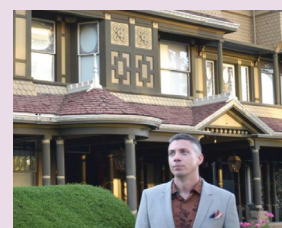


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Majority of Bay Area residents plan to move out of region in next few years, new poll reveals

By Times Media staff writers

According to a recent poll released by Joint Venture Silicon Valley, more than 56% of poll respondents from Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties say they plan to move out of the region in the next five years.

Those planning to move out of the region in the next few years cited the high cost of living and increasing housing prices as the top reasons for moving. More than 70% of those polled say the quality of life in the Bay area has gotten worse in the last five years.

However, the poll revealed that residents are split on whether the Bay Area is headed in the right direction; 48% say the region is headed in the right direction while 54% say it's on the wrong track.

Significantly higher percentages of women, 55%, think climate change is an "extremely" serious problem in their area versus 42% among men.

More women, 30%, consider racism to be an "extremely" serious problem versus 19% among men.

Additionally, women respondents say they feel less financially secure than men — 44% of women versus 33% of men who cite low savings as a worry since the beginning of the pandemic.

Overall, 40% of respondents feel financially insecure with higher percentages among Latino and African American
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San José Mayor, councilmembers propose drought resilience solutions

Proposals include resident education, notification, and conducting water-wise surveys

By Times Media staff writers

San José Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmembers Jimenez (D2), Perez (D3), Carrasco (D5), and Davis (D6) submitted a proposal on new drought resilience solutions that was unanimously approved by the Rules and Open Government Committee on Oct. 13.

The proposal calls for an official declaration of a state of water shortage in the city and outlines water conservation measures, which are in addition to a call by San José



leaders to allow for a water storage capacity increase at Santa Clara County's Anderson Dam.

The plan also calls for a modification to the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WEL0) requiring all new developments have only drought-tolerant landscapes.

The proposal also aims to align city restrictions on water use with that of existing restrictions put forward by local water retailers to curb residential and commercial irrigation in the face of ongoing drought conditions. City staff submitted an early consideration form that moves forward the proposals in the memo, with two items being referred to the council priority setting process.

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Add meaning to Halloween and support a good cause

As the world faces multiple crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, families may have to adjust traditional trick-or-treating plans again this year. However, there are still ways to help make a difference and celebrate Halloween virtually.

One way to add more meaning to Halloween is to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. Celebrating more than 70 years of fundraising, this annual tradition is America's longest running youth engagement campaign and has raised more than \$180 million to help support children's health care, education, nutrition, safe water, emergency relief and more.




Last year, the beloved program was launched as a virtual experience in an effort to celebrate Halloween responsibly while social distancing. This Halloween, it is evolving into a fully digital experience. Getting involved virtually can prove just as rewarding.

Funds raised will help support lifesaving work to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to communities, health care workers and families around the world that need them most. As the

largest purchaser of vaccines each year, UNICEF is helping lead procurement and distribution in the largest and fastest immunization effort of its kind, and you can be a part of that effort by aiding the organization in raising lifesaving funds and safely celebrating Halloween. (Family Features)

To learn more and get involved, visit trickortreatforunicef.org/join. Photo courtesy of Getty Images

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E D U C A T I O N

California students must take ethnic studies—some in San Jose already do

By Lorraine Gabbert

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San José Spotlight

California high school students will have a better understanding of the state's history, diversity and culture under a new policy.

Some Santa Clara County schools are ahead of the curve, offering ethnic studies as an elective.

Local elementary school districts—such as Oak Grove, Alum Rock and Mount Pleasant—already have ethnic studies as part of the curriculum. It's also an elective at high schools in the San Jose Unified and East Side Union High School districts.

Alum Rock Union School District Superintendent Hilaria Bauer said the district's ethnic studies curriculum promotes respect and understanding among races, builds citizenship, supports student success and teaches critical thinking and civic engagement.

"I believe that it is about time we allow all our students to feel welcome in our schools. By honoring their family background and culture, students feel a sense of belonging," she told San José Spotlight.

On Friday, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation mandating students take an ethnic studies class in order to graduate from public high schools, starting with the 2029-30 graduating class. Schools must also provide ethnic studies as an elective by the 2025-26 school year.

The state's vision for these classes is to focus on marginalized groups such as African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos and Native Americans. Additional lessons will include Jews, Armenians and Sikhs. Ethnic studies is already required at California state universities, including San Jose State University, for students who started school this year.

SJUSD spokesperson Jennifer Maddox said the school board is committed to investing in ethnic studies and exposing students to a broad-

er perspective. Its curriculum team is adding book selections for all grades featuring a wide diversity in perspective, culture and authors, she said.

"It's beneficial for all students, but also gives a voice to student groups that traditionally have maybe not seen someone who looks like them and is represented," Maddox told San José Spotlight, adding it's especially valuable in places where students don't have exposure to diverse cultures and people of different backgrounds.

When the Santa Clara County Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution in June 2020 announcing its commitment to ethnic studies curricula, some residents claimed the material was un-American. Local school districts were to be in favor of the new state requirement.

Teresa Marquez, associate superintendent of educational services for East Side Union High School District, said the district welcomes the state's policy. In the 2018-19 school year, its board passed a resolution in support of making ethnic studies a graduation requirement.

Marquez said it's important for students to be able to see themselves in instructional material and curriculum. Overfelt High School teaches ethnic studies to incoming ninth graders to help them learn more about themselves and their cultural identity, she said.

"Including ethnic studies as a graduation requirement allows us to engage in conversation and empower students to see themselves through a wider lens," she told San José Spotlight.

Marquez said educators should be trained in how to incorporate cultural awareness in day-to-day teaching so they can promote civic engagement, collective empowerment and cultural understanding.

Santa Clara County Board of Education Trustee Peter Ortiz agrees that students need to see their communities and history reflected within the curriculum. Ortiz said traditional instruction hasn't always been inclusive.

"Unfortunately, our education system has been Eurocentric," Ortiz told San Jose Spotlight. "It's important that our Latino, Asian and immigrant populations learn about their culture and their community's contributions to this country."

Seeing themselves and their cultures represented in their studies will help students gain self-confidence and a sense of belonging, he said.

"There is not one single American story," Ortiz said. "This is a nation of immigrants. We all are Americans. America is not a skin color. It's not a certain nation of origin. It's all of us. We all have a space here."

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Photos of Jon Nakamatsu and John Nelson courtesy of the artists and Symphony San Jose.

Symphony San Jose presents 'Beethoven Turns 251!' with acclaimed pianist Jon Nakamatsu: Dec. 4-5

By William Bellou

Publisher

Symphony San Jose presents Beethoven Turns 251 Saturday, December 4 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San Jose.

After so many plans for Beethoven's 250th birthday were aborted last December by COVID, imagine how remarkable the 251st will be.

Join Symphony San Jose's salute to this most revered of creator-innovators, Ludwig Von Beethoven.

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The Program

BEETHOVEN: Leonore Overture No. 3

BEETHOVEN: Piano Concerto No. 4

BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 5

Conductor: John Nelson | Soloist: Jon Nakamatsu

About John Nelson

The distinguished conductor John Nelson is internationally renowned for his interpretation of large Romantic works including the great works of Berlioz. Central to John Nelson's work is the great sacred choral litera-

ture. John Nelson holds the title of Directeur Musicale Honoraire of the Ensemble Orchestral de Paris and Artistic Director of Soli Deo Gloria.

About Jon Nakamatsu

A native of California, Jon Nakamatsu claimed a distinguished place on the international musical scene in June, 1997 when he was named the Gold Medalist of the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the only American to have achieved this distinction since 1981. A former high school German teacher, he became a popular hero overnight in the highly traditional medium of classical music.

