hit piece that appeared on the SVO website which was quickly removed.

The racist message targeted towards a candidate appeared on the SVO PAC website. It showed a photo of a group of Black men rioting in the streets. At the top of the photo, taken by South African photographer Pawel Janiak, a headline read: "Do you really want to sign onto this?"

On Oct. 28, the morning after the nonprofits expressed their disappointment in the campaign ads, the SVO board voted to put its CEO Matthew Mahood on leave. The next day, he resigned.

## Image deemed to be a 'horrible mistake'

In an interview with Silicon Valley Business Journal reporter Jody Meacham, Mahood acknowledged that the use of the image had been a "horrible mistake" as he hoped the local business community can "look at it as an opportunity to learn from it, educate one another and figure out how do we heal from it and come together in the future."

## SVO's CEO Matthew Mahood resigns

Mahood sent an email to people in the community that sought to explain his position saying, "Along the way, we have made some mistakes, and as CEO, I take full responsibility for those mistakes and missteps. That image and messaging DOES NOT represent who I am as a man, a father, a husband or community leader. The people



*SVO VP Madison Nguyen apologized for the online ad, and promised that everyone at SVO would undergo cultural sensitivity training and that a third-party firm would investigate the matter to find out who was responsible for the controversial ad.*

who know me and work with me on a regular basis know that. However, the events of the last few days make it clear to me that it is best for the Silicon Valley Organization, for me and our community that I resign from my position as President & CEO so that we may begin the process of healing, working together and breaking down the barriers and divisiveness that exists in our country and community."

SVO Vice President Madison Nguyen apologized for the online ad, which the organization blamed on an unnamed "web administrator." She promised that everyone at SVO would undergo cultural sensitivity training and that a third-party firm would investigate the matter to find out who was responsible for the controversial ad.

## Exodus of high profile dues-paying members

As a result of the controversy, the SVO has seen an exodus of prominent board directors and dues-paying members including; Google, Adobe, Cisco, Comcast PG&E, Kaiser Permanente, the San Francisco 49ers, San Jose Sharks and Earthquakes, San Jose State, Lockheed Martin, Texas Instruments, Sand Hill Property Co., Team San Jose, Core Companies, Pivotal Now, Good Samaritan Hospital, SPUR, Regional Medical Center and the California Apartment Association (CAA).

Mayor Sam Liccardo, who has enjoyed considerable support from the PAC, agreed that the SVO needs to do more than just hire a new CEO.



## School

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think is fair."

The district said it is balancing student and staff safety with the advantages of in-person learning. Students will return provided Santa Clara County remains in the orange or yellow tier. If Santa Clara County is in the red or purple tier on Dec. 30, the district plans to postpone in-person instruction.

The district has updated its COVID-19 safety protocol to ensure "rigorous safety measures mitigate risk to the greatest extent possible," said Katie Rodriguez, R.N., Manager of Health and Family Support Programs for the district. The district will require face

masks and 6-foot social distancing on campus, both inside and outside the classrooms.

Custodial staff will frequently disinfect high-touch surfaces and common spaces and all staff have been provided with disinfecting cleaners. Increased air circulation and filtration has been put into place as HVAC systems have been set to maximize the amount of outside air brought into classrooms and new air filters are being installed.

Staff and students will be required to complete a daily symptom screening prior to arriving on campus and each school site will have a COVID-19 point of contact responsible for coordinating with the district, which is in contact with public health.

In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, acrylic barriers will be provided for staff use. COVID-19 safety teams made up of administrators, teachers and classified staff will work with the district to ensure each school site is supported in adhering to safety protocols, according to the district.

The district has been holding webinars with parents about its plans, gauging the level of parent interest in students returning to school.

Jodi Lax, the district's associate superintendent of instruction, said although the district wants students to return to class, as "in-person learning is the ideal experience for

students and teachers," not all families are comfortable sending students back. Distance learning will continue to be an option for those students.

Families will receive an online choice form in the next week for the spring semester. If the district cannot accommodate students for in-person learning with their current teachers due to capacity limitations, it will offer the option of placement with another teacher or location or remaining in distance learning with the same teacher.

