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## Our Handwork for Others Center Annual Holiday Sale

November 5 at the Almaden Community Center

Our Handwork for Others Center is having its Annual Holiday Sale on Saturday, November 5 starting at 9 a.m. in the lobby of the Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose.

There will be an assortment of handmade items for all your gift-giving needs at fantastic prices.

"We are looking forward to continuing *Our Handwork for Others Sale* at the Almaden Community Center and providing handmade and monetary donations to local charities and senior groups," said group leader Marilyn Entin. "It will be good to be back with this live event."

Proceeds from the event go to the Almaden Senior Association and the Almaden Advisory Council. Hats, scarves and blankets are donated to local charities and veterans' groups.

*Editor's note: This event accepts cash and checks, but no credit cards.*



## Alex Anderson principal goes with 'old school' learning

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

Following the effects of distance learning, one elementary school principal went old school to reengage students.

To foster hands-on learning and social interaction in third to sixth grade students, Alex Anderson Elementary School Principal Sarah Kates-March created a collaborative design lab. She purchased 10 sewing machines and training in how to use them with \$6,000 of the school's Title I funds.

"I felt like kids were engaging less," Kates-March said. "They weren't talking with each other. "It's about putting concepts into practice through experience... getting them out of the classrooms and off the screens."

Recalling how math started making sense to her through measuring and calculating perimeter and area in a middle school sewing class, she wanted to bring the experience to her students. She envisioned them chatting while learning to measure and mentoring each other in sewing techniques.

Kates-March said with experiential learning, students interact, create and grow, leading to academic success. In addition to



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inspiring cooperation and confidence, she hopes they gain an understanding of basic geometry from creating patterns for their designs. The program also touches upon sustainability with students recycling old sheets for fabric.

Although some teachers might be reluctant to take on teaching a

sewing class, the students of those who do are enjoying it, wanting to stay when the bell rings rather than rushing for the door.

"They're super excited," Kates-March said. "The camaraderie and connection between students has been incredibly solid."

Third grade teacher Katie Pyne, who brings her class to the design

lab once or twice a week, said it has reignited her student's excitement for school.

Student Nataly Perez, who is making a pencil pouch, said she looks forward to coming to class and it "helps a lot" with math and measuring.

"I feel happy they put a design  
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## Local National Charity League chooses Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ for its senior service project

The Almaden Blossom Valley Chapter of the National Charity League (NCL) Class of 2023 has chosen the Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center as its focus for its senior service project this year. This is the first time the chapter has worked with this charity.

The Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center, a volunteer-run non-profit, is celebrating its 40th anniversary a year late because of the COVID pandemic. All groups and activities went online: the eNewsletter, social media, Zoom, Discord, Meet Up and the website



were ways the community stayed in touch.

As the Center is opening up its

doors to bring back community forums, advocacy, discussions, Bingo and more fun, there has been

a conscious effort to be more welcoming on the outside as well as the inside.

In 2016, Mayor Sam Liccardo worked with the Billy DeFrank Center to install the first Rainbow Crosswalk in the South Bay. That inspired decorating many other parts around the building, including the parking lot which now has brightly colored parking stops, and houses two small and one giant mural.

The senior class will be responsible for restoring an entrance of the Community Center, infusing  
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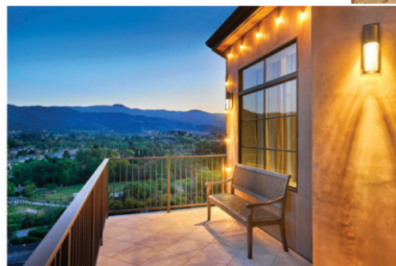


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After learning the basics of sewing, the students will advance to making pillows and other items.

## Design lab

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lab in the school," she said.

Pynes said students are gaining a sense of pride through creating and learning.

"They're able to collaborate with each other," she said, "and have conversations they wouldn't have in the classroom."

After learning the basics of sewing, the students will advance to making pillows and other items. Pyne is tying Social Studies into the class, encouraging students

to create something related to San Jose's history.

Student Jeremiah Hernandez, who's currently creating a Halloween trick-or-treat bag, likes learning how to make a variety of items. Student Ciana Khan, who has sewing experience, said "it's really fun" teaching others how to use the machines. She encourages them to try their best.

Jenny Splawn, an elementary school resource specialist, said it's an opportunity for her students to learn in a style that works well for them.

"The kids love it, especially my kids," she said. "They feel successful at learning. It's been wonderful to see. It's been really good for their self-esteem and confidence."

Some of her students have already made mini pillows. Splawn said the experience is one they'll always remember.

"For them learning has always been hard," she said. "To see them take to something so quickly and so easily, and to see their faces light up is heartwarming. They're feeling successful."

## Project

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color to match the recently installed mural of William Price aka Billy DeFrank, an African American drag queen who supported many LGBTQ+ groups during the 1970's. The goal is to create a more welcoming entrance for all members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies who visit the Center. The newly installed outdoor LED lighting will make the entrance as visible and appreciated at night as it will be by day.

Six different nearby San Jose high schools (Leland, Pioneer, Leigh, Presentation, Mitty and Valley) are represented in the 2023 Almaden Blossom Valley NCL class. The group has spent six years together developing leadership skills, taking part in cultural experiences, and performing hundreds of hours of philanthropy throughout our local community.

### Helping others

The class of 2023 has had the opportunity to become aware and participate in many different charitable organizations through our greater area. Each year, they have volunteered in a different focus area including supporting animals and the environment in the seventh grade, helping families in need in the eighth grade, assisting children in the ninth grade, supporting senior care in the tenth grade, and helping the hungry and homeless in the eleventh grade.

The class, together with their families and friends, are looking forward to a celebration of their years of working together on March 26, 2023 at the Eagle Ridge Country Club.

For more information about *The Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center*, visit [www.defrank.org](http://www.defrank.org).



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## NOTEBOOK



The Santa Clara Valley Water District is located at 5750 Almaden Expressway in San Jose. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

## Election 2022: Changes could be coming to Silicon Valley water agency

By Joseph Geha  
San José Spotlight

Motivated by what they call poor management and a lack of accountability, three political newcomers are challenging two longstanding incumbents to represent Santa Clara County's wholesale water supplier.