Tickets: Call 408.286.2600 or visit: www.symphonysanjose.org or visit the Box Office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 325 South First Street in downtown San Jose, between San Carlos and San Salvador Streets just one-half block from the California Theatre. Easy, inexpensive parking is just one block away at San Jose City Garage on San Carlos Street with entrances on 2nd and 3rd Streets.

A SPECIAL NOTE: Safety First!

Symphony San Jose's first priority is that every patron attending a symphony concert should feel safe and secure. SSV's policy is that each ticket holder must attest to being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to attending. This policy holds for both the buyer and guests. This policy will be revisited as conditions evolve. It does not apply to children 12 and under. SSV will work to accommodate patrons with validated medical conditions that preclude vaccination.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Protect wolves in the Northern Rockies

Dear Editor,

When gray wolves were restored to Yellowstone, our country began the process of restoring a decades-old wrong. In the years that have since passed, wolves in the Northern Rockies have begun to recover. But recent actions by Montana and Idaho that seek to kill up to 90 percent of the wolves in their states, threaten the future of this ongoing recovery.

Today, hunters in Montana can

sit just feet outside of Yellowstone National Park and gun down as many as 10 wolves each. In Idaho, private contractors have been hired by the state to trap and shoot nearly all of the wolves in their borders. Montana will soon allow the use of deadly and indiscriminate neck snares that strangle the animal unfortunate enough to come across them.

The Biden Administration has the tools to stop this slaughter. In August, the former Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service under President Obama wrote a Washington Post Op-ed imploring Inte-

rior Secretary Deb Haaland and President Biden to act and issue emergency protections for gray wolves. He outlined exactly how and why they must act.

Biden and Haaland are entrusted with the caretaking of our natural spaces and the species that live on them. Their inaction to date is inexcusable.

Please join me in writing to the Department of Interior at DOI.gov and ask that they finally act to protect wolves in the Northern Rockies before it is too late.

Tania Redlich

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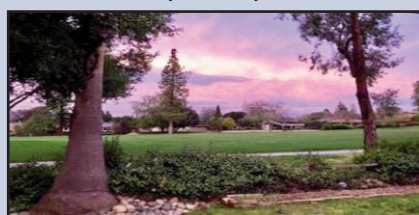
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Can't-miss experiences in sunny San Jose, California

Quaint coastal towns, wine country and bustling urban areas, author describes best day trips from San Jose

By Sage Scott

Bitten by the travel bug as a preschooler when her family moved abroad for the first time, Sage Scott of Everyday Wanderer understands the tremendous benefits of travel. But as a single mom with four kids, three cats, two dogs, and a mortgage, she also knows that not everyone is in a position to travel the world for a living.



Now settled in America's Heartland, Sage Scott taps into her experiences growing up all over the United States and Europe. She writes her travel blog with a midlife traveler's perspective from Kansas City -- the Midwestern cowtown affectionately called the Paris of the Plains and the undisputed Barbecue Capital of the World.



Cesar Chavez Park in San Jose (Photo credit: San Jose Convention & Visitors Bureau).

While prospectors were obsessed with discovering gold in the Sierra Foothills in the mid-1800s, missionaries in the nearby Santa Clara Valley were busy planting trees. And as the Gold Rush transformed San Francisco from a settlement to a city in less than a decade, millions of peach, pear, cherry, and other fruit trees filled orchards just 50 miles south of Northern California's foggy boomtown.

Although San Francisco is a top California travel destination and had long been the largest city in the Bay Area, San Jose experienced tremendous growth in a few short decades. And as apple trees were replaced by Macintosh computers, San Jose was crowned the largest city in the Bay Area.

Despite being demoted to second place, San Francisco still draws millions of visitors a year to its world-famous attractions like the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz Island. But what about San Jose, the city about an hour south of the clanging cable cars and the hairpin curves of Lombard Street? This list will help you create the perfect travel bucket list for sunny San Jose.



1. Visit the Winchester Mystery House

Allegedly one of the most haunted places in America, the Winchester Mystery House is as beautiful as it is baffling. A few years after her daughter died in infancy, Sarah Winchester was widowed and looking for a change of scenery. Heading

west from Connecticut, she purchased an eight-room farmhouse in San Jose and kept herself busy with more than 35 years of nonstop, random renovations. Now with 160 rooms covering 24,000 square feet, the sprawling Winchester mansion has grown to 20 times its original size.

While the Queen Anne Victorian mansion features beautiful stained glass windows, elaborately detailed woodwork, and three elevators, it also has doors that open into walls and stairways that lead to the ceiling. And when Mrs. Winchester lived in the home, it only had one working toilet. Learn more about the true story behind this haunted labyrinthine mansion here.

Fun Fact: Mrs. Winchester called her home Llanada Villa. It was magician Harry Houdini who first dubbed it "the Mystery House" after a spooky Halloween 1924 visit.



2. Cheer for the home team

From the crack of a bat sending a baseball over the fence to the roar of the crowd when the puck swishes into the net, there are several options for sports fans visiting San Jose. An affiliate of the similarly named major-league team in San Francisco, the minor-league San Jose Giants play in Excite Ballpark just south of San Jose State University. Hockey fans visiting San Jose will want to cheer on the San Jose Sharks when they take the ice inside the Shark Tank (also known as the SAP Center). And soccer fans can enjoy a San Jose Earthquakes match at PayPal Park just south of the San Jose International Airport.

3. Celebrate the success of Silicon Valley

By establishing their headquarters in the South Bay, companies like Apple and Facebook helped fuel San Jose's rapid growth in the past few decades. So spending time in San Jose and not celebrating the success of Silicon Valley would be like visiting San Francisco and not snapping a photo of a cable car. Start with the Computer History Museum in nearby Mountain View, which chronicles computing from the abacus to the latest technology. Then head to the Google Android Statue Garden, where you'll find Bugdroid, the cute green Android robot surrounded by yummy statues that represent the deliciously named platform releases like Cupcake, Eclair, and Gingerbread.

4. Explore San Jose with an interactive scavenger hunt

Another great way to see the sights of Silicon Valley is with an interactive scavenger hunt. As you walk about 2 miles through San Jose's historic downtown, this San Jose scavenger hunt includes stops at the San Jose Museum of Art, Cesar Chavez Plaza, and Hotel De Anza. And while you won't collect a \$200 salary as you pass the "go" square, the scavenger hunt route does include the larger-than-life Guinness World Records Monopoly board in the park near the Chil-

dren's Discovery Museum of San Jose.

Fun Fact: Constructed in the Roaring Twenties, the art deco-style Hotel De Anza is on the National Register of Historic Places and was once the tallest hotel in San Jose.



5. Take time to smell the roses

While many cities from coast to coast boast impressive rose gardens, the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden has been crowned America's best. Covering 5 acres in the aptly named Rose Garden neighborhood of San Jose, the garden's 3,500 plantings of nearly 200 varieties of roses all but guarantee you'll see big, beautiful blooms when you visit.

6. Discover ancient cultures at the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum

Just down Naglee Avenue from the Rose Garden, the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum houses the largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts on display in western North America. Admire a variety of items that give you a glimpse into everyday life along the Nile River thousands of years ago. Imagine using toiletry items like the combs, kohl jars, and mirrors on display. You'll see tools like harpoons, fish hooks, and arrowheads. And there are religious items like statues, incense burners, and offering tables.

7. Enjoy a reflective moment at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph

Just north of Cesar Chavez Plaza, the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph is associated with the first parish in California. However, the beautiful church that appears to have been inspired by ancient Greek temples and Brunelleschi's Dome is actually the fifth religious building to be constructed at the corner of San Fernando and Market. Completed in 1877, the cathedral is a California Historical Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Pictured: Shuei-Do Manju Shop

8. Travel to Asia with a stop in San Jose's Japantown

Say sayonara to San Jose for a short while and immerse yourself in the history, culture, and food of Japan. Although it also includes Chinese, Hawaiian, and Mexican restaurants, San Jose's Japantown is one of the last authentic Nihon-machis in the United States.

