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## East Side Union High School District implements new strategies to face financial challenges

*Santa Clara County Office of Education initiates Fiscal Expert position*

By Kevin Larsen  
*Special to the Times*

A letter dated April 12, 2024 from the Santa Clara County Office of Education Superintendent to the East Side Union High School District stated that ESUHD will be using a County paid Fiscal Expert to help dial in the deficit spending in approved ways.

What has occurred is the ESUHD is being helped by the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the following Resolution was approved at the September 19, 2024 School Board Meeting which called for proposed cuts for ESUHD.

It was also discussed at the board meetings that many different departments of the ESUHD pitched in to lower costs in the upcoming and future years.

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Santa Clara County is going to buy Regional Medical Center in East San Jose, which is owned by HCA Healthcare, a for-profit company. *Photo by Brandon Pho.*

## County leaders secure purchase of East San Jose hospital

By Brandon Pho  
*San José Spotlight*

Santa Clara County leaders have approved a \$315 million effort to acquire and integrate Regional Medical Center into California's second largest public hospital system — and restore the lifesaving care a for-profit corporation systematically cut from East San Jose.

While the county is still finalizing the agreement with HCA Healthcare, the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted unanimously to appropriate the money in its health department budget — with \$175 million going toward acquiring the hospital.

Officials allocated up to \$30 million to purchase independently-owned medical office buildings nearby, and another \$10 million for broker fees and inspections. Up to \$20 million will be used to buy and implement electronic health record software. Another \$80 million will fund the first few months of operating Regional Medical Center, as the county incurs costs of services while waiting to get reimbursed by commercial insurance, Medi-Cal and Medicare.

The county plans to restore the trauma, stroke, and heart attack services HCA cut from Regional in August as soon as the purchase is complete. County leaders hope to

achieve that — and transition Regional's workforce to county employment — early next year. Obstetrics, labor and delivery and newborn care services cut in prior years will also be restored, but that timeline has to be determined post-acquisition.

Regional is the county's fourth hospital purchase since 2019 and potentially saves East San Jose from becoming a health care desert. Around 50 residents and patient advocates urged officials

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## San Jose officials question who controls Vietnamese garden

By Brandon Pho  
*San José Spotlight*

San Jose officials are reckoning with a political fight over a park important to the city's older Vietnamese community.

The issue reached a handful of councilmembers at Wednesday's Rules and Open Government Committee, which voted unanimously with brief discussion for a clear explanation as to how the parks department manages access to the Vietnamese Heritage Garden for public events. This comes after District 7 Councilmember Bien

Doan last month announced he would limit a political rival's control of  
*See VIETNAMESE GARDEN, page 3*



Community elders and organizers joined Councilmember Bien Doan (center in suit) on Sept. 18, 2024 to call for unity amid a political fight for control of the Vietnamese Heritage Garden. *Photo by Brando Pho.*



Mobile Clinic Project volunteers help build trust and break barriers to promote quality of life among the homeless.

## High School student volunteers for Mobile Clinic Project at UCLA

By William Bellou  
*Publisher*

Mini Mishra of San Jose is volunteering with the Mobile Clinic Project at UCLA. Mir-

sha is a UCLA undergraduate student and volunteers as a caseworker and companion.

The Mobile Clinic Project is an organization that aims to improve

the health outcomes and quality of life of individuals experiencing homelessness and other populations made vulnerable in the greater Los

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a monthly flag-raising ceremony at the garden. City parks employees then changed the garden's locks — keeping it closed to the public except during special events and causing yet another rift in the long-divided community.

Doan held a news conference ahead of the meeting, where he accused his political rival Ha Trieu's group of using a private key to the garden to "manipulate, influence and strike political favor" in the community. Doan further alleged Trieu's group harassed and intimidated other organizations like the Vietnamese American Roundtable and Immigrant Resettlement and Cultural Center. Neither of those groups responded to requests for comment.

Trieu, chairman of the United Vietnamese American Community of Northern California, denied those allegations. "I never talked to the Immigrant Resettlement and Cultural Center or Vietnamese American Roundtable about the flag raising, all statements are false," Trieu told San José Spotlight. "I categorically deny the false statements and I will engage an attorney to respond appropriately to any false statements."

Since 2021, Trieu has held his own key to the garden after becoming a "park adopter," which he has argued allows him certain privileges like hosting events without reservations. Doan is reserving the garden on the first Saturday of every month, the same day Trieu's group holds its own event. Doan says this gives other community groups an opportunity to run the show and that his office has already received 11 applications. He said Trieu's group would still be allowed to apply. Doan didn't specify on how the city parks department would judge each application and decide who gets access to the garden.