"This is not an easy decision or process," Maddox said. "But we want to be sure we're ready to welcome students back."

## Killing feral pigs with bow and arrows nixed

*Animals have learned to become 'trap-wise' and are evading capture*

**T**rained professionals using bows and arrows killing pesky wild pigs wreaking havoc on San Jose neighborhoods has been nixed by the San Jose City Council.

Unfortunately, for businesses like the Coyote Creek Golf Course and the Silver Creek Valley Country Club that have spent thousands of dollars this year trying to clean up the damage unleashed by the animals, an alternative plan must now be implemented. The problem is that pigs have become "trap-wise," meaning that they have learned that traps pose a danger and to avoid them.

"It's not Wilbur here from 'Charlotte's Web,'" Council member Johnny Khamis said during a recent meeting, "We're talking 500-pound creatures that can do damage to pets, houses, lawns, they're dangerous animals." But citing safety concerns over errant arrows and state law restrictions, the city council quashed a proposal that would have let licensed trappers use archery equipment to kill feral pigs that have been destroying lawns and tearing up golf courses across the city.

The council asked city staffers to work with county officials to potentially establish a program for more effectively managing the wild pig population in Santa Clara County.

"I understand that the safety of our residents is the first thing that we think about," Councilmember Sylvia Arenas said at Tuesday's council meeting. "Unfortunately, it still creates a problem that we haven't really addressed, so I look forward to seeing what kind of collaboration we have with the county and what kind of problem-solving we can do."

California law states that it is illegal to hunt animals within 150 yards of a home without the consent of that property owner.

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Times **OpEd**

# Sixplexes coming to your neighborhood block

By Pierluigi Oliverio  
Special to the Times

The San Jose General Plan 2040 (GP2040) is the blueprint of how San Jose will grow in the future.

One of the ambitious goals of GP2040 is to achieve financial solvency for the city by balancing job growth with housing growth.

For decades, San Jose has done the heavy lifting by building the majority of housing for the entire region, while neighboring cities enjoyed the benefits of this imbalance, and offered little in return. This created a significant inequity between San Jose and other cities in terms of tax dollars per resident, and produced a reality where San Jose struggles to provide basic city services while neighboring cities are able to provide superior services for their residents.

The current general plan has a smart growth strategy of locating new infill housing adjacent to transit and along major boulevards. San Jose consistently approves thousands of housing units, both market rate and low income, designated for these strategic parcels. The other goal of the balanced equation, job creation, necessitates we reserve commercial and industrial parcels for future development, so San Jose has a sufficient tax base without having to constantly raise taxes every two years (or in the case of 2020, twice in the same year).

While GP2040 allows for higher density development in strategic locations, it also pledges to protect single-family home neighborhoods. When I served on the GP2040 task force for five years, I advocated for protecting established neighborhoods so higher density housing would be created where it most made sense, namely, along densely populated transit corridors. This policy was supported by the former planning director Joe Horwedel.

The current GP2040 taskforce has decided to renege on this pledge, however, and voted on August 20 to start the process of converting single-family houses into fourplexes “by right,” meaning, no community

meetings or hearings would be required, and a house could simply be demolished and a fourplex could be constructed in its place. This proposal would be citywide and encompass all San Jose neighborhoods. Taken a step further, allowing a four unit complex to replace a single-family home could have an even broader impact on neighborhoods, as the same property may also have two ADU’s on site, creating six units instead of one.

**State law does not allow cities to limit the number of cars per dwelling**

Access to these units will be car dependent, since the bus system will never reach far-flung cul-de-sacs. State law does not allow cities to limit the number of cars per dwelling, thus automobiles associated with these six units would be competing for available street parking. Density where it was not planned creates chaos and conflict. Once implemented, how would we fix it? Answer: the impact would be irreversible.

When a family saved up to buy a single-family home, there was a promise made by the city in the zoning that their block would remain intact, even if San Jose continued to grow around them. These buyers did their due diligence, prior to purchase, and should not be forced to swallow such a drastic change to their neighborhood. This policy would result in a family being outbid on a house by a profit-motivated buyer who would stand to make significantly more money with 4 or 6 units than with a single-family house.