Start by visiting the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, which showcases more than a century of Japanese American history. You'll learn about the first Japanese immigrants to arrive in San Jose in the early 1900s and about the heartbreaking internment of many Japanese Americans at camps during World War II. *Continued on page 8*

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About a block north of the museum, you'll find the San Jose Buddhist Church, and along the way you'll find a variety of predominantly Japanese businesses, including Japanese restaurants, a Japanese bakery, and a Japanese supermarket.

Pro Tip: Although you'll remain firmly on U.S. soil during your visit to Japantown, you can read up on Japanese cultural customs before you go.

9. Find a moment of Zen in the Japanese Friendship Garden

Covering 5 acres in Kelley Park, about 3 miles south of Japantown, the Japanese Friendship Garden is a well-manicured green space that provides a respite from the hustle and bustle of the Bay Area's largest city. Designed to honor the bond between San Jose and Okayama, Japan, the garden includes curved red bridges, Japanese lantern sculptures, and perfectly manicured trees. Feel your heart rate drop as you watch koi swim in the ponds and keep an eye out for sunbathing turtles or wading birds.

10. Shop (and eat) local

Although the Santa Clara Valley was once filled with mil-

lions of fruit trees, the J&P Cosentino Family Farm is the last working orchard in San Jose. At the farm, which was established right after World War II and has been nurtured by multiple generations, all tree fruit, bush berries, and grapes are picked at peak ripeness, and the farm land is filled with delicious, locally grown fruit year round.

You can also shop for a variety of local fruits, vegetables, and other items at local farmers markets, like the Downtown San Jose Farmers' Market in the SoFA District.

11. Spend an afternoon tasting wine

If you prefer your grapes fermented, then be sure to visit the J. Lohr Winery. Raised on a farm in South Dakota, founder Jerry Lohr was one of the first winemakers to recognize the potential of the Monterey and Paso Robles regions for producing delicious wine grapes. Still family owned and operated after nearly 50 years in business, his San Jose winery is a great place to taste a variety of J. Lohr wines and learn more about the wines and winemaker.

Pro Tip: Brush up on wine-tasting etiquette before you visit J. Lohr, or download their guide to hosting a wine tasting at home.



Tech Jargon of the Week Multicloud

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:

Multicloud

A few years ago, IBM and Red Hat executives announced a massive deal that could reshape cloud computing wherein IBM acquired the open-source software and cloud services company in a \$34 billion cash deal.

Red Hat is an enterprise software company with an open-source development model. For IBM, the acquisition is about growing IBM's business in the cloud—private, public, hybrid and multicloud—based on the position of the company as the open source and open standards player in the market.

It's easy to understand what public cloud versus private cloud is. The main differentiator between public and private clouds is that you aren't responsible for any of the management of a public cloud hosting solution. Your data is stored in the provider's data center and the provider is responsible for the management and maintenance of the data center.

So, what is Multicloud? Multicloud is a cloud approach made up of more than 1 cloud service, from more than 1 cloud vendor—public or private. For example, your company invests in expanding a cloud infrastructure. You move your stuff from physical servers to virtual servers. For this, you evaluate the public cloud options and find the right public cloud provider that provides the right set of configurations and security protocols to suits your needs. You're happy with your choice. But eventually, your customers start asking for features that are only available through a different vendor's proprietary app. Integrating these features into your custom app requires that you not only purchase the vendor's app, but also host the app in that vendor's proprietary public cloud—a solution that allows both apps to scale with demand. You now have a multi cloud!

Now what is a hybrid cloud and how is it different from multicloud? Multicloud refers to the presence of more than 1 cloud deployment of the same type (public or private), sourced from different vendors. Hybrid cloud refers to the presence of multiple deployment types (public and private) with some form of integration or orchestration between them. A multicloud approach could involve 2 public cloud environments or 2 private cloud environments. A hybrid cloud approach could involve a public cloud environment and a private cloud environment with infrastructure (facilitated by application programming interfaces, middleware, or containers) facilitating workload portability. These cloud approaches are not mutually exclusive: You can have both, simultaneously. In fact, it's becoming more common across companies as they seek to improve security and performance through an expanded portfolio of environments.

Multicloud helps companies avoid the pitfalls of single-vendor reliance. Spreading workloads across multiple cloud vendors gives companies flexibility to use (or stop using) a cloud whenever they want.

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BASIS Independent Silicon Valley Upper School ranked as 'Top High School for STEM'

BASIS Independent Silicon Valley Upper School has ranked as #1 Best High School for STEM in California, and #2 Best High School for STEM in America on the 2022 Best School Rankings from Niche.com, a data analyst company.

The school has garnered notable prestige over the last several years by establishing itself as a premier college preparatory program in the Bay Area, with a steady track record of acceptance to the world's top colleges and universities.

BASIS Independent Silicon Valley is opening a new lower school campus later next year. The new lower school is located a few miles from the current BASIS Independent Silicon Valley Parkmoor Avenue campus. This campus is designed to complement the upper grades at the original Silicon Valley location and will offer Transitional Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Governor Newsom signs new law to expand California outdoor dining

Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law legislation that will greatly expand opportunities for outdoor dining across the Golden State.

Authored by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (D-Woodland Hills), Assembly Bill (AB) 61 will empower local jurisdictions and the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) to provide much-needed regulatory flexibility to neighborhood restaurants struggling with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Neighborhood restaurants are the backbone of communities across California, but too many are barely hanging on by a thread," said Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel. "Outdoor dining has been a critical lifeline that has helped these establishments keep their doors open during these challenging times. AB 61 provides important flexibility so that restaurants can safely expand outdoor dining and continue to serve the communities they call home. I applaud Governor Newsom for his thoughtful leadership in protecting both public health and small businesses as we continue to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic."

AB 61 provides restaurants with regulatory flexibility on a number of key issues, including enabling more outdoor food preparation and service, allowing restaurants to better use their own spaces for increased

outdoor dining capacity, and extending existing ABC orders allowing for alcohol service on outdoor premises. AB 61 also includes an urgency clause, meaning the measure goes into effect immediately.

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged small businesses across the state—particularly in the restaurant industry. While the National Restaurant Association reports modest employment growth in the last 2 months, with California leading the nation in job gains, employment remains below pre-pandemic levels and nearly 4 in 5 restaurants are understaffed. As of August 2021, California also had 234,800 fewer eating and drinking establishments than it did in August 2019.

"The changes we made to support outdoor dining during the pandemic saved countless jobs and businesses, and Angelenos have been clear that they want to see these improvements stay in place for good," said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. "I am proud to support Assemblymember Gabriel's legislation that will enable us to make outdoor dining a permanent feature in Los Angeles and across the state."

"The restaurant industry has been hit hard by the pandemic. With indoor dining rooms still closed in most places, outdoor dining has become an important lifeline for restaurants," stated Madelyn Alfano, Immediate Past Chair of the California Restaurant Association Board of Directors and owner of Maria's Italian Kitchen, a neighborhood Italian restaurant with several locations in the San Fernando Valley. "AB 61 will help to address issues restaurants face as we have created outdoor spaces to continue to serve our customers. Nothing is more important to me than the safety of our customers and the ability to continue to provide delicious meals for my community."



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San Jose tourist attractions struggle through COVID pandemic

By Lorraine Gabbert

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The COVID-19 pandemic hit San Jose tourist attractions hard, but some have found creative ways to bring back visitors.

The Children's Discovery Museum, Tech Interactive and Winchester Mystery House all closed during last year's shelter in place, and have yet to fully recover. But through rainy day funds, donors and online programming, they stayed afloat despite the drop in revenue.