"The parks department is overseeing the whole process at this point," Doan said. More than a dozen residents spoke during public comment, but City Hall was left fumbling when most speakers made their comments in Vietnamese. The city didn't have a human interpreter on hand, instead relying on the artificial intelligence software Wordly which failed to translate properly.

The issue prompted an apology from Councilmember Pam Foley to the audience, imploring the speakers to comment in English if they could. Doan presented an employee of his own office to pause each speaker every few sentences so she could translate in real time.



Residents rallied alongside Councilmember **Bien Doan** ahead of the Rules and Open Government Committee meeting Photo by Brando Pho.

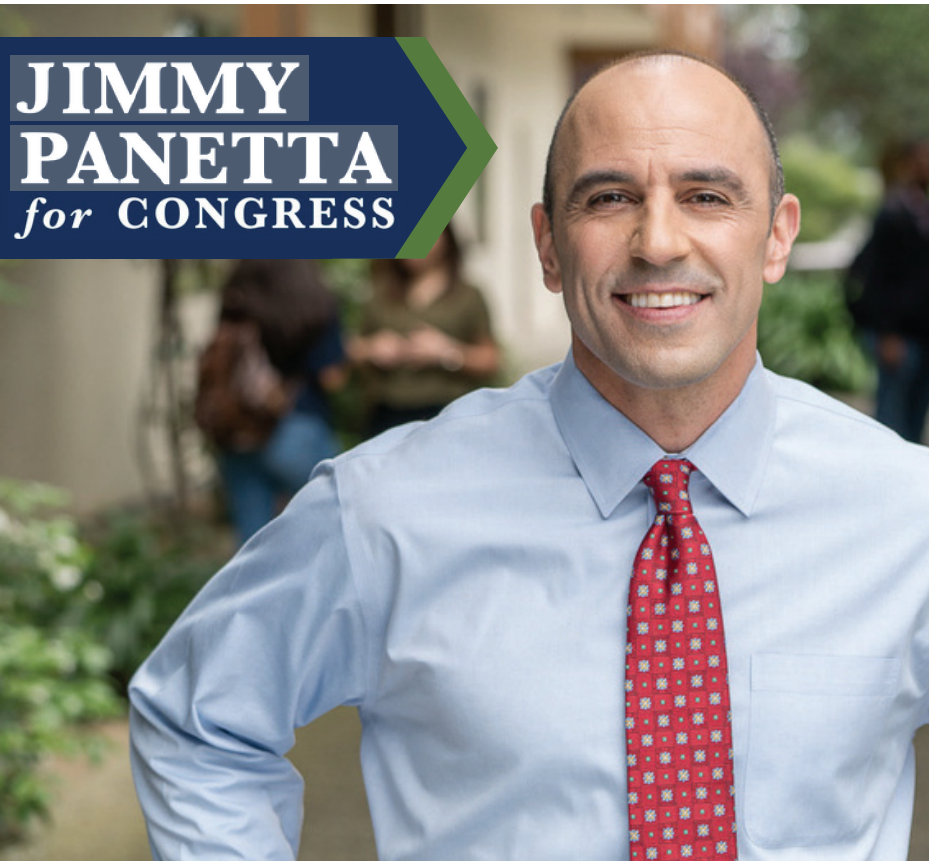
Speakers like Mary Nguyen questioned the need for Doan's new rules, saying the flag-raising ceremonies have gone for years without a hitch under Trieu's group. "Does the Vietnamese Heritage Garden belong to the city or council District 7?" Nguyen asked.

Other speakers sided with Doan, lauding him for opening the event-hosting opportunity to different organizations, and dismissed the need for a council discussion at all. District 5 Councilmember Peter Ortiz, who also represents a portion of the city's Vietnamese American community and has raised concerns over Doan's rules, requested the committee take up the issue. He said his office has had difficulty answering questions from constituents over "who is in charge." He's waiting to see if the parks department will offer those specifics on how it will evaluate the different groups that applied to run the flag raising ceremony.

"I am hoping it will," Ortiz told San José Spotlight. State lawmakers raised similar concerns last week over Doan's announcement, which came after Doan found himself at odds with Trieu during an unrelated June restraining order trial that roused drama in the Vietnam War refugee generation over who in the community is viewed as sympathetic to the Vietnamese government.