Instead of flipping the bird to approximately 180,000 San Jose homeowners, we should stick with the existing GP2040 which will produce housing units at a lower per unit cost and not denigrate the unique character of single-family home neighborhoods. If proponents are confident that this is truly beneficial for a majority of city residents, then the issue should appear on a future ballot for a citywide vote.

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Times **OpEd**

## 'The Ugly World of Economics' published to show how scarcity influences supply and demand decisions

### *The global issue of poverty*

By Samuel Wang  
Special to the Times

Growing up in Almaden I participated in various service trips and in volunteering in my community as well as journeying to other communities to serve and aid the less-fortunate.

**From that day forward I became aware of how fortunate I was**

Two years ago in my freshmen year at Leland High School, I journeyed down south to Mexico along with a team of other students to build houses for the local homeless population. Seeing how happy the families were with much less that I normally had made me grateful, and as my team and I began to work on the house, we also began to learn more about the local families: about their backgrounds and their stories. From that point on, I became aware of how fortunate I was.

I began to think about how I could further contribute to assist in this crisis? How could I continue to fight against world poverty? I wanted to help, but I didn't know how. But one day, I stumbled across a YouTube video detailing how they wrote a book on a world issue they deeply cared about, and I thought to myself, I could honestly see myself realistically doing this as well, and so I did. I began to research poverty. I began to read countless articles describing how poverty influenced economies and about the relationships between it and economics.

#### **Scarcity influences decisions**

As I began to research and craft my story, I started writing with the use of Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing software. It began with an introduction to economics, detailing topics from how scarcity influences the decisions of individuals in the law of supply and demand.

I began to explain the importance of a solid understanding of economics as it plays a huge role in all our lives and it is our job to live effectively with that information. From this book, my goal was to spread awareness to the importance of economics and although my book was merely an introduction, it gave others the ability to read a brief introduction to the economic world. I continued on to describe how poverty plays a role in the

economic world. I detailed my initial interactions with poverty and how I realized how real it was. I had always known about the concept of poverty, hearing about it from news articles and outside sources, but I had never truly experienced firsthand what it actually looked and felt like.

In the end, I came up with the name of my book: "The Ugly World of Economics" to emphasize how although the economy is mainly glorified, I wanted to bring attention to the "ugly side" and point out the many flaws and issues with the economy. As a student myself, I believe that my job is to educate others, to use our knowledge to bring awareness to issues that might not be so apparent to others. My job is to use my experiences, like the many first-hand encounters I had with poverty during service trips, to show others the reality of issues and how they ultimately affect others.

Through my journey of self-publishing this book as a senior at Kings Academy, I taught others, but most importantly, I taught myself by learning about some surprising economic facts, along with shocking statistics regarding the global issue of poverty. I also learned how important it is for one to use their own knowledge and spread it to educate and inform others. I came to understand how powerful disseminating knowledge really is!

As my book was released, many friends and family members purchased and gave it a read, enjoying it wholeheartedly, leaving encouraging feedback as well as suggesting useful advice. But I'm not done here; I want to continue to use my knowledge which I am so grateful to have attained and spread it to others; to teach the world about

### The Ugly World of Economics

An Introduction to Poverty

Samuel Wang

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the importance of a solid understanding of the economy and bring awareness to the global issue of poverty.

*Editor's note: Samuel Wang's new Kindle book, "The Ugly World of Economics," is available through Amazon.com.*

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Times **Feature**

# Public outcry for abused dog

By Diane Blum

*Times contributing writer*

**A**n abused and injured dog rescued by the San Benito Bullies (a non-profit dog rescue organization) needs the community's help.

Three year old "Mama Gemma" is a beautiful and sweet girl who was rescued with her six puppies earlier this year. She was a diligent mom to her babies even while arriving malnourished, very sick, and with many injuries due to abuse and neglect.