Two seats on the Valley Water board of directors are up for grabs in Districts 6 and 7, currently be-longing to Tony Estre-mera, who has been on the board 26 years, and Gary Kremen, who is in his eighth year on the board.

The district manages water for the county's roughly two million residents, has an annual budget of \$917 million and nearly 1,000 employees. In addition to contending with a statewide drought, major infrastructure projects could shift direction under new leadership, including \$3 billion to build the Pacheco Dam.

The project has seen costs soar to nearly three times original estimates and is currently facing a lawsuit from those who oppose it.

Public relations manager Diego Baragán and business consultant and San Jose Planning Commissioner Chuck



Tony Estremera

Cantrell are both running in Central and East San Jose's District 6 against Estremera, while corporate attorney Rebecca Eisenberg is facing off with Kremen in District 7, from Palo Alto to Los Gatos.

Incumbent John Varela is running unopposed for reelection in District 1, and in District 4, incumbent Linda LeZotte is retiring. Jim Beall, the former longtime Silicon Valley state senator, is running for that seat unopposed.

Estremera and Kremen are two of four board members who supported Measure A in the primary election in June, which many criticized as deceiving voters into extending term limits on the board. The measure enables members to serve four consecutive four-year terms, increased from the prior limit of three. The measure passed by a razor thin margin, getting 50.56% support.

That change is what allows Estremera, who has served three consecutive elected terms for the last 12 years, to run in this November's election for a fourth term. He was appointed to the board in 1996, prior to his three terms.

A newly released Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury report criticized the measure's language as a "lie by omission," because it did not clearly explain that a yes vote would extend the prior term limits. The board split over the decision to approve the unclear language, highlighting an ongoing rift between the men and women elected.

Estremera, 72, said the grand jury report was a "hatchet job," and was released outside of its normal schedule.

"They want to affect the elections. That's totally an inappropriate role for the grand jury," Estremera told San José Spotlight. "It should not have been put out before an election when it relates to election issues."

Cantrell, 56, said the ballot measure is one of the major reasons he's running for the District 6 seat.

"To do this unethically and intentionally to deceive voters is reprehensible," Cantrell told San José Spotlight. "We have to learn to transition power, we have to learn to consider our post a temporary."

# Valley Currents

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



East Side Union High School District board member Bryan Do and a handful of his supporters crashed a Vietnamese flag raising ceremony on Oct. 1 to protest Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez's campaign to become San Jose mayor. Photo courtesy of an event attendee.

## San Jose mayor's race boils over at Vietnamese event

By Tran Nguyen  
San José Spotlight

Shouting matches at a flag raising ceremony and a cease-and-desist letter. Those are the latest salvos in a growing fight in the Vietnamese community over San Jose's mayoral election.

Tensions are rising in Vietnamese political circles as two factions stake out support for their chosen candidates—Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez or San Jose Councilmember Matt Mahan.

It started with a cease-and-desist letter sent by Chavez's campaign last week to East Side Union High School District board member Bryan Do. In the letter, an attorney for the campaign said Do falsely accused Chavez of being "a communist and a member of radical left-wing communist organizations" and ordered him to stop.

Do, a supporter and informal advisor for Mahan's campaign, denied calling Chavez a communist. He told San José Spotlight the letter is an attempt to stop him from criticizing her.

The issue reached a boiling point Saturday when Do and his supporters crashed a flag raising ceremony at the Viet Heritage Garden to protest Chavez, who was in attendance. Mahan, her opponent, was also there. Both candidates reportedly left before things got ugly.

Attendants of the ceremony described an unruly—and aggressive—series of events.

The ceremony, a longstanding monthly tradition to commemorate those who fled Vietnam after the war, turned chaotic when Do took over the microphone to say Chavez's campaign is attempting to

silence his criticism of her track record. His supporters, standing behind him, held signs that read, "Cindy Chavez: Stop intimidating (and) silencing our brother, a Vietnamese-American voice."

A video obtained by *San José Spotlight* shows the event organizers quickly stopped Do and his supporters. Organizers took the microphone back from Do, the video shows, as they ushered his supporters out of the Viet Heritage Garden.

At least one of Do's supporters resisted, shouting and reaching across organizers, as they were ordered to leave. Two people who attended the event told San José Spotlight the shouting continued for several minutes, but no physical fight broke out.

Chavez called the incident "unconscionable and unfortunate," blaming Mahan for pulling the strings.

"Over the past several weeks, Mr. Mahan has attempted to divide the community by running a shadow campaign through his spokesperson," Chavez told San José Spotlight. "He has allowed (Do) to imply I am a communist among other things, prompting me to issue a cease-and-desist letter to his representative."

Mahan said he left the event before the tussle began. He referred questions about Chavez's claims that his campaign is behind Do's statements to Do himself and later confirmed Do isn't a spokesperson for his campaign.

"I'm very concerned to hear that Cindy Chavez is using a lawyer to try to silence her critics in the Vietnamese community," Mahan told San José Spotlight. "It's completely inappropriate for an elected official to try to intimidate community members."

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Times **Community Notebook**

# An ominous warning for California economy

By **Emily Hoeven**  
*CalMatters*

**E**conomic warning signs are mounting in California — foreshadowing potentially tough budget decisions for the state officials and policymakers who emerge victorious from the Nov. 8 election.

One particularly eye-popping statistic: Just nine companies headquartered in the Golden State went public in the first three quarters of 2022, compared to 81 during the same period last year, according to a Bloomberg News analysis.

Bloomberg also found that:

- As of Sept. 30, initial public offerings in California had raised just \$177 million, compared to an average of \$16 billion during the same period over the past five years.

- The \$177 million figure represents just 2% of funds generated by U.S. companies that went public through the end of September. Last year at this time, California accounted for 39% of funds nationally.

- If this trend continues, it could spell an end to the streak California has maintained since 2003 of generating more IPOs than any other state.

“We are already seeing an immediate effect,” Brian Uhler, deputy legislative analyst for the state Legislative Analyst’s Office, told Bloomberg. “And it does appear to be significant,” contributing to a 5% decline in California employers’ income tax withholding payments in September compared to last year.