Derrick Seaver, CEO of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, said it's a tough time for businesses, especially those that rely heavily on in-person customers. From facing eviction to prolonged shutdowns and struggling to find workers, local businesses suffered through the pandemic.

"Now that the pandemic is turning a corner, there's going to be a high demand for these activities again," he told San José Spotlight.

'It has been a really rough go'

Marilee Jennings, executive director of the Children's Discovery Museum in downtown San Jose, said it will be a while before operations return to normal, as there's not a COVID vaccine for children under 12. To stay engaged with the community, the museum shifted its story time online, complete with music and puppets.

The museum reopened in April. Jennings is happy it's open again, but misses the energy of a thriving, social gathering space. "When we first reopened, the children ran in blowing us kisses," she told San José Spotlight.

Last Sunday, children explored a garden and pretended to cook and drive a fire engine. Kids learn problem-solving skills and collaboration at the museum. But best of all, Jennings said, kids get to be their own boss.

Parent Ameen Aslam said he appreciates having a place to go where his daughter can socialize with other kids. But attendance is a fraction of pre-pandemic rates. Rather than its usual 1,500 visitors a day, only 400 guests are permitted per play session to keep social distancing. The museum also installed a new air filtration system and hand sanitation sta-



Walter Magnuson, general manager of the Winchester Mystery House, said they had to find innovative ways to create revenue streams. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

tions, and requires visitors to wear masks indoors.

Parent Katie Lesley said she feels reassured by the museum's safety protocols.

"They keep it very sanitary, wiping everything down and limiting capacity," Lesley said. "I like that it doesn't feel crowded."

The Children's Discovery Museum was closed for 393 days, and its \$9.5 million budget shrank to \$4 million. Memberships, donations and reserve funds helped it survive.

"It has been a really rough go," Jennings said. "Overnight, 50% of our income went away."



Kids are happy to be back playing at the Children's Discovery Museum. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

Going online

The Tech Interactive reopened on Memorial Day weekend after being closed for 443 days. Guests eagerly waited in line on open-

ing day, and CEO Katrina Stevens said it was nice to see families come through the doors.

Heather Park brought her sons to the museum last weekend. "The kids have been waiting for this opportunity for a while," Park told San José Spotlight. "We appreciate it being open."

Reid Moreno, whose son was building a robot, said the museum feels safe and isn't too crowded. His mother Helen appreciated the numerous sanitation stations and everyone wearing masks.

Financially, the museum suffered a significant loss during the pandemic. While its revenue was \$5.4 million from Feb. 1, 2019 to Jan. 31, 2020, the following year it only made \$500,000, Stevens said. About 40% of workers were furloughed and monthly attendance declined from 37,000 visitors in July 2019 to 6,500 this July.

Pre-pandemic, the museum saw about 1,500 visitors a day. Fortunately, the museum had financial reserves, qualified for loans and donors stepped up to support it.

While closed, the museum pivoted to online learning, launching The Tech Interactive at Home. It also created virtual labs and online field trips, one of which received 1.5 million views according to spokesperson Marika Krause Ponce.

"The engagement online has been incredible," Krause Ponce said. "Lots of families were grateful to have a fun focus, especial-

ly in those first dark months."

The Tech Challenge, a kids design competition, also went online—with participants from all 50 states and in countries as far away as Pakistan.

Stevens said the museum strives to empower youth to be innovative problem-solvers. The museum partnered with school districts and the Mexican Heritage Plaza to send home STEM activity kits at food distribution sites during the pandemic.

"We're excited to have a slow, steady increase in attendance, but it's nowhere near what we normally have," Stevens said. "Folks are still nervous. It's going to take some time."

An empty house

Walter Magnuson, general manager of the Winchester Mystery House, said he couldn't be more excited guests are returning. "We have a lot to share, especially this time of year," he told San José Spotlight.

In addition to a "Lost in the House" tour, a movie projected onto the front of the house brought a recent All Hallows' Eve event to life.

"This is one of those rare places that is still here," Magnuson said. "You can walk the halls Sarah built. It's the mystery and the wonder of why she did it that still resonates and fascinates people."

From 1886 to 1922, construction at the eight-room farmhouse Sarah Winchester bought rarely ceased. Some claim it was to confuse spirits of those killed by the Winchester rifle. Today, the Queen Anne Victorian mansion sports 160 rooms, many featuring Tiffany stained glass, intricate door plates, polished wood and period furnishings.

Peculiarities include the number 13 present in ceiling tiles, stairs that go to the ceiling, doors that lead to nowhere and a seance room. Since its opening in June 1923, guests have shared experiences of strange sounds, odd breezes and feeling like they're not alone, Magnuson said. Some said they've seen the ghost of a workman pushing a wheelbarrow in the basement, he added.

After the Winchester Mystery House closed in March 2020, it offered a virtual tour, sold merchandise online and worked with a licensing agency to bring in revenue. When possible, management offered in-person self-guided house tours and new activities such as axe-throwing and a Houdini-themed escape room.

"We were like a startup," Magnuson said, "and needed to find ways to innovate and come up with revenue streams. We had to come up with things people would enjoy and let us keep the lights on."

Business was down at least 75% last year compared to pre-pandemic times, Magnuson said, calling 2020 "a pretty catastrophic year."

Magnuson said capacity had to be restricted when the house reopened in March.

They also doubled janitorial work, added ventilation and required masks. He said they're slowly rebounding and are about 30% away from normal.

"We're trying to get as many guests here as possible, but safely," he said. "We're lucky we have a great story and people from all over the world want to come visit."

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Coalition announces new goal to house all homeless families in Santa Clara County

Continuum of Care Announce campaign to end family homelessness by 2025

iming to house 1200 families in the next year and 600 annually thereafter, today, Santa Clara County Continuum of Care announced the HEADING HOME campaign.

As part of the Community Plan to End Homelessness, today marks the beginning of a concerted effort to house local families. The goal is to achieve “functional zero” in five years - meaning the number of housing placements for families is greater than the number of families entering homelessness. Key partners for this effort include: the County of Santa Clara, the City of San Jose, the Santa Clara County Housing Authority, Destination: Home and Cisco.

Currently, there are approximately 600 families in Santa Clara County experiencing homelessness, and another 600 new families enter homelessness for the first time every year. Seventy five percent of these families have a female head of household and 62 percent self-reported having children enrolled in school in Santa Clara County.

To achieve this ambitious goal, this coalition will be focusing on four key strategies:

- **Leveraging Emergency Housing Vouchers** - The Santa Clara County Housing Authority has been awarded approximately 1,000 emergency housing vouchers, which will provide rental support to homeless households for up to ten years. The vast majority of these vouchers will be targeted towards homeless families.

- **Expanding Rapid Rehousing** - The coalition will expand its Rapid Rehousing programs - which provide a time-limited rental subsidy along with case management and supportive services - with a goal to serve another 200 homeless families annually.

- **Expanding Homelessness Prevention Strategies** - The coalition will work to expand homelessness prevention services so that fewer families fall into homelessness. This includes plans to expand the Homelessness Prevention System to serve 2,500 households by 2025 as well as new investments in Housing Problem-Solving programs, which quickly house families who recently became homeless and are sleeping on the street or in a place not fit for human habitation.

- **Creating More New Affordable and Supportive Housing** - New affordable housing developments in the Measure A pipeline include approximately 1,000 new family apartments in five years. There is also the potential to expand further by leveraging \$1 billion in Project Homekey funding that is dedicated to families.

In the months ahead, the coalition will engage with elected officials, landlords, private businesses, non-profit partners, people with lived experience and other community members to advance these ambitious objectives.

To connect someone who is currently experiencing homelessness with assistance and resources, please call the Countywide Shelter Hotline: (408) 278-6420. To connect someone whose current housing is unstable or at-risk of becoming homeless, please call the Santa Clara County Homelessness Prevention System at (408) 926-8885.