Gemma has now thankfully been adopted by a loving family, but is in need of expensive surgery to fix her injuries which include torn bilateral ACLs (both painful and making it difficult for her to walk). The San Benito Bullies have found a vet who is willing to do the required surgery for half the anticipated cost (\$9,000 instead of \$18,000); but the family who has adopted Gemma needs some help to make the surgery happen.

Surgery has been scheduled for mid-November (or will be moved back until the needed funds can be raised); the fundraising effort has already raised \$2,600! But that leaves over \$6,000 still needed. Given the pain and difficulty the injury creates for Gemma, not doing the surgery is not an option.

The San Benito Bullies/Gemma fundraising account via Venmo is @Lora-Hernandez-82 "Gemma" (last four digits of recipient's phone number: 4803). The San Benito Bullies/Gemma fundraising

account via PayPal (Send to friend) is Sanbenitobullies@yahoo.com. For more information relating to the fundraiser please contact the San Benito Bullies organization at Sanbenitobullies@yahoo.com.

Thanks to all for helping make a beautiful and loved dog healthy and pain-free again.

The San Benito Bullies mission is to promote compassion and kindness toward



Pit Bulls by educating the public about Pit Bulls as wonderful pets. San Benito Bullies strives to promote responsible ownership of bully breeds that includes spaying and neutering, socialization and obedience training. They want to demonstrate to the community that bully breeds can be loyal and loving forever companions and family members (just like Gemma).

A fundraiser has been set-up for Gemma's surgery on the San Benito Bullies Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/donate/394297971725848/3429867047069235](http://www.facebook.com/donate/394297971725848/3429867047069235)



Voter lines at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in East San Jose grow as the day wears on.

Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

# Election Day in Santa Clara County sees record turnout

By Lorraine Gabbert

*Article courtesy of San José Spotlight*

This election saw the public turn out like never before in Santa Clara County.

On Nov. 3, about 59,000 people county-wide cast ballots in person. Counting mail-in ballots, the Registrar of Voters received more than 692,000 ballots, more than double the numbers from 2016.

"We've been seeing very high participation numbers," said Ryan Aralar, spokesperson for the registrar.

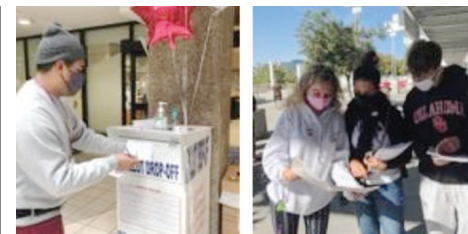
The busiest locations on election night were Santa Clara Central Public Library, Tully Branch Library, Evergreen Branch Library and Mexican Heritage Plaza.

Election Day at Mexican Heritage Plaza started out poorly as all of the cardboard "Vote" signs had been torn down, but undaunted poll workers had them replaced by 8:30 a.m. Twice during the day, their printer ran out of ink, but technicians from the ROV came and replaced it.

That perseverance continued throughout the day as long lines gathered, snaking through the plaza from 2:30 p.m. on, and resulting in wait times of more than 40 minutes.

Although there was concern the Latino population of East San Jose wasn't voting early in the day, people showed up in droves after work.

To encourage people to turn out to vote, the Si Se Puede! Collective offered free food to voters in "a solidarity action to feed, educate and protect our community and build



Dion Flores, 24, of San Jose drops off his ballot, saying he wanted to "participate in voting as it's important to be heard." Above, right: Cindy Ponciano and her daughters, both 18, look over ballot information at Levi's Stadium before voting. Ponciano said she felt safe from the pandemic because people were wearing masks. Photos by Lorraine Gabbert.

a deeper democracy," a flyer stated.

Wearing "Power not Fear" T-shirts, volunteers handed out masks, information on COVID-19 and voters' rights, as well as burritos, bananas and water.

"Our vote is crucial nationally but most important locally," said Olivia Ortez, with SOMOS Mayfair.

No matter if they were 18 or 74, voters from all corners of Santa Clara County said being heard was important.

"It was a really cool experience. I always wondered what it was like to vote," said first-time voter Devin Ponciano, 18.