Indeed, California collected about \$2.8 billion less in taxes in September than it thought it would, marking the third straight month of revenues coming in below projections, according to a report released this week by Gov. Gavin Newsom’s Department of Finance.

The problem is also pronounced at the local level. In San Francisco, for example, revenues from a new business tax have plunged as companies struggle to emerge from the pandemic, leading to a shortfall of tens of millions of dollars for homelessness, mental health and substance abuse programs, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

In a Monday interview with Bloomberg, San Francisco Mayor London Breed said the city needs to become less reliant on tech companies — some of which have downsized or left the area altogether as many employees continue to work from home — in order to stabilize the economy and avoid losing further tax revenue.

Breed said she wants to lure more biotechnology and life sciences companies into empty office buildings downtown, noting that Salesforce — the city’s largest private employer — continues to allow remote work.

- Breed: Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff is “very supportive of the city, continues to contribute that support to schools and to other great causes, but the building is empty, and that’s a real problem.”

- A Salesforce spokesperson declined to comment to Bloomberg.

Meanwhile, five of San Francisco’s 11 supervisors are calling for changes to a local ordinance banning city employees from traveling to or contracting with companies based in 30 states that have enacted anti-LGBTQ, anti-abortion or anti-voting-rights laws, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

- The supervisors: “By prohibiting the city from doing business with half the nation, this policy has resulted in significant administrative costs and potentially far more significant contracting costs by limiting bidder competition.”

- The state of California has a similar law



The Financial District in San Francisco as seen from Treasure Island on Sept. 1, 2022. Photo by Martin do Nascimento, *CalMatters*

that came under renewed scrutiny after Newsom took a family vacation to Montana, a state on the travel ban list.

One last financial factoid for the road: Democratic Assemblymember Matt Haney of San Francisco announced Wednesday that he had secured \$1.7 million in state funds to build a local public bathroom — though it probably won’t be completed until 2025. “Why is a public bathroom so insanely expensive, and why does it take so long to build?” San Francisco Chronicle columnist Heather Knight asked in exasperation.

Some things never change: I attempted to answer that very same question in a 2019 article for the San Francisco Business Times, headlined: “Building a bathroom cost San Francisco \$2 million. Why does a restroom cost as much as a luxury condo to construct?”



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## Times Feature

## Verde Vineyards represents a clever and symbolic way of naming this modern and welcoming winery

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### By Denelle Fedor

Historic wineries in Santa Clara County have paved the way for new vineyards to call our valley home.

This week we are featuring L & G Verde Vineyards. The “L” and “G” represent the initials of the two owners Lynda and George and the French word “Verde” translates to Green in English, which is Lynda’s and George’s last name. The winery is recognized as “Verde Vineyards,” which represents a clever and symbolic way of naming this modern and welcoming winery.

Lynda and George’s careers are in the medical field; George is still a practicing physician and Lynda an R.N. Although an argument can be made that wine is medicinal; their professional background does not necessarily lend itself to wine producing. In fact, Verde Vineyards was created by chance.



Jeff Ritchey, Verde Winemaker

Lynda and George purchased 20 acres for their personal home. They were originally going to landscape their acreage, but instead decided to grow and sell grapes. In 2015, after further consideration, they began producing wine with Jeff Ritchey, a well-known winemaker known for his winemaking skills throughout the Santa Clara County. The production of their wine led them to open Verde Tasting Room in 2017.

Verde Vineyard specializes in small-lot, hand-crafted Bordeaux varietals from their estate vineyards.

The grapes that are grown onsite at Verde Vineyard are Rose, Sophia’s Estate Blend, Estate Merlot, Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc grapes are grown offsite in the St. Lucia Mountains.

A special kind of grape called the Dornfelder grape – the second most popular grape grown in Germany – is now grown onsite at Verde Vineyards. Usually, this grape serves as part of a blend for Rose’ wines, however, in 2019 George wanted to create a Rose’ wine that was made from 100% Dornfelder grapes. This was a risk due to the strong flavor of the Dornfelder grape, however, the 2019 Rose’ made of only the Dornfelder grape won an award at the Orange County Competition.

In fact, Verde Vineyard has won several awards since launching its winery a decade ago. Verde took a Bronze for their Sauvignon Blanc, a Silver for their Cabernet Sauvignon and Rose and a Gold medal for Sophie’s Blend and Merlot at the Orange County Wine Competition.

Additionally, the Wine Enthusiast magazine gave Verde’s 2015 Cabernet 91 points, and it won first place at the CordeValle Vintner’s Dinner the same year.

It’s no surprise then that in 2021, Verde was awarded The Best of Gilroy Award for the Vineyard category. This award is part of an annual program honoring the achievements and accomplishment of local businesses through the Gilroy area.

### Onsite Wine Tasting Experience

The beautiful wine tasting space – which is also the crush pad and barrel room – at Verde Vineyards is a large built in veranda style area with a permanent covering with numerous tables for customers to sit and sip wine while overlooking the vast onsite vineyard. Because



Above: Sunset at Verde Vineyards. Below: a group of winetasters participate in one of Verde’s winetasting events.



Lynda and George Green

Verde is in the East Foothills, the sunsets are quite amazing. Verde encourages customers to bring a picnic lunch, their dogs and children. The only exception to bringing food is when Verde is hosting food trucks.

### Events

Verde Vineyards offers a variety of events throughout the year – including free music on the weekends, harvest tours, barrel tastings to a Wine, Whiskey and Cigar dinner.

Be sure to check out Verde’s Facebook page and website for current and future events.

### Wine Club

Verde offers two different membership levels for its Wine Club. Please see below for overall options and visit their website for more information: VerdeVineyards.com

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■ Complimentary Annual Harvest Tours for 4 – Vineyard Walk and Talk, Crush Pad visit, Barrel Tasting and Q & A.

■ Discounts on all general winery event tickets.

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■ Exclusive Emerald Club Quarterly Wine Club Pick Up Parties.

■ Exclusive Emerald Club member events including dinners, barrel tastings, etc.

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■ 25% case discount (mix and match available).

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■ Complimentary Annual Harvest Tours for 2- Vineyard Walk & Talk, Crush Pad visit, Barrel Tasting and Q & A.

■ Discounts on all general winery events.

■ Early access to new and limited wines.