Quotes from the HEADING HOME Leaders

“Our homelessness crisis is urgent and even more so when it comes to families. A safe, stable place to sleep is fundamental for children’s development. That security – or lack thereof – shapes who they become as adults. This campaign is our message to families that we see them, we understand their struggles, and we have a plan in place to make sure children and parents have a place to call home.” - **Mike Wasserman, President of the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors**

“The level of coordination and

momentum from the City of San Jose, the County, Destination:Home and our coalition partners are meeting the crisis of family homelessness is admirable. HEADING HOME’s goal of achieving functional zero for family homelessness within five years by leveraging new funding sources is the urgency we need to ensure that fewer families are left behind. The unhoused families in San Jose and Santa Clara County deserve swift action.” - **San José Mayor Sam Liccardo**

“Every company in Silicon Valley has a responsibility to help create a thriving community for all. As part

of that, we must work together to ensure that all families have access to a home. Cisco is proud to support the Heading Home campaign and we invite other business leaders to join us in ending homelessness in Santa Clara County.” - **Chuck Robbins, Chair and CEO, Cisco**

“We need to understand that we have not just a homelessness problem, we have a housing problem. We can absolutely expand our rapid response that keeps people from becoming homeless. We need to build more affordable housing units at a faster rate.” - **Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez**

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Gov. Newsom signs law banning sale of new gas-powered leaf blowers, lawn mowers by 2024

California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill into law that will phase out the sale of gas-powered leaf blowers, lawn mowers and other small off-road engines by as soon as 2024.

Assembly Bill 1346 directs the California Air Resources Board to phase out the sale of small off-road engines by 2024.

The new law also directs the board to identify and make available, where feasible, funding for commercial rebates to go toward the purchase of electric equipment.

California rebates are being considered for the purchase of electric or battery-powered equipment.

Under the new law, retailers will be limited to selling zero-emission equipment, such as electric or battery powered gear as part of an effort to cut down on emissions in California.

The amount of emissions generated from just one hour of using a gas-powered leaf blower produces the same amount of emissions as driving from Los Angeles to Denver, according to the Air Resources Board.

Social Security checks expected to be bigger in 2022

In 2022, Social Security retirees will likely receive a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) equal to 6% to 6.1% of their benefits, according to the Senior Citizens League.

This is the biggest benefit increase in decades and will leave the average retiree with about \$93.20 more in their monthly checks. Compared with the 1.3% COLA retirees received in 2021,

The reason for the increase in Social Security payments is high inflation, which is expected to continue into next year. Retirees may also see much higher Medicare Part B premiums in 2022, with the Congressional Research Service estimating a 6.2% premium increase and monthly costs jumping from \$148.50 to \$157.70.

Most retirees pay premiums out of their Social Security checks, so they'll find that some of their raise disappears even before it hits their bank accounts.

Over the past two decades, retirement benefits have actually lost about 30% of their buying power.

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Times **OpEd****Op-ed****County's misuse of public funds**

Dear Neighbor,

I authored the following opinion editorial that was originally published in the San Jose Mercury News. I thought you might find it relevant:

Last week — amidst unprecedented local need to feed families going hungry, house those sleeping on our streets and recover from crip-

pling school and small business closures — the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted to spend \$76 million in federal relief funds on one-time bonuses for all county employees, including senior management and top bureaucrats.

Worse than tone deaf, this is a misuse of public funds.

Santa Clara County received \$187 million



District 10 Report
Matt Mahan
Councilmember,
District 10

in American Rescue Plan dollars from the federal government, specifically intended to offset the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our community. Instead, it went to bonuses.

Times are truly hard for our community. The pandemic and ensuing economic downturn have uprooted all of our lives, especially those of our most vulnerable

neighbors: countywide, 8,000 people sleep on the streets every night; hundreds of small businesses have been forced to shut their doors; students have, on average, fallen 4 to 5 months behind on their education, with greater learning loss in low-income households; and 39,000 families continue to struggle to make rent each month.

In a move profoundly disconnected from reality, the county opted to spend our scarce one-time relief funds on themselves.

More than 4,500 county employees make more than \$200,000 per

year in salary and benefits. They all will receive a \$2,500 check in the mail, courtesy of taxpayers. For the thousands of top bureaucrats who have been able to comfortably transition their work to their homes, a blanket “hazard pay” bonus is indefensible.

Tremendous good could have been done with \$76 million. While the following figures are estimates, each represents the scale and basic tradeoff inherent to the county's poor decision. For the cost of these bonuses, we could have accomplished any one of the following:

- Ended hunger in our county for eight months, according to data from Feeding America.
- Paved every one of the 62 miles of expressways operated by the county.
- Built low-cost modular apartments for 506 people currently sleeping on the streets.
- Made county parks free for 21 years, replacing the \$3.5 million per year the county collects in fees.
- Bridged the digital divide in our communities — we need only a fifth of what the county is spending on bonus pay to purchase sufficient internet connectivity and devices for our low-income neighbors.
- Forgiven rent debt for all 12,800 households in San Jose that are behind.

County employees, like all of us, have been impacted by the pandemic; many have had to take on new roles, work in new ways and handle new responsibilities. I have great respect for the arduous work that our public sector employees have sustained to keep us safe during this pandemic. I believe those workers who took on truly hazardous work deserve hazard pay. A nurse or public health outreach worker who has logged many months of overtime work on the front lines deserves every dime and more. But that's far from every county employee.

It's unsurprising that the county has continued its pattern of fiscal mismanagement, handing out indiscriminate bonuses regardless of circumstance. Taxpayers may recall the \$4.5 million spent on valet parking in 2018, the \$5 million allocated in 2019 for statues and monuments that haven't been built yet, or more recently the \$233 million planned psychiatric hospital with just 77 beds — a cost of more than \$3 million per bed.

We face an increasing crisis of confidence in local government. The challenges facing our communities seem to be worsening just as our government is spending more than ever. Blanket payouts to 22,000 county employees cost us a great deal more than \$76 million — they erode public trust. We deserve better.

Sincerely,
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San Jose building height limits come with price tag

By Eli Wolfe

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

Dan Connolly warned San Jose officials in 2019 that pushing up the height limits on downtown buildings could cost airlines money. They didn't listen to him.

Two years later, his predictions have held true—and he's not happy about it.

"We chose a scenario where the airport and airlines lost and the developers won," he told San José Spotlight. Connolly, who chairs the Airport Commission, said he was speaking on behalf of himself.

Airlines flying out of Mineta San Jose International Airport have lost an estimated \$2.8 million in combined revenue due to a 2019 policy that raised the height limit for towers being built in San Jose by up to 35 feet downtown and 150 feet in the Diridon Station area. According to a city memo, some of the carriers facing losses include Alaska Airlines, Jet Blue and Hawaiian Airlines.

The loss occurs because Federal Aviation Administration safety guidelines force airlines to fly with a reduced number of passengers depending on the height of buildings. San Jose's airport, which is located close to the downtown area, is heavily impacted by this issue.

'They just don't care'

A new policy passed last week in San Jose will force developers to pay fees if their cranes exceed the downtown height limit, impacting the operations of nearby airlines. Money from the fund will be used to compensate passengers bumped from flights, with airlines having the discretion to refund fares, pay for a hotel or both.

The proposed height limit change was the subject of fierce debate between developers and the airport commission. The city examined several scenarios for expanding height limits, including one backed by the airport commission that would have raised height limits near Diridon Station but not downtown. The city went with a proposal backed by groups including SPUR and the San Jose Downtown Association.

Connolly and the commission argued that

the height limits could be a major financial setback for SJC, which is debt-heavy from its \$1.5 billion expansion and the millions spent trying to lure new airlines here and brand itself as an international hub to compete with San Francisco and Oakland international airports.

Connolly claims the commission also raised concerns about what would happen to passengers who were forced off flights, but this attracted little interest as a discussion point.