John Nguyen, 74, of San Jose, said he didn't want to throw away his vote.

Dashawn Martin, 26, of Milpitas, who works in retail, said his grandfather told him it's important to vote and "make our voices heard." Martin said there is a big youth movement for voting, especially with skateboarders.

"It's important to make a change," Martin said. "We can progress and still have a say-so. It's about progress not perfection."

More than 1 million people registered to vote in October representing 83% of the total 1,204,687 eligible voters in Santa Clara County.

Conditional voter registration allowed new voters to join in the election past the Oct. 19 deadline, all the way up to Election Day. This allowed younger voters, who turned 18 close to Nov. 3, to vote, as well as newly naturalized citizens.

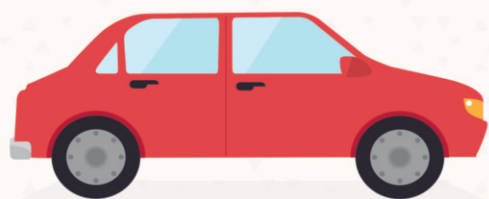
Anne Elkholtz, 50, a researcher and San Jose resident, became a naturalized citizen

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East San Jose resident Melissa Trang said the wait times at the Mexican Heritage Plaza did not deter her from voting. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

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Times **Community News**

## Mineta San José International Airport hosts 'Paws for Purple Hearts' to train therapy assistance dogs

As we pay tribute to Veterans Day, one way Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is honoring service men and women is by hosting service dog training for 'Paws for Purple Hearts' (PPH).

Through 'Paws for Purple Hearts', trained service dogs are placed with War Veterans and Warriors who have mobility impairments or trauma-related conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). Part of the training this year includes a "paws"-on experience at SJC to familiarize the service dogs with an airport environment.

Since the Menlo Park location supports both Veterans and active service members

living within a two-hour drive of the San Francisco Bay area, the team chose Silicon Valley's Airport as their first airport to train their service dogs.

PPH training allows the service dogs to experience the "lay of the land" of an airport, preparing them to better assist their assigned "Warrior" with navigation of a large space and crowds, completing the screening process, and arriving safely at the gate.

For more information about 'Paws for Purple Hearts' or how you can donate to transform the lives of America's heroes, visit [www.pawsforpurplehearts.org](http://www.pawsforpurplehearts.org), or text "pawspaws" to 707070 to donate today.

## Election

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the day before Election Day and proudly came to the ROV to register to vote and cast her ballot, hoping for a change in leadership.

"I'm really excited to vote this year, especially," she said. "It's important to vote because of employment and COVID. It hasn't been handled well."

Many young people expressed concerns for the future under the current administration.

Jacob Martinez, 27, an MRI technologist, and Ashley Bruch, 28, a hairstylist, who both live in San Jose, said they are scared for the future.

"We want to make sure the country is going in the right direction," Bruch said.

Bruch, who worked as a Lyft driver, also said Prop. 22 mattered as drivers should be able to make their own hours, which is essential for students or those with part-time jobs.

Quise Mojo, 34, a San Jose resident working in real estate said he was horrified by recent racism in the Bay Area and country-wide and blames President Donald Trump. "The president is supposed to be a role model," he said. "Make America Great? When wasn't America great?"

Mojo said it's important to vote and change the political climate for the youth. "We don't need that hate," he said.

But not everyone was looking for a change. Jimmy Tran, 49, a tech-industry worker, said

it was important to vote for Trump.

"I'm an immigrant, so voting is very important to me," Tran said. "We have the best president we've ever had. I love this country. I want to follow the laws and the constitution. This is the greatest country on Earth."

Through the Voter's Choice Act, registered voters received ballots in the mail. County-wide, 98 drop boxes were another option in addition to voting in person.

Levi's Stadium provided a voter center this year, much to the delight of 49ers fans.

The Ponciano family from Santa Clara — Cindy and 18-year-olds Devin and Alexa — were excited to vote together in this election, especially at Levi's Stadium.