Ron Jensen, a previous manager for the former Joey Franco’s PW Supermarkets now works at Verde Vineyard overseeing the tasting room, sales, and public relations. “Verde Vineyards is high quality and provides an overall experience – people love our outside tasting room, friendly atmosphere and overall hospitality,” shared Ron.







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# Holidays at the Ainsley House for the entire family

The Ainsley House is excited to be open this holiday season with events for the whole family. This year there is something to delight everyone!

You're invited to Holiday Teas & Tours, Holiday Boutique, and Evening Open Houses, as the Ainsley House brings Holiday Cheer to Campbell.

The Ainsley House will be decorated in the theme: Holiday Alphabet. Discover how each room in the House is inspired by letters. You will see find N for nutcracker, and S for Santa, and E for Elves. The Ainsley House will be magical and interactive.

Tours through the Ainsley House will be unguided and self-paced. The Ainsley House and Boutique will be open November 17 through December 18, Thursdays-Sundays, from 11am-3pm. The Ainsley House will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Tour admission is \$10 adults (18-64), seniors (65+) \$8, youth age 7-17 \$6, Museum members are free.

The Holiday Boutique is located in the Carriage House as well as in several rooms



on the first floor of the Ainsley House. In the Boutique you will find unique seasonal gifts, ornaments, jewelry, scarves, and much more. The Boutique will be open during touring hours.

The Campbell Museum Foundation's annual Holiday fundraiser: Holiday Teas and Tours will take place December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, & 11. Seating will take place at 12pm. The tea menu includes finger sandwiches, champagne, a special Ainsley blend tea, and tasty treats in the Carriage House, followed by a self-guided led tour of the Ainsley House. Admission is \$60/General Public and \$55/Museum Member. Admission proceeds go toward supporting education programs and preservation efforts at the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House.

Reservations are required for the teas and can be made at [www.campbellmuseums.com](http://www.campbellmuseums.com). Reservations for the Holiday Teas and Tours are open now.

Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Ainsley House on Saturday, December 10 from 9am-12pm. He will greet families and kids on the West Patio surrounded by a decorated Holiday scene. Reservations to take photos with Santa will be 9am-

10am, 10am-11am, and 11am-12pm. While families wait to see Santa, there will be hot chocolate and crafts set up. Santa reservations can be made at [www.campbellmuseums.com](http://www.campbellmuseums.com) and admission is \$10 per family.

One of the best ways to see the Ainsley House decorated for the Holidays is to attend one of two evening Open House events. The Open House events at the Ainsley House offer the public an opportunity to enjoy the holiday decorations at night, with live music in the Ainsley living room and light refreshments in the Carriage House. The Open House events take place 5:30 – 8:00 pm on Thursday, December 15 and Sunday, December 18, 2022. Admission is \$15, \$10 for Museum members; children 17 years old and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Carriage House the evening of each event.

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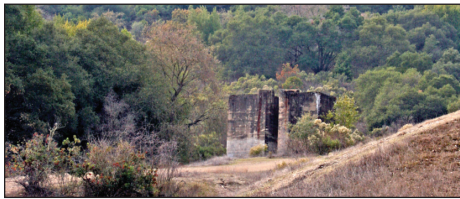
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## LOCAL NOTEBOOK



## Hacienda and Deep Gulch Calcines Remediation Project begins at Almaden Quicksilver County Park

In October, the County Parks and Recreation Department began implementation of the Hacienda and Deep Gulch Calcines Remediation Project near the Hacienda entrance to Almaden Quicksilver (AQ) County Park.

This project is next in a series of remediation efforts undertaken since the early 1990s by County Parks to mitigate environmental impacts of calcine material entering the creek system and causing impact to fish and other wildlife.

The Project will remove calcines along the steep banks and slopes above Alamitos Creek and Deep Gulch in the Hacienda area of the park, providing a long-term sustainable creek system and reducing the risk of calcine impacts.

The first part of the project requires the removal of selected trees within the remediation area through November of this year and will recommence in the spring of 2023 with implementation of calcine removal and stabilization activities, slope stability improvements, and habitat enhancement and restoration.

Trees growing on calcines must be removed before the material can be excavated as the calcine material is intermingled throughout the soil and root systems of the trees. The County is removing many of the trees in the Fall to limit the potential impact on nesting birds and roosting bats in the upcoming season.

The total number of trees being removed is 140, with over 30% of these trees being less than 6 inches in diameter, and less than 15% being over 24 inches in diameter. All trees removed will be replaced as required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The remediation work is mandated by the legal framework of a Consent Decree signed in 2005 by Santa Clara County with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Almaden Quicksilver County Park was once the site of extensive quicksilver (mercury) mining spanning over 135 years. The calcine material (rocks and sediment) is the byproduct of this former mining activity. Over time, exposed calcines in the park may dislodge during storm events and be transported through the Guadalupe River system and into San Francisco Bay where the mercury in the calcines may be converted into methyl mercury by naturally occurring bacteria and absorbed by aquatic plants and fish.

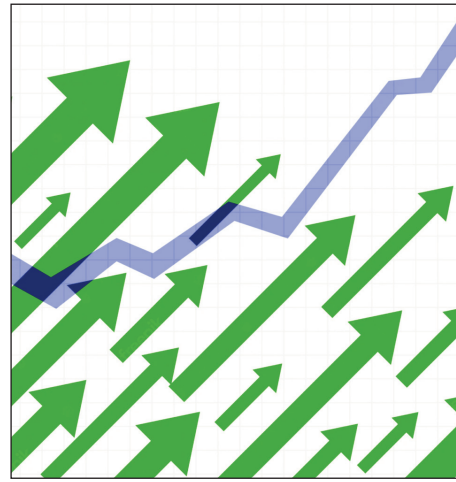
For more information visit <https://parks.sccgov.org/hacienda-and-deep-gulch-remediation-project>.

## San José buttresses budget ahead of looming economic downturn

*Fiscal Year 2021-2022 ends with largest reserves in two decades*

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo announced that the city's general purpose reserve will reflect 8% of the general fund operating expenses, representing the largest reserve in at least two decades.