The garden dispute opens a bitter new chapter of political divide in Little Saigon's older social circles. Since June, the divide has sparked a tense courtroom battle between Doan and a powerful businessman. Meanwhile, a staffer in Mayor Matt Mahan's office who testified in that trial is suing several members of the community for defaming her as a communist over a charity she helps run that does work in Vietnam.

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# Clinic

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Angeles area by connecting them to the existing continuum of care.

“We strive to establish a safe, nonjudgmental environment where people of all backgrounds can receive direct medical care, legal advocacy, and compassionate connection,” Mishra said. “Along with the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, we operate weekly streetside clinics in West Hollywood to bring crucial health and social services to our clients and alleviate barriers to care.”

Misha said she is currently reaching out to the community to seek excess clothing or shoes that she can distribute through the clinic.

“I would like to distribute these items to anyone who needs them, but we are facing a criti-

**The organization is currently looking for clean and gently used men’s pants size 32 and up, and gently used new men’s athletic shoes size 8-12.**

cal loss of our regular funding. We are currently looking for clean and gently used men’s pants size 32 and up, and gently used new men’s athletic shoes size 8-12. In addition, large/extra-large t-shirts are also accepted, as well as blankets! If you don’t have any physical donations but would still like to help out, we have an Amazon wish list.” [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2D1T1PUJI98CV5?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2D1T1PUJI98CV5?ref=wl_share) or you can donate money using Venmo @Finance-MCP.

**About Mobile Clinic Project**

The Mobile Clinic Project is a 22-year-old project aimed at improving the health outcomes and quality of life of individuals experiencing homelessness in the greater Los Angeles area through service, healthcare, and advocacy. Composed of undergraduate students, public health graduate students, and medical students at UCLA, the Mobile Clinic Project operates weekly streetside clinics that provide people with a safe, low-barrier, compassionate space to receive resources and care that address not only their physical health, but any other barriers to care.

# ESUHSD

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**Portions of Resolution September 19, 2024 School Board Meeting (as seen on Board Docs)**

“8.03 EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION #2024/2025-04 TO CONFIRM EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT’S COMMITMENT TO FISCAL SOLVENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the East Side Union High School District is committed to ensuring that the District is competitive in attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers and classified staff and to ensuring equity and access to educational opportunity for all students;

WHEREAS, such budgets and projections are based on currently available information regarding the state budget, are continually updated at statutorily required reporting periods, and are subject to change as the state budget is developed and passed each year;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the East Side Union High School District recognizes that the District’s current projected 2024-25 through 2026-27 revenues and expenditures shows a negative ending fund balance of \$39,000,000 in year FY 2026-27 and further recognizes that the projection may increase or decrease depending on the state revenues allocated to Proposition 98 as adopted by the State of California in 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 state budget, or any other changes to the multi-year assumptions;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 42127(c) provides, in relevant part, that the County Superintendent of Schools shall: “Determine whether the adopted budget will allow the school district to meet its financial obligations during the fiscal year (FY) and is consistent with a financial plan that will enable the school district to satisfy its multi-year financial commitments... [and] shall either conditionally approve or disapprove a budget that does not provide adequate assurance that the school district will meet its current and future obligations and resolve any problems identified in studies, reports, evaluations, or audits described in this paragraph.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, and based on the above recitals, the Board of Trustees is committed to reducing expenditures in all budget areas, to ensure that the East Side Union High School District remains fiscally solvent; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that absent a material positive change in the District’s ending fund balance, the District will be required to consider and

2024-2025 Proposed Strategy	Savings	Timeline
Keep Frozen 8 Classified Positions	\$ 900,000.00	Fully Implemented
Keep Frozen 7 certificated Positions	\$ 1,200,000.00	Fully Implemented
Instructional Materials/Operations	\$ 900,000.00	Nov 2024 implementation
Savings in 24/25	\$ 3,000,000.00	
Savings in 25/26	\$ 3,000,000.00	
Savings in 26/27	\$ 3,000,000.00	
<b>Combined Savings in years 1,2,3</b>	<b>\$ 9,000,000.00</b>	