"We are huge fans," Cindy Ponciano said. "So, coming here with my kids for the first time is pretty cool. I wanted them to experience this...I wanted them to take it all in."

Cindy Ponciano said she wasn't concerned with voting during the pandemic. She and her children, as well as everyone else at Levi's Stadium, wore face masks.

"We can go out to restaurants and food shopping," she said. "As long as we're careful we're fine. The pens here were sanitized and they had hand sanitizer. We're 6 feet apart. I wasn't concerned at all."

However, Cindy Ponciano said she was concerned with the political divide of the country.

"I've never seen anything like this," she said. "We're part of the United States, so we should be proud we can vote, regardless of who is elected."

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## Two Almaden neighborhoods cleanup events held

Almaden Valley volunteers helped put on two neighborhood cleanup events to make their community a better place to live.

District 10 City Council office assisted in the event by volunteering and providing

dumpsters for both community cleanup events.

In collaboration with Project Hope, the Hoffman Via Monte neighborhood participated in a free Dumpster Day. Residents were able to unload unwanted televisions, mattresses, and other bothersome household clutter.

Almaden Hills Estates Homeowners' Association banded together and cleaned up debris left behind by a formerly homeless individual on sacred Ohlone land. See the before and after pictures below.



## Playground and exercise equipment reopening

Following the new County and State orders and guidance, the City of San José's Department of Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services is taking a phased approach to reopening over 290 playgrounds and exercise equipment which began on Oct. 23.

Those who choose to use the newly opened amenities must follow all posted signage as well as County Public Health Orders.

Guidelines for use include washing or sanitizing your hands before and after using playground/exercise equipment; wearing face coverings at all times; keeping a six-foot distance from those outside of your household; staying home if anyone in the household is ill; not sharing personal items or toys; and sanitizing equipment before and after use with EPA approved disinfectants as the equipment is not sanitized.



Pictured, inset: Almaden Lake park west playground.



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the hotel Transient Occupancy Tax, has suffered. Mahan said the city has to be aggressive in protecting hospitality, arts and culture. He has advocated for the city to invest in outdoor commercial zones.

"We need to do more to figure out how our businesses can survive," Mahan said. "We have to partner with Public Health. We can identify commercial zones, one in each council district, and make an investment in creating public space where people can safely...engage in eating, drinking, enjoying entertainment."

Yori Seeger and Dana Harris Seeger, owners of the School of Visual Philosophy, worked with a District 3 task force to create ideas for reopening businesses safely during COVID-19. They created Safely Social San Jose and a new school of thought. They are also offering team building workshops to develop new cultural norms during the pandemic.

"When you take your mask off, you have to think of yourself now as a smoker," Yori

said. "It used to be you couldn't smoke anywhere you wanted to, and now you can't take your mask off anywhere you want to. You have to have respect for other people."

Looking to encourage housing and the arts, Mahan is considering rewarding developers who set aside funding for the arts and culture with incentives or requiring developers to pay a fee.

**Private Percent for Art**

A policy currently before the city council is Private Percent for Art, which would require private developers in San Jose to contribute 1% of their project budget toward on-site public art, create a public space for art, or contribute to an art fund.

Mahan said public spaces developers created in San Francisco as part of their development projects became incredible public amenities.

"I saw first-hand how something like that could improve the quality of life and create a city for everyone," Mahan said. "San Jose ought to be a great city for everyone...We need to draw on all our creative energy to get through this crisis and build the kind of city we want to live in."

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County counsel and being a part of California's Fair Political Practices Commission and the Federal Elections Commission.

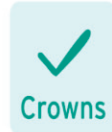
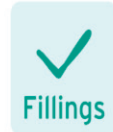
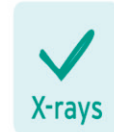
In a Facebook video on Election Day, Nov. 3, Cortese thanked his staff and supporters for all their work.

"This was definitely the biggest, toughest campaign that I've been involved with, but it was also the campaign with the best team I've ever

been involved with," Cortese said. "I've been getting some early congratulations because of the early, very solid lead that we have, and I just want to say to all of you, to the voters, thank you so much for being willing to be part of a team like this."

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