As the Mayor underscored in his June budget message, for the first time in decades projections for San José's general fund reflect a very modest surplus over the next five years, primarily attributable to reductions in retirement costs and rising revenues. Mayor Liccardo urges caution as he pushes to bolster



the city's fiscal condition amid a looming national economic downturn.

"As we see the clouds gathering, it's time to tighten our belts and bolster our City's

reserves to weather the economic storms ahead," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. "Recessions have deep and difficult impacts, but good preparation and fiscal discipline can soften the blow."

By comparison, the city's reserves represented only 5% of the general fund prior to the last great recession in 2007-2008.

The City of San Jose will experience a long-term decline in the cost for retirement benefits for the next decade, as a result of our longstanding efforts to implement pension reform.

"The dividend of these many years of sacrifice and belt-tightening today provides the resources that are helping us to get homeless residents housed, expand our police department, expand library hours, and restore other essential services," Liccardo said.



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**CAREER CORNER**

**Do less, not more**

By **Angela Copeland**

**H**ow do you react when you're behind at work, or at home? So often, when this happens, it feels like the answer is to do more. Roll your sleeves up, work harder, and push through it. Stay up late, and get up early. This can be an effective strategy if you're doing something mindless, such as unpacking boxes after a move. But, if you're doing work that requires thought and concentration, doing more may not actually work. In fact, it could have the opposite effect.



Over-working yourself will wear you out. It will zap your creativity and your mental energy. Your work will take longer, and it is more likely that you'll make mistakes. Pushing yourself too much is one of the behaviors that can ultimately lead to burnout. And, burnout can take quite a lot of time and energy to recover from.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not suggesting that we all begin checking out. It's also not an effective strategy to do nothing.

But, when you're tight on time, or your to do list seems to be way too long, take the time to reprioritize. Rather than try to accomplish everything, decide which of your long list of things is the most important. A great exercise is to try cutting your to do list in half. If you could only accomplish half of the things on your list, which tasks

would you begin with? Which tasks must be completed now versus later? Which tasks are quick, and which are long?

Focusing in on fewer things allows us to do those things better. It allows us to clear our minds of the worry of having to complete too many tasks. For the items you do complete, you'll have the time to do the best possible job on each task. Of the tasks you focus on, you'll actually complete them. And, you'll do a better job.

If you're squeezed at work, you'll probably find this advice is the opposite of the way many leaders think of getting things done. So often, prioritizing what is important seems like an impossible task. In fact, everything is important. How can we possibly pick specific tasks over others?

But again, trying to accomplish too much is not

a good long term strategy. It can work once in a while, but not normally. There's a saying that if everything is important, nothing is important. And, this is true. When you try to do too much, you may find yourself completing very little of your list.

Both at work and at home, make your goal to do fewer things better. You'll find that this strategy will improve your mood. You will ultimately accomplish more. And, your quality of work will improve overall. At work, this strategy will force you to have tough conversations about which projects take priority. But over time, the process of reprioritizing your work will become easier. And, you'll get more done.

*Angela Copeland, a leadership and career expert, can be reached at copelandcoaching.com.*

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Stacey Tappan (left), Vanessa Becerra and Karin Mushegain in Alma Deutscher's "Cinderella" at Opera San José in 2017. Photo: Robert Shomler

# Opera San José presents Alma Deutscher's 'Cinderella' Nov. 12-27 at California Theater

A historical performance of world acclaimed 17-year-old female composer Alma Deutscher and all kids who attend on a special performance called Cinderella Day can pay to get in by matching their age for ticket price! Made possible by those who care about the arts.

Opera San José will host the international operatic conducting debut of prodigy composer/musician Alma Deutscher, who will take the podium for a lavish production of her landmark opera, Cinderella November 12-27 at the California Theater in San Jose.

Based on the classic fairytale, this family-friendly work is reset at an opera company run by a scheming stepmother, in which the title character is a brilliant composer laboring as a lowly copyist. In this production, Cinderella is united with her prince not because a glass slipper fits, but with the beginning of a melody only she knows how to continue.

**Internationally acclaimed production**

In 2017, California Theatre audiences watched the sold-out American premiere of the already internationally acclaimed Cinderella by the then 13-year-old composer, in a production supported by the Packard Humanities Institute (PHI). Opera San José and PHI again join forces to welcome Deutscher back, with the now 17-year-old taking the baton in this pivotal moment in her career.

Director Brad Dalton will return to revive his stunning original production.

**Kids can pay their age**

Opera San José will be presenting a Cinderella Family Day\* for the performance 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 19, for which children's tickets are "Pay Their Age." Casting includes Natalia Santaliz as Cinderella, Joey Hammod-Leppek as The Prince, Ben Brady as The King, Stacey Tappan as Griselda, Julia Dawson as Zibaldona, Rena Harms as The Stepmother, Megan Esther Grey as Fairy, and Lance LaShelle as The Minister.

Cinderella will be sung in English, with English supertitles, with performances from November 12-27, 2022 (dates/times below) at the California Theatre, 345 South 1st Street, San Jose. 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.). \*Must be purchased in advance online, one adult ticket must accompany the order and children's tickets are "Pay Their Age" (minimum \$5).

Tickets: \$55-\$195, with a Cinderella Family Day for the performance 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 19.

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## Local author announces 'I Can' contest for her new children's book: *Oh No, Riley!*

*Getting Rid Of The Four Letter Word, I "CAN'T!"*

Author Valerie Whetstone of Evergreen Valley is holding a contest for her upcoming children's book called, *Oh No, Riley!* Whetstone is on a mission to promote positive mental health by empowering more than 100,000 children worldwide that if you believe in yourself anything is POSSIBLE! She is partnered with the Unstoppable Foundation, which is near and dear to her heart, to make a larger impact and help change the future. <https://donate.unstoppablefoundation.org/OhNoRiley>

"I'm teaching children how to break through their limiting beliefs by letting go of the four letter word, I 'CAN'T' and re-pattern their thoughts to live with a positive growth mind-

set and become more confident," Whetstone said.

Whetstone is inviting you to send in a 10 second or less video clip of your child/ grandchild that shows them doing something they "CAN" do, showing a "Yes, I can!" mindset.

**Contest**  
To participate in the contest, parents record their child saying the words, "When I believe in myself I can"... (Fill in the blank). Here are some examples: "I can ride my bike; I can hit a baseball over the fence; I can tie my shoelaces; I can do my homework; I can brush my teeth; I can smile every day; I can be a good friend.