"There's not one mention anywhere of the impact to passengers—they just don't care," Connolly said. "I think it's wrong that families plan their vacation, then the next thing you know they may get bumped off a flight from Hawaii."

Keeping an eye on things

Scott Knies, executive director of the San Jose Downtown Association and a longtime backer of increasing the height limit downtown, expressed no regrets with how the increased height policy has played out.

"I remember we looked at the data in 2019 and there were very few flights that were impacted," Knies told San José Spotlight. "I remember when we were interviewing some of the airlines directly about it, the operations folks, particularly for some of the carriers that are the biggest customers here—they shrugged at it. It wasn't an issue."

The airport media relations office did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Fred Buzo, San Jose director for SPUR (SPUR is a non-profit think tank focused on regional planning and public policy) said it's too early to tell whether the 2019 policy is going to have a long-term detrimental impact on the airport, citing the COVID-19 pandemic as one potential confounding factor.

"I think the policy is fine as is," Buzo told San José Spotlight, adding that he supports the city creating a separate policy to help the airlines recover losses. "It was always part of the equation... I don't think this is a bad thing at this point, but we'll see. It's still a long-term project and we'll keep our eye on it for sure."

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Daniel Radcliffe in "Harry Potter Deathly Hallows Pt 2."

Symphony Silicon Valley announces the final installment of Harry Potter Film Concert Series

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Harry Potter Film Concert Series returns to San Jose Center for the Performing Arts with Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2 - In Concert, the final chapter in the Harry Potter series.

Symphony Silicon Valley and SSV Chorale will perform Alexandre Desplat's entire score live while the film plays on a high-definition screen above the stage November 20-21. Conducting the score live is John Jesensky while the entire film plays in high-definition on a 40-foot screen.

In 2016, CineConcerts and Warner Bros. Consumer Products announced the Harry Potter Film Concert Series, a global concert tour celebrating the Harry Potter films. Since the world premiere of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's/Philosopher's Stone in Concert in June 2016, more than 2.7 million fans have enjoyed this magical experience from J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, which is scheduled to include over 1,295 performances

across more than 48 countries worldwide through 2021.

In the epic finale, the battle between the good and evil forces of the Wizarding World escalates into an all-out war. The stakes have never been higher and no one is safe. But it is Harry Potter who may be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice as he draws closer to the climactic showdown with Lord Voldemort.

Justin Freer, President of CineConcerts and Producer/Conductor of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series explains, "The Harry Potter film series is a once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomenon that continues to delight millions of fans around the world. It is with great pleasure that we bring fans for the first time ever an opportunity to experience the award-winning music scores played live by a symphony orchestra, all while the beloved film is simultaneously projected onto the big screen. This is truly an unforgettable event."

Tickets are available now at: symphonysiliconvalley.org; by phone: 408.286.2600 ext. 23; Box Office: 325 So First Street, San Jose, CA 95113

Shows are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Performance location: San Jose Center for the Performing Arts; 255 S. Almaden Blvd, San Jose, CA 95113.

Editor's note: COVID vaccination cards for those over 12 years of age will be checked for entry as required by the City of San Jose. (These policies will be amended if conditions change.)

High rise

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Financial burden

When it comes to the crane fee, funds won't be collected for the first six months of use. If cranes are still up after this period, developers must pay tens of thousands of dollars, although fees may be reduced if they're working on multiple projects. Knies said this will help the airlines, but he's concerned with how it could potentially hamper development in the future.

Connolly is worried that fees won't be collected for the first six months of crane use, which means airlines won't be compensated for the entire period they're being impacted.

He's also concerned about how the policy will affect SJC's status as an internation-

al airport. Airport officials in 2019 said the effects of the height limit policy would be minimal for East Coast, European and Hawaiian flights, although certain flights to Asia would potentially have to operate with fewer passengers.

Connolly said this proved incorrect because flights to Hawaii have been affected. He also noted that China Air and Lufthansa no longer service San Jose, which he said may be partially due to the cost of losing passengers to meet FAA requirements.

"If it's not economically viable, a carrier is just going to go to Oakland or San Francisco with their route," Connolly said. "We should not, in my opinion, be putting the financial burden on the backs of the airlines. They didn't make this decision, the city did."

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Estimated 56% of dogs in the U.S. are obese

Did you know that obesity is diagnosed in an estimated 56% of dogs in the United States and is the most common medical disorder in veterinary practice?

Wild Earth's CEO Dr. Ryan Bethencourt shares the risks of obesity in pets, how to determine if your pet is overweight, and simple solutions involving weight loss strategies.

From chronic inflammation, respiratory disorders, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, and reduced life expectancy and quality of life, there are several harmful effects of obesity in pets. In fact, in a 1999 longevity study conducted on dogs, researchers found dogs fed 25% fewer calories than average lived about two years longer.

Is your pet overweight?

It can be hard to tell if your pet is a healthy weight because people rarely know what to watch for. Did you know that the ribs of your dog should be easily felt with only about a ½ inch cover and that a lack of abdominal tuck or obvious waist can be a clear indication of an overweight dog? Be sure to watch

for these signs, paired with low energy levels and trouble breathing to determine if your pet falls into this category.

Solutions

There is no perfect one-size-fits-all solution for ensuring your dog is a healthy weight, but it is important to take the first steps and consult with a vet to determine a feeding plan that's right for your pet.

Staying active and increasing walk and play time is great for your pet and yourself! Exercise and outdoor time is crucial for controlling a dog's weight and simply incorporating regular exercise into their daily routine can improve energy levels and weight. Try taking longer, more frequent walks, socializing at the local dog park, or tossing a Frisbee around in the backyard!

Finally, following a high protein diet with ingredients you can trust will keep your dog feeling fuller longer without all those harmful additives in most pet food and keep their energy levels up throughout the day so they are able to be more active!

If you'd like to learn more about Wild Earth and how they are transforming the way we feed our dogs, I'd love to provide you with more information or connect you with Dr. Ryan Bethencourt. He is a fantastic interview subject!

To learn more about Wild Earth plant-based dog food, visit www.wildearth.com.

Report: 2021's States with the Biggest Bullying Problems

With schools returning to in-person learning this fall and a child experiencing bullying every seven minutes, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2021's States with the Biggest Bullying Problems.

To identify the states where bullying is most pervasive, WalletHub compared 47 states and the District of Columbia across 20 key metrics, ranging from "bullying-incident rate" to "truancy costs for schools" to "share of high school students bullied online."

Bullying Prevalence & Prevention in California (1=Biggest, 24=Avg.):

- 4th – % of High School Students Bullied on School Property
- 27th – % of High School Students Bullied Online
- 1st – % of High School Students Involved in Physical Fight at School
- 12th – % of High School Students Who Missed School for Fear of Being Bullied
- 26th – % of High School Students Who Attempted Suicide
- 1st – Cost of Truancy for Schools Due to Bullying
- 9th – State Anti-Bullying Laws & Policies
- 2nd – State Anti-Cyberbullying Laws Requiring School Policy

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Report: 2021's Greenest Cities in America

With October being National Energy Awareness Month and more than half of Americans saying stricter environmental regulations are worth the cost, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2021's Greenest Cities in America, as well as accompanying videos and expert commentary.

To determine which cities promote a “green” lifestyle, WalletHub compared the 100 largest U.S. cities across 28 key indicators of environmental friendliness and sustainability. The data set ranges from green-

house-gas emissions per capita to green job opportunities to number of smart-energy policies and initiatives.