2025-2026 Proposed Strategy	Savings	Timeline
Contracts Services	\$ 1,000,000.00	Review began in September
Operations and Supplies	\$ 1,000,000.00	Staff currently reviewing
(Approx.) 12 Classified Positions	\$ 1,300,000.00	Positions to be identified by Jan 2025
(Approx.) 39 Certificated/Management Positions	\$ 6,700,000.00	Positions to be identified by Jan 2025
Additional Savings in 25/26	\$ 10,000,000.00	
Additional Savings in 26/27	\$ 10,000,000.00	
<b>Additional Combined Savings in Years 2 and 3</b>	<b>\$ 20,000,000.00</b>	

2026-2027 Proposed Strategy	Savings	Timeline
Contracted Services	\$ 2,000,000.00	Review July 2025
Operations and Supplies	\$ 2,000,000.00	Review December 2025
(Approx.) 24 classified Positions	\$ 3,000,000.00	Positions to be identified by Jan 2026
(Approx.) 93 Certificated/Management Positions	\$ 16,000,000.00	Positions to be identified by Jan 2026
<b>Additional Savings in year 3</b>	<b>\$ 23,000,000.00</b>	
<b>Total Savings over 3 years.</b>	<b>\$ 52,000,000.00</b>	

**Projected 2026-27 Negative Fund Balance: -\$39,000,000**  
**Revised 2026-27 Fund Balance: \$13,000,000**

implement budget reductions of \$3,000,000 beginning in FY 2024-25, and an additional \$10,000,000 in FY 2025-26 and an additional \$23,000,000 in FY 2026-27, for a combined projected total of \$52,000,000 in expenditure reductions over a three year period (FY 2024-2025 through 2026-2027).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based on currently available information and absent a material positive change in the District’s ending fund balance, the District will be required to consider reductions in the following areas based on the directives of the County Superintendent of Schools outlined above...”

At the September 19, 2024 School Board Meeting, the board members approved this resolution of proposed cuts by the East Side Union High School District. It was stated that funding can change and thus more monies may be allocated by State of California or elsewhere. The following are excerpts from the Resolution passed by the School Board members. Inset on this page is a 3 year chart that is subject to change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees is committed to exploring all options to increase revenue, including local, state, and federal grants, and, consistent with that, has placed the local parcel tax Measure N on the ballot for approval by voters on the November 5, 2024, general election ballot.”

This new Resolution and pathway allows ESUHSD reducing deficit issues. It is a working plan

to ensure that the ESUHSD is properly funded and to do so, some cut-backs are proposed by the school board along with a positive view and exploration as to gaining funds.

**District is also exploring additional means funding over time**

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees is committed to exploring all options to increase revenue, including local, state, and federal grants, and, consistent with that, has placed the local parcel tax Measure N on the ballot for approval by voters on the November 5, 2024, general election ballot. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the East Side Union High School District, Santa Clara County, State of California, on September 19, 2024...”

**If a 75% vote on November 5, 2024 passes this proposed new Parcel Tax Measure “N”, it will assist school district funding with approximately \$6.4 million annually for five years**

“With funds that cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere, shall East Side Union High School District’s parcel tax to protect career technical education and college preparation programs and maintain competitive wages and benefits for teachers and staff at Andrew Hill, Calero, Evergreen Valley, Foothill, Independence, James Lick, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Piedmont Hills, Santa Teresa, Silver Creek, Yerba Buena and W.C. Overfelt High Schools be adopted at \$49 per parcel, raising \$6.4 million annually for five years, with senior exemptions and full public dis-

closure of all spending?”

**District website summarizes Parcel Tax Measure “N”**

**“WHAT IS MEASURE N?”**

Measure N is a parcel tax on the November 5, 2024 Presidential Election ballot. Levied on a flat per-parcel basis, parcel taxes are used to fund educational programs and services, and support teachers and staff. If approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast, it will raise approximately \$6.4 million annually for five years.

**HOW MUCH WILL MEASURE N COST?**

Measure N’s annual parcel tax is \$49 per parcel for five years. Funds come from a fixed tax on all parcels—residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial—located within the District.

**IS THERE AN EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS?**

Yes, seniors can apply for an exemption for their residences.

**WHAT TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS ARE IN PLACE?**

Measure N ensures that there will be full public disclosure of all spending. An independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee must review and report on all Measure N expenditures, and a third-party auditor will audit all expenditures. Measure N includes a specific list of programs on which funds may be spent. Funds can only be spent on East Side Union High School District’s projects and cannot be taken by the state and spent elsewhere.”