**When I believe in myself I can \_\_\_\_\_**

The top winners will be featured in Whetstone's upcoming book trailer for her book launch of *Oh No, Riley!*

Please send your video clip of your child/grandchild to [Val@doorwaytotransformation.com](mailto:Val@doorwaytotransformation.com)

*Oh No, Riley!* is available on Amazon October 20. It is also available at [Ohnoriley.org](http://Ohnoriley.org).

## San José adopts proposal to create Office of Family Friendly Policy to fully implement Children's Bill of Rights

San José City Councilmembers Sylvia Arenas and Magdalena Carrasco joined child advocacy leaders at City Hall Oct. 5 to rally support for a proposal, which was then unanimously adopted at Council.

The new policy brings the City of San José into full compliance with San José's updated Bill of Rights for Children and Youth (Bill of Rights).

The adopted proposal - written by Councilmembers Sylvia Arenas, Raul Peralez, Magdalena Carrasco, and Pam Foley - calls for the formalization of an Office of Family Friendly Policy to implement the Bill of Rights, the audit recommendations and to unify the City's family friendly initiatives and policies.

"Today is a critical next step in making the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth real. Together, we have issued a bold statement that San José will ensure the fundamental rights of the children that live in our city. Our children," Councilmember Arenas said. "Now, we will move forward with a plan, a team to execute the plan, and the ability to track our investments."

In April 2021, the City of San José adopted a revised Bill of Rights. Shortly after, Councilmember Arenas asked the City Auditor to investigate how the City was adhering and upholding the Bill of Rights.

The City Auditor's recently released Bill of



Councilmembers **Sylvia Arenas** and **Magdalena Carrasco** rally Oct. 5 to support updated Bill of Rights for Children and Youth.

Rights for Children and Youth Audit Report showed that there is still no comprehensive plan to ensure the city is upholding the rights it has declared that all San José children have. The joint memorandum aims to formalize an Office of Family Friendly Policy to implement the audit report recommendations and unify the City's existing children, youth and family policy and Family Friendly Initiative work currently underway.

"Children have a right to up-to-date educational resources that promote success in life, in future careers, and a love of life-long learning. We believe that this right is for every child at every stage of their education and that learning begins at birth and happens everywhere not just in schools," said Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools.



Times **Community**

# Symphony San Jose presents 'Mighty Cello' with acclaimed soloist Julian Schwarz Dec. 3, 4

During its 21st concert season, Symphony San Jose will feature acclaimed solo artists chosen for their virtuosity and their singular magic on their instrument.

Cellist Julian Schwarz, already near-legendary in his early 30's, marks his second appearance in San Jose with one of his favorite works, Lalo's Concerto in D minor.

Maestra Falletta opens the concert with Turina's infectious Danzas, filled with Spanish rhythms and color; and concludes with Dvorak's masterful, melody-rich Symphony No. 7.

### Mighty Cello

Symphony San Jose will present Mighty Cello, Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street, downtown San Jose.

This will mark Julian Schwarz's second appearance in San Jose and features one of his favorite works, Lalo's Concerto in D minor.

Schwarz was born to a multigenerational musical family in 1991.

Heralded from a young age as a cellist destined to rank among the greatest of the 21st century, Julian's powerful tone, effortless virtuosity, and extraordinarily large color palette are hallmarks of his style.

After making his concerto debut at the age of 11 with the Seattle Symphony and his father Gerard Schwarz on the podium, he made his

US touring debut with the Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra in 2010.

Since being awarded first prize at the inaugural Schoenfeld International String Competition in 2013, Julian has led an active career as soloist, performing with the symphony orchestras of Annapolis, Boise, Bozeman, Buffalo, Charlotte, Columbus, Des Moines, Hartford, Jacksonville, Louisville, Memphis, Modesto, Omaha, Puerto Rico, Richmond, Rochester, San Antonio, Sarasota, Seattle, Syracuse, Toledo, Tucson, Virginia, West Virginia, Wichita, and Winston-Salem, among others.

Internationally, Julian made his Australian debut with the Queensland Symphony, his Mexican debuts with the Boca del Rio Philharmonic in Veracruz and the Mexico City Philharmonic with frequent collaborator Jorge Mester, and his Hong Kong debut at the Intimacy of Creativity Festival. He has also appeared at the Salzburg Mozarteum, and the Verbier festival in Switzerland.

### THE PROGRAM:

Joaquin Turina: Danzas fantásticas  
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Antonin Dvorak: Symphony No. 7  
Soloist: Julian Schwarz, cello.  
Conductor: JoAnn Falletta.

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Times **Community News**

## Santa Clara County reaches conservation goal for the second month in a row

Countywide water savings was 16% in August 2022 compared to August 2019

*The 16% water savings exceeds Governor Newsom's call for conservation*

For the second month in a row, Santa Clara County exceeded the call by the Valley Water Board of Directors to reduce water use by 15% compared to 2019. In August 2022, countywide water use dropped 16% compared to the same time in 2019.

"It's encouraging to see local residents and businesses taking action during this severe drought emergency," said John L. Varela, Valley Water Chair Pro Tem. "We must all work together and continue to make a difference in our communities by saving water."

Santa Clara County residents are doing their part to conserve. Landscape Rebate Program applications are up over 250% since 2020. To help residents save water, Valley Water is enforcing restrictions on outdoor water runoff, midday watering, watering after rainfall, and a limit of two days a week of watering for non-functional turf. In addition to residential watering restrictions, Valley Water is enforcing the State of California's ban on watering commercial, industrial and institutional non-functional turf. Since the residents and com-



mercial restrictions were put into effect, Valley Water has received over 1,500 total water waste reports.

Valley Water continues to encourage residents, businesses, farms, and others to follow watering restrictions and take actions, both large and small, to increase water savings.

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**Yolanda Valadez** enjoys working with children and looks forward to opening her own day care. She lost her job working in child care during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.*

## Santa Clara County families lack critical child care, report says

By **Loan-Anh Pham**  
*San José Spotlight*

**U**niversal child care in Santa Clara County could be a game changer for families trying to improve their quality of life and help level wealth disparity for thousands.