“Greenness” of San Jose (1=Best; 50=Avg.):

- 20th – Greenhouse-Gas Emissions per Capita
- 19th – % of Green Space
- 43rd – Median Air Quality Index
- 41st – % of Commuters Who Drive
- 32nd – Walk Score
- 29th – Farmers Markets per Capita

Green Cities in the U.S.						
Overall Rank*	City	Total Score	Environment	Transportation	Energy Sources	Lifestyle & Policy
1	San Diego, CA	69.99	7	25	7	11
2	San Francisco, CA	69.44	14	3	14	3
3	Portland, OR	67.14	45	11	16	1
4	Irvine, CA	66.35	15	26	1	9
5	Honolulu, HI	66.34	2	2	28	7
6	Fremont, CA	65.86	1	60	1	34
7	Washington, DC	65.83	19	8	20	6
8	Oakland, CA	65.71	22	34	6	8
9	Seattle, WA	65.60	50	10	15	2
10	San Jose, CA	65.52	12	39	9	23
11	Sacramento, CA	65.28	37	14	12	5
12	San Bernardino, CA	59.26	61	44	1	20
13	Buffalo, NY	58.68	31	4	39	22
14	Chula Vista, CA	58.49	59	68	8	26
15	Anaheim, CA	58.43	51	62	1	24
16	Madison, WI	58.29	4	7	57	30
17	Long Beach, CA	58.09	79	31	10	18
18	Minneapolis, MN	57.95	43	1	31	35
19	Riverside, CA	57.82	74	59	13	13
20	Stockton, CA	57.78	27	92	19	16
21	Los Angeles, CA	57.28	85	36	11	17
22	Albuquerque, NM	57.18	48	23	22	28
23	New York, NY	56.99	49	28	27	19
24	Boston, MA	56.90	8	12	34	49
25	St. Paul, MN	56.04	36	45	23	31
26	Austin, TX	55.23	29	33	36	25
27	Fresno, CA	55.21	80	70	17	4
28	Denver, CO	54.57	92	9	24	10
29	Boise, ID	54.56	77	18	21	32
30	Orlando, FL	53.53	53	5	64	14
31	Baltimore, MD	53.30	30	30	59	15
32	Santa Ana, CA	52.67	89	52	1	33
33	Atlanta, GA	52.47	23	20	54	37
34	Pittsburgh, PA	52.00	24	13	69	36
35	Lincoln, NE	51.21	20	48	35	80
36	Cincinnati, OH	51.16	25	17	79	29
37	Bakersfield, CA	51.14	95	65	17	12
38	Philadelphia, PA	50.75	46	27	66	21
39	Milwaukee, WI	50.06	40	21	68	38
40	Reno, NV	49.48	58	43	37	45
41	Aurora, CO	49.47	71	22	30	57
42	New Orleans, LA	48.93	16	32	61	82
43	Anchorage, AK	48.82	65	38	42	41
44	Garland, TX	48.63	32	51	44	62
45	Tampa, FL	48.47	38	16	88	40
46	San Antonio, TX	47.97	67	64	32	50
47	Charlotte, NC	47.89	13	58	70	58
48	St. Petersburg, FL	47.88	5	77	84	73
49	Indianapolis, IN	47.05	34	66	53	63
50	Las Vegas, NV	46.97	96	29	25	43
51	Cleveland, OH	46.92	26	35	77	59
52	Wichita, KS	46.70	33	93	40	96
53	Lexington-Fayette, KY	46.59	9	69	93	98
54	Kansas City, MO	46.58	62	24	58	55
55	Omaha, NE	46.37	21	46	65	67
56	St. Louis, MO	46.31	42	85	62	42
57	Winston-Salem, NC	45.89	18	87	56	93
58	Miami, FL	45.89	75	19	82	27
59	Henderson, NV	45.80	41	83	41	91
60	Jersey City, NJ	45.66	88	6	99	39
61	Birmingham, AL	45.41	10	47	94	64
62	Colorado Springs, CO	45.29	66	94	33	60
63	Chesapeake, VA	45.25	6	90	95	89
64	Raleigh, NC	45.11	28	84	72	53
65	Tulsa, OK	44.96	86	41	29	100
66	Scottsdale, AZ	44.96	60	54	73	54
67	Chicago, IL	44.85	70	49	55	46
68	Laredo, TX	44.79	68	74	44	72
69	El Paso, TX	44.47	52	56	60	77
70	Durham, NC	44.32	47	72	67	85
71	Tucson, AZ	44.21	81	15	80	47
72	North Las Vegas, NV	44.12	76	76	26	99
73	Greensboro, NC	44.05	56	40	85	65
74	Irving, TX	44.01	54	98	44	79
75	Virginia Beach, VA	43.81	3	95	87	74
76	Jacksonville, FL	43.79	17	96	71	92
77	Columbus, OH	43.72	57	42	78	68
78	Nashville, TN	43.68	35	67	81	88
79	Plano, TX	43.59	64	99	44	66
80	Norfolk, VA	43.51	39	81	95	83

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Drought

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"San Joséans know how to adapt their water use in a drought; it's a fact of life for our community to band together in times of difficulty," Liccardo said. "Collectively, we've cut back our water consumption in the past and, with our partners across the County and state, we will once again make the sacrifices necessary to keep our water supply resilient."

Nearly all of California is experiencing severe drought conditions, with San José receiving the lowest rainfall in its 128 years of record-keeping, tallying only 5.33 inches from July 2020 to June of this year. The County's largest reservoir, Anderson Dam, remains in deadpool during construction, and the county's 10 reservoirs are collectively just 15% full. San Jose's groundwater levels have fallen 45 feet since 2017, and continued reductions of more than 25 feet could pose risks of subsidence.

Mayor Liccardo joins a coalition of elected officials and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) in advocating FERC for a variance at Anderson Reservoir to allow Valley Water to increase water storage behind the dam. Prior to this year, FERC instructed Valley Water to draw down water levels behind Anderson Dam for ongoing dam maintenance projects. With 2021's water shortage conditions, Valley Water and local leaders propose the variance from FERC to be able to hold an additional 20,000 acre-feet of water until November 2022 - dramatically increas-

ing the region's ability to store needed groundwater and ensure all customers can maintain uninterrupted access.

The Mayor and Councilmembers also proposed a revision to the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) to require only drought-tolerant landscapes in new developments. This update would not interrupt "greening" efforts for historically underinvested parks and neighborhood areas that include the planting of drought tolerant plants and maintenance of the city's tree canopy to combat urban heat. The WELO revisions will virtually end grass lawns in new property developments as a significant step in reducing San José's reliance on water for non-essential aesthetic uses.

The proposal also outlines rules on residential watering, car washing, public area irrigation, and other commercial water restrictions in coordination with Valley Water's suggested conservation efforts. They also propose utilizing the Resilience Corps, a program started by Mayor Liccardo earlier this year that employs young San Joséans to make our community more resilient through:

- Resident Education and Notification: conducting water-wise surveys, resetting devices for landscape irrigation for residents, and canvassing neighborhoods with educational materials
- Turf replacement and greywater rebates and other incentives
- Deploying free water-saving devices and services available through water retailers and Valley Water District.

Moving

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respondents.

"We've always known that there was an income divide but the pandemic made it stark and dramatic," said Hancock.

"And the people that weren't able to easily shift into home-work faced economic ruin, and devastating health challenges because they had higher exposure to the disease."

The Silicon Valley public opinion survey was conducted by Embold Research, a division of Change Research Inc.

For some time now, Silicon Valley and the

greater Bay Area have experienced a rise in the cost of living, a growing homeless crisis, a stark income divide, and a variety of sustainability challenges.

The pandemic has only highlighted these challenges and a recent poll reveals where residents feel the region is headed towards.

"It has people on edge, people that live feel like they'll never be able to get ahead, they'll never be able to have ownership, their children won't be able to have ownership," said Russell Hancock, CEO of Joint Venture Silicon Valley.

"And the pandemic has nothing to address that."

Times **Community News**

Christmas in the Park tickets now 'on sale'

The tradition returns to downtown San Jose and moves drive-thru to Lake Cunningham Park and tickets for the drive-through event are now on sale. The downtown event is free.