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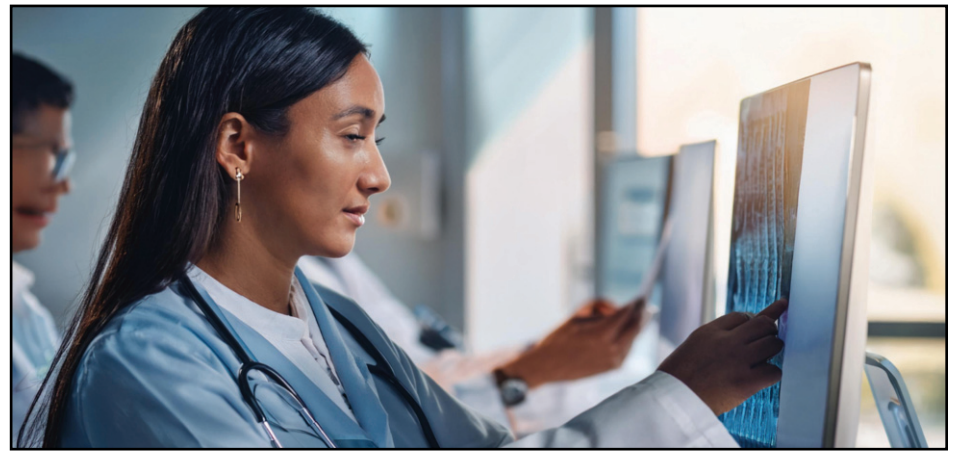
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*Jon Nakamatsu, piano*

**Hospital**

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at the meeting to prioritize community input while moving swiftly to restore services.

Laisha Martinez-Reyes, an organizer for Latinas Contra Cancer, said county residents are already feeling the shockwave of Regional's cuts that occurred last month.

"Other hospitals are now becoming more impacted and patients across the county have to commute farther for quality care. This is a time sensitive issue that is impacting patients' lives daily," Martinez-Reyes said at the meeting.

Supervisors balanced their excitement over the purchase with what's sure to be a bumpy road ahead: Integrating the hospital into the county's system.

"Today does feel like a pre-honeymoon moment," President Susan Ellenberg said at the meeting. "It will be tough. There will be challenging moments that won't have as many smiles as today."

The county hospital system is a massive weight on the taxpayer general fund — the county's main source of money for public services and social safety net programs. This year, county leaders had to close a \$250 million deficit in their \$12.4 billion budget. The public hospital system accounts for half of this year's budget with \$6 billion in spending and more than \$1.26 billion coming out of the general fund.

Supervisor Joe Simitian, who is terming out this year alongside Supervisor Cindy Chavez, warned his colleagues of the coming trials, such as balancing hospital jobs and salaries with limited money.

"When people are giving you hell from the microphone — and they will — it is

important to always listen and reflect on what people are saying. But it's going to be essential for the survival of the system to find ways to reduce that subsidy," Simitian said. "That's going to be the less joyful part of the action we take today."

County supervisors requested a work plan for engaging residents on the transition by January or February.

"I do think the trepidation of what's happening in the community is something we can quell if everyone understands when they get to weigh in," Supervisor Cindy Chavez said at the meeting. "One of the questions is going to be: Which services come back first and why?"

Speakers also questioned the fate of Regional's employees in the transition process.

When Santa Clara County bought three financially-struggling medical facilities in 2109, county officials promised nearly 1,700 workers at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, Saint Louise Regional Hospital in Gilroy and DePaul Medical Center in Morgan Hill they could keep their jobs. But workers said the county reneged on that pledge once it took over. Workers described the early months under the county as "chaos," with hundreds forced to reapply for jobs they'd had for decades and take written tests with little to do with their work.

"We hope we can learn from the past," Jamie Thompson, a labor organizer whose union Engineers and Scientists of California Local 20 represents health care workers at Regional, said at the meeting.

County Executive James Williams said a merit system will facilitate the process of onboarding employees.

"It will greatly ease and reduce what was definitely the biggest source of friction in the 2019 acquisition," he said.

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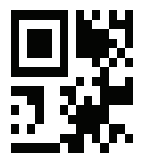
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**TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK:**

**Transfer Learning**

By Shubhi Asthana



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 me teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

**Transfer learning**

In traditional machine learning, the goal is to train a model to perform a certain task like classification or regression.

With transfer learning you take a pre-trained model and use it (adapt it) to a new task. Because pre-training the model is quite expensive, the idea of transfer learning is the following: can we re-use some of the knowledge learned during the pre-training process and apply it to a new task that benefits from that knowledge?