A report released by Joint Venture Silicon Valley today shows free, public child care from birth through age 5 equals money in families' pockets. The report estimates universal child care programs could allow more than 31,000 people, or 7,000 households, the ability to afford basic needs without aid in

Santa Clara County.

Expanding all-day services for child care is crucial for families, said Santa Clara County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, whose office funded the study. She said although California is phasing in free and public universal transitional kindergarten programs for all 4-year-old students, these programs do not provide the after-school care that families need.

"Let's distinguish child care from preschool and after-school programs because neither of those cover the entire workday... My focus

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## Report: Cities with the Highest Increase in Homicide Rates

**W**ith the homicide rate having spiked by an average of nearly 10% in 50 of the biggest U.S. cities between Q3 2021 and Q3 2022, WalletHub has released its report on the Cities With the Highest Increase in Homicide Rates.

In order to determine which cities have the biggest homicide problems, WalletHub compared 50 of the largest U.S. cities based on per capita homicides in Q3 2022 as well as per capita homicides in Q3 2021 and Q3 2020.

### Cities with Highest Increase in Homicide Rates

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2. Detroit, MI
3. St. Louis, MO
4. New Orleans, LA
5. Milwaukee, WI
6. Albuquerque, NM
7. Philadelphia, PA
8. Norfolk, VA
9. Nashville, TN
10. Oakland, CA

Note: Rankings are based on data available as of 12:30 p.m. ET on October 17, 2022.

To view the full report and your city's rank, visit: <https://wallethub.com/education/cities-homicide-rate/94070>



## Times Feature

# Santa Clara County sends ballots to non-citizens

Four San Jose non-citizen permanent residents received Santa Clara County 2022 election ballots last week. Copies of the documents were reviewed by San Jose Inside last week.

They received election ballots in the mail even though it is illegal for non-citizen permanent residents to vote in U.S. elections.

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters confirmed that the four individuals submitted registration forms through the California Department of Motor Vehicles and “information was included in transmissions from the DMV to the ROV.”

“Our office sends ballots to all individuals who are listed as active voters in our voter registration database. The ROV receives voter



registration information from several sources including the DMV,” said Evelyn Mendez, Public and Legislative Affairs Manager for the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. “As to these individuals, their information was included in transmissions from the DMV to the ROV. It is our understanding that the DMV screens people that obtain drivers licenses or state IDs to verify that they are citizens,” Mendez said.

## Child care, continued

is on the full-day program for 0-5 year-olds,” Ellenberg told San José Spotlight. “This matters to Santa Clara County because every one of our nearly 2 million residents deserves the opportunity to live a self sufficient life, one where they can build opportunity and wealth for their children.”

County efforts are focusing on infrastructure for child care, Ellenberg said, which includes building a child care workforce, upgrading facilities and scouting new child care locations.

Currently, California ranks as the least affordable state in the nation for infant care. A family living in Silicon Valley needs to pay an average of \$26,450 per year for infant care and \$21,900 for a preschooler’s child care, data from the report shows.

A previous Joint Venture study revealed nearly half of all children, or 46%, across Santa Clara and San Mateo counties live in households that struggle to earn enough to afford basic needs. The COVID-19 pandemic decimated the child care sector, increasing difficulties for families scraping by. More than 300 day care centers closed in Santa Clara County alone. Meanwhile, residents are facing the highest levels of inflation in decades, adding to their budgeting woes.

Unreliable, expensive child care can leave already struggling families stranded, said Heidi Emberling, interim chief program officer of FIRST 5, an early childhood group.

“This is a high cost county to live in,” Emberling told San José Spotlight. “Child care is extremely expensive, and families in low income households don’t have the resources to pay for highest quality care.”

The financial burden of child care has hit minority families especially hard. More than 22,000 Santa Clara County children ages 3 to 5 are not enrolled in any early child care or education program, the report reveals. This continues to disproportionately impact a child’s ability to attend preschool: only 46% of Hispanic or Latino students are enrolled

in preschool programs compared to 60% of white students.

Ellenberg said increasing subsidized preschool slots is a county goal. Her office is working alongside the Santa Clara County Office of Education to expand access to preschool. Data from the report shows that only 23% of eligible students had access to subsidized preschool slots in 2020.

No-cost child care not only benefits families with children, but the community overall, said Rachel Massaro, vice president and director of research at Joint Venture Silicon Valley. Money saved means money that could be spent on other industries, like small businesses.

“The implementation of a universal (child care) program is certainly something which would have a ripple effect throughout our economy,” Massaro told San José Spotlight.

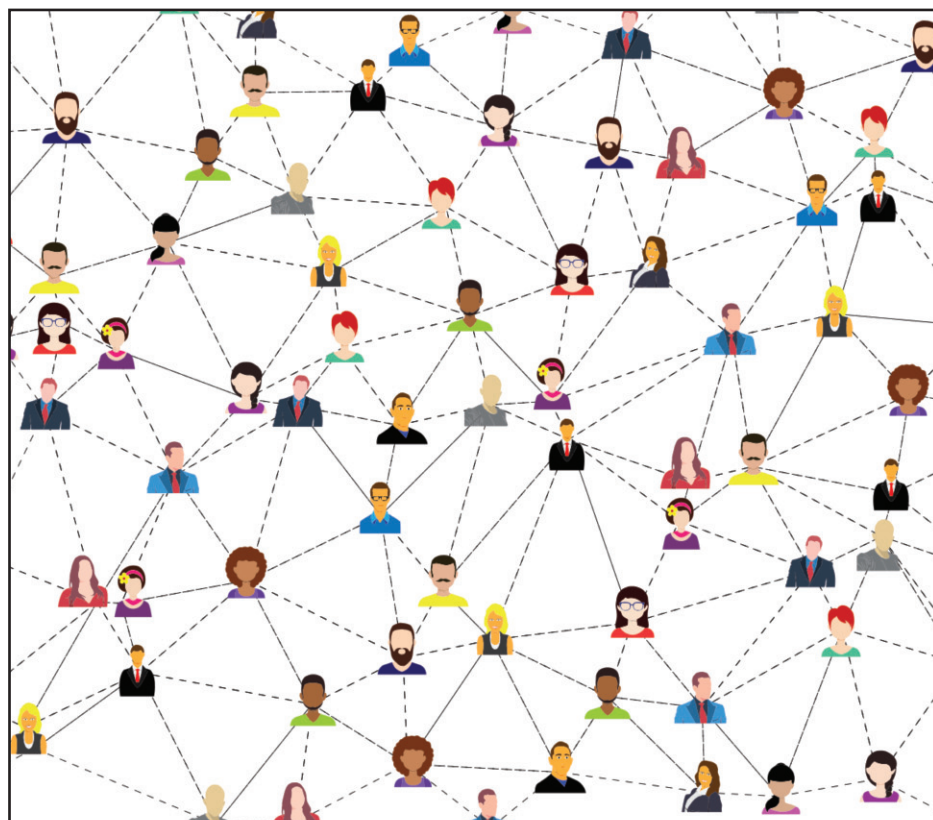
“When families struggle, when children struggle, there are health outcomes or educational outcomes, but there’s also huge impact on the well being of our community.”