Last year, the annual tradition of Christmas in the Park (CITP) pivoted to a drive-thru due to COVID-19.

This year guests get the best of both holiday worlds. The free event returns to downtown San Jose and the drive-thru moves to Lake Cunningham Park.

“Last year we had the good fortune of being able to produce an amazing drive-thru during a very trying time,” said executive director, Jason Minsky. “Having had to charge for the event, we had a little more financial success than planned and are pouring last year’s proceeds into both of this year’s events. Guests will see some incredible new features at our Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park free event. We have a new 65’ tall walk-through Christmas tree, new large scale lighted creations like a teddy bear, shooting star and giant ornament, plus an all-new inflatable beer and wine garden.”

Lake Cunningham Drive-Thru

For the drive-thru, Christmas in the Park creative director, JR Mattos, has been busy planning an all-new experience. There are 12 themed areas, and an all-new soundtrack changes on New Year’s for an entirely new adventure. Based on feedback from last year, a food festival has been added to the end of the drive-thru. Minsky added that fewer tickets per hour are available to eliminate long wait times and a VIP ticket available allows guests to skip right to the front of the line.

Amongst its many fundraising programs, and a guest favorite, are over 500 Christmas trees decorated by community groups and local businesses. These trees go on sale Sept. 1. In addition, local performers can reserve a spot on the Excite Credit Union Community Stage starting Sept. 1. Tickets for the drive through go on sale Sept. 1. Last year it sold out,



and with fewer tickets available this year, Minsky expects a quick sell-out.

In addition, almost all of the Christmas in the Park merchandise offerings are 30% off. The Holiday Brick Walk and Shooting Star program, which features custom printed bricks and lighted stars are on sale too!

“We wanted to make a big splash and make sure everyone knows what we have planned for this year,” added Minsky. “We are so excited to bring both events back and have so many new surprises in store for attendees.” Please visit the Christmas in the Park website for more information.

Editor’s note: Christmas in the Park is a non-profit organization that has held a free community event since 1980.

Green Cities in the U.S.


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Overall Rank*	City	Total Score	Environment	Transportation	Energy Sources	Lifestyle & Policy
81	Fort Wayne, IN	43.40	44	71	91	97
82	Phoenix, AZ	43.36	93	37	38	56
83	Lubbock, TX	42.70	83	57	44	70
84	Toledo, OH	42.24	11	80	98	76
85	Arlington, TX	41.87	63	100	44	71
86	Fort Worth, TX	41.60	73	79	52	69
87	Memphis, TN	41.47	55	61	86	90
88	Oklahoma City, OK	41.17	91	63	43	86
89	Dallas, TX	41.06	82	73	63	52
90	Corpus Christi, TX	40.41	84	89	44	78
91	Louisville, KY	40.08	78	55	92	44
92	Detroit, MI	39.91	69	53	89	87
93	Houston, TX	39.48	94	88	51	51
94	Hialeah, FL	37.92	72	86	97	94
95	Newark, NJ	37.72	90	50	90	48
96	Chandler, AZ	36.19	97	82	73	61
97	Baton Rouge, LA	34.25	87	97	100	95
98	Glendale, AZ	33.92	99	78	73	81
99	Mesa, AZ	33.79	98	75	83	75
100	Gilbert, AZ	31.59	100	91	73	84

Note: *No. 1 = Greenest


With the exception of “Total Score,” all of the columns in the table above depict the relative rank of that city, where a rank of 1 represents the best conditions for that metric category. For the full report, visit www.wallethub.com/edu/most-least-green-cities/16246

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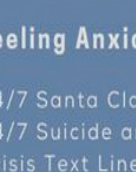
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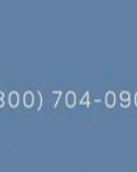
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Opera San José returns to in-person performances with Purcell's Opera Dido and Aeneas Nov. 13 – 28

Presented live at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose

Opera San José will make its much-anticipated return to the historic California Theatre with a new production of Purcell's baroque masterpiece, Dido and Aeneas.

Conducted by OSJ's Music Director Joseph Marcheso and directed by Elkhannah Pulitzer, with choreography by Michael Pappalardo, this celebrated work offers brilliant, soaring, richly nuanced arias.

This opera tells the story of Dido, the Queen of Carthage who, having foresworn romantic love, is tormented by the Trojan hero, Aeneas, who is desperate for her affections. But as their love is kindled, a powerful sorcerer plots the queen's downfall. Through deceit, trickery, and the conjuring of a raging storm, Dido is ripped from Aeneas, culminating in one of opera's greatest tragedies.

Casting includes accomplished mezzo-soprano Nikola Printz as Dido, celebrated baritone Efraín Solís as Aeneas, lauded soprano Maya Kherani as Belinda, multi-award-winning bass-baritone Nathan Stark as the Sorcerer, and dancers from San José Dance Theatre.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be bringing back live opera to the California Theatre stage," said General Director Khorī Dastoor. "After so many months of giving us stunning, intimate performances for the cameras, it's high time that these incredible artists received the standing ovation that they have long deserved. I hope you'll join us for their long-awaited return to what they love doing most – performing live, for you, our community."

Sung in English, with English supertitles, Dido and Aeneas will be performed Nov. 13-28, 2021 at the California Theatre, 345 South 1st Street, San José.

For more information or to purchase tickets (\$55-\$195), the public can visit operasj.org or call (408) 437-4450 (open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.).

Editor's note: In accordance with current city and county mandates, the California Theatre will require proof of full vaccination with a valid photo ID to attend any performance. For a full breakdown of the California Theatre's COVID-19 safety and health protocols please visit operasj.org/health-and-safety/.



Lauded soprano **Maya Kherani** stars as Belinda in Opera San José's first live production of the season, Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas," presented at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose, November 13-28, 2021. *Photo credit: Veronique Kherian*

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We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, and celebrate members of the LGBTQ+ Community. Joy-filled worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM, with communion open to all. Join Pastor Naomi for tea/coffee at Orchard Valley cafe in Campbell during community drop-in office hours from 11 AM to 1 PM on most Tuesdays. Our ministries/activities include:

- Bible study on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, at 6PM.
- A Food Pantry serving anyone in need—open Tu/Th/ Sa 10:00 AM to Noon.
- Lighted Window Productions featuring uplifting concerts, thought-provoking theater productions, informative lec-

tures, and even an occasional karaoke night—all in a wholesome environment. Our activities flow from our core values:

- Extravagant Joy
- Passionate Faith
- Loving Respect
- Deep Connectedness
- Intentional Growth
- Shared Laughter

Visit us at our web site at: church@campbellucc.org or better yet, visit us at our worship services on Sundays at 10:00 AM. Coffee, refreshments, and conversation always, right after service.

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6581 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120. Pastor, Rev. Marty Williams, 408 268 0243. www.ccvucc.org. We are a welcoming church with a progressive approach to faith, worship and giving to our local community. We are proud to be UCC, Open and Affirming (O&A) and welcome members of the LGBT community. We support local LifeMoves (formerly InnVision) Shelter Feedings once a month, San Francisco Night Ministry, Second

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2nd Sunday in Worship: Folks Choir and Potluck Sunday.
Tuesdays, AA Meetings, 8:15 - 9:15 PM.
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Web: www.eca-sj.org
At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, loved, valued and empowered to serve. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high students are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church, the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship: Sunday at 7:30AM and 10:45AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.



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We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star -Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations:
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For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

For Worship listing ads, call 408.483-5458

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- exercise classes for all levels of ability;
 - lunches and other social programs
- organized and run by members of the Association;
- book clubs, cooking, computer and photography classes;
 - trips to local and not so local places of interest such as the Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, Whale Watching in Monterey, casino trips and more.

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Contact via email: alamadenseniors1@gmail.com**



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