Transfer learning is not a new idea, it just became more common with modern neural networks that are large and costly to pre-train. Let us understand with an example:

Imagine you have a model (a smart system) that has already been trained to understand and process language by reading lots of text, such as books, articles, and websites. This initial training is like teaching

the model everything it can about language – grammar, vocabulary, and common ways words are used together. This process is called pre-training, and it takes a lot of time and resources, like how a person might study for years to become an expert in a subject.

Now, instead of starting from scratch every time you want the model to do something specific (like answering questions or summarizing documents), you can take this pre-trained model and adapt it for a new task. This approach is called transfer learning.

With transfer learning, we take the model that’s already learned general language skills and fine-tune or adjust it for a new task. Think of it like hiring an experienced writer to write for your blog. The writer already knows how to write well, so you only need to teach them the specific topic or style you want for your blog.

Transfer learning helps save time and resources because you’re building on top of existing knowledge. This concept isn’t new, but with today’s large and complex models (like LLMs [Large Language Models]), it has become more popular because these models take a lot of time and computing power to train from scratch.

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It is with heavy heart that we announce the passing of Vincent Cortese Jr., surrounded by his loved ones in the home he built. A man who truly embodied the meaning of hard work, generosity, and devotion to family.

Born on April 7, 1934, in San Jose, California, to Rose and Vince Cortese, Vincent was fiercely proud of his Sicilian heritage.

He grew up alongside his four beloved siblings, Dom, Jerome, Lena, and John, on the family's vast fruit orchards and cattle ranch, known as The Cortese Bros.

From a young age, Vincent displayed an unparalleled work ethic, becoming renowned as one of the best tree pruners of his time.

Vincent was not only a master of the land but also a self-taught mechanic, always eager to solve problems with his hands and ingenuity. His love for work was matched only by his love for life. When he wasn't in the orchards, he could be found playing softball, trap and skeet shooting, working on cars, or enjoying the thrill of water and snow skiing. He had a deep passion for the outdoors, whether it was hunting with friends or following his favorite sports teams—the San Francisco Giants, 49ers, and Golden State Warriors. His sense of adventure extended to traveling the world, often with an invention idea swirling in his mind, and he



was known to be surrounded by famous entertainers throughout his life.

Vincent attended Pala Elementary and graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory 1952 then went on to San Jose State. In 1954, he met the love of his life, Colleen.

The two were married on September 28, 1957, in a beautiful ceremony at the Cathedral in Reno, NV—after waiting for the prune season to finish, of course. In May of 1960, they were blessed with their daughter Teresa, who became the light of his life. Throughout the years, Vincent and Colleen opened their home to many world exchange students, who grew to become part of their extended family.

Vincent was known for his unwavering generosity.

Whether it was donating to the church or supporting various charities, he never hesitated to lend a hand when it was needed "I always tried to help people". Above all else, his family was his greatest pride and joy. He was thrilled to witness his three grandchildren, Makaela, Joe, and Gino, grow into remarkable adults, and cherished the moments he spent with his great-grandchildren, Vincenzo, Kaelahni, and Julian.

Vincent Cortese Jr.'s legacy of love, hard work, and generosity will be carried on by his family for generations to come. He was truly one of the greatest men to walk this earth, and his presence will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.

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## San Jose planning commission gives green light to new Kaiser hospital

By William Bellou  
Publisher

San Jose's planning commission has approved Kaiser Permanente to redevelop its medical campus and build a state-of-the-art hospital which will begin construction in 2025.

Kaiser's plans include a 110-foot-tall, 685,000-square-foot hospital, energy center, and five-story parking lot at 250 Hospital Parkway. The new facility, which would be one of the first all-electric hospitals in the state, is 435,000 square feet larger than the current building and increases bed capacity from 247 to 303.

Kaiser is making the decision to



redevelop the campus rather than spend money on the existing hospital to meet 2030 seismic standards.

"I think it's an exciting project," said District 8 Commissioner Dilpreet Bhandal. "Kaiser is reinvesting dollars into the current facility and there's a net increase in beds and everybody gets their own room in the new structure."

Senior land use manager Tina Wehrmeister said that Kaiser will keep the current hospital up and running until construction is completed and will eventually demolish the building.

## Symphony San Jose and Chorale San Jose perform classical music's scariest hits at California Theater October 26-27

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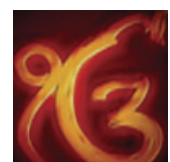
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