Free child care also allows families to go to work without worrying about leaving to pick up their child, said Mary Ann Dewan, Santa Clara County superintendent of schools and San José Spotlight columnist.

“For working parents, they’re able to participate more in the workforce and earn higher incomes,” Dewan told San José Spotlight. “We also see that there would be decreased absenteeism and less staff turnover for employers when their employees have access to sustained, free or low cost child care programs.”

Free child care and education creates a positive cycle where students are more prepared for school and the workforce, while also benefiting the entire region, Massaro said.

“Silicon Valley is becoming a less conducive place to raising a family,” Massaro told San José Spotlight. “We wanted to show that there are additional holistic benefits to implementing universal preschool for our community health and greater economic health.”



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Times **Community News**

# Why San Jose air is worse than other cities

By **Brian Howey**  
*San José Spotlight*

**A**ir quality in the South Bay is worse than neighboring parts of the San Francisco Bay Area—and it hits underserved communities hardest.

According to data compiled by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, ozone levels are consistently higher in the San Jose area because of traffic congestion, weather and topography. Local studies show air pollution causes health issues like asthma, and communities of color and low-income neighborhoods tend to see higher levels of pollution than wealthier, whiter neighborhoods due to their proximity to highways and industrial areas.

Since May, ozone levels in the Santa Clara Valley have been worse on average than any other region monitored by the district, out-smogging even the refinery-laden North Bay, which includes San Rafael and Vallejo. Levels are similar to the traffic-clogged Eastern Zone, which incorporates Fairfield, Livermore and San Ramon.

“The Santa Clara Valley has consistently worse air quality (compared to other zones),” said Richard Lam, a district meteorologist.

Conditions in the Santa Clara Valley are perfect for creating and trapping ozone, Lam told *San José Spotlight*. The valley’s warmth and sun turn traffic emissions into the smoggy gas, and the mountains bordering Santa Clara County trap it there.

Average ozone levels in the valley tend to remain below the federal Environmental Protection Agency’s safety threshold, and they’ve only spiked to unsafe levels three times this year in Santa Clara Valley. But local studies show long-term exposure to air pollution in congested areas like San Jose can cause significant health impacts.

In an air pollution study published in May, San Francisco-based tech company Aclima collected air quality data block-to-block across 5,000 square miles and 101 Bay Area cities.

Across the region, communities of color and low-income neighborhoods are often closer to congested highways and emission-spewing factories where air quality is worse, the study found. For instance, 81.2% of Santa Clara County residents of color live in areas with unsafe levels of nitrogen dioxide, a harmful gas found in fuel exhaust. Nearly 95% breathe harmful particles in their neighborhoods, the study found.

Nonprofit air monitor Sustainable Silicon Valley, which studies air pollution in East Palo Alto, found child asthma cases are 2.5 times higher than the national rate in the traffic-clogged city, which borders a freeway and sits at the west end of the Dumb-



arton Bridge.

“There are pockets in all these communities that have worse air pollution than others,” Sustainable Silicon Valley Chief Scientist Anthony Strawa told *San José Spotlight*, “I think that if you did the same kind of study (in San Jose) those values would

hold.”

Strawa is doing just that. His organization recently launched an air quality study and community outreach program, installing air monitors at 10 East San Jose high schools and working with students to research air quality in those communities. The study is already collecting data.

**Wildfire and ozone**

Smoke can push ozone and other harmful pollutants to unsafe levels, and as California nears the supposed end of an ever-expanding wildfire season, experts have advised residents to be mindful of ozone and other pollutants in their neighborhoods.

“Ozone can damage and inflame the lin-

ing in our lungs similar to how sun causes a sunburn on our skin,” air district spokesperson Erin Demerritt told *San José Spotlight*, noting it’s particularly harmful to pregnant women, the elderly and young children who breathe more rapidly than adults.

When pollution levels get too high, the district issues spare the air alerts so residents know when to cut back on driving and other polluting activities. The best way to cut back on air pollutants is for local residents to drive gasoline-powered cars less and use public transportation more, Demerritt said.

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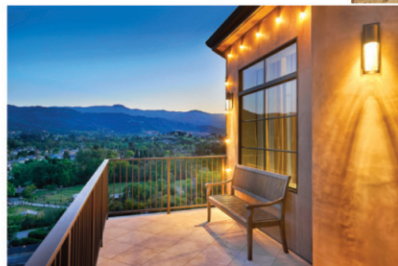


# 20601 Via Santa Teresa

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5 Bed | 4 Bath | 3 Half-Baths | 7158 Sq Ft | 2.62 Acre Lot

Enter the private driveway up to this stunning Almaden Valley executive-style home and you are immediately awestruck by panoramic views in Santa Clara County. This architectural masterpiece incorporates the sweeping views into almost every room in the home. Gourmet kitchen, office/library, media room, game room, bonus room that could be an "in-law" suite. Tesla charging station. Solar. 4-car garage with workshop. Numerous balconies as well as the side yard with outdoor kitchen, two sitting areas, fire pit, pergola, hot tub, lawn, and pavers. Top schools: Graystone, Bret Harte, Leland.



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**If you are thinking of selling your home, now is the time to start planning. Call me as soon as possible.**

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