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Voters pass Measure N & Measure X

By Times Media staff writers

Several Santa Clara County school districts will receive more revenue thanks to resounding voter approval of bond measures and parcel taxes.

Four bond measures and two parcel tax proposals are anticipated to provide millions of dollars to repair old buildings, build affordable workforce housing and expand student programs.

For bond measures to pass, a 55% voter approval is needed to pass, while parcel taxes require two-thirds or 66.67% voter approval to pass.

Measure N — East Side Union High School District

East Side Union High School District's (ESUHSD) \$49 parcel tax has sailed to victory on Nov. 5, 2024.

The tax will begin in fiscal year 2025-26 and continue for five years, generating about \$6.4 million per year. A citizens' oversight committee will monitor it to

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Evergreen Valley High School's Girls Cross Country takes 2nd at CCS

Sophomore Nora Carino sets new school record with time of 18:20

William Bellou
Publisher

Evergreen Valley High School's Girls Cross Country team finished second to a strong Mountain View High team and earned a berth at the CIF State Cross Country Championships.

Evergreen Valley High School's Girls Cross Country team entered the season with high expectations after last year's Central Coast Section (CCS) Division I Championship.

Despite dealing with some early season injuries, the team was prepared for the CCS competition at Crystal Springs, CA on Nov. 16th.

The team finished second to a strong Mountain View High team and earned a berth at the CIF State Cross Country Championships at Woodward Park, Fresno which takes place Nov. 30th.

Sophomore **Nora Carino** established a new school record for the Crystal Springs course with an impressive time of 18:20, while her teammate Sophomore **Sivani Kaliki** finished just behind her in second place at 18:32, earning the third-fastest time in school history. Junior **Autumn Pacheco** also made her mark, finishing in 14th place with a time of 19:31.

The team showcased its depth with three runners in the top 15 and strong performances from Freshman **Annika Singh** (21st), Senior **Ramneek Kaur** (25th), Senior **Idee Chang** (53rd), and Freshman **Tanisha Bhugra** (56th).

Coaches **Adelaido Solis** and **Antonio Pacheco** praised the team's resilience and determination, stating: "We are very proud of what our runners have achieved this season. These varsity girls in particular have attained new levels of success because of their resolve and passion for the sport. Their determination is evident in their consistent hard work displayed at training and in finding joy in the act of running itself. Their future in the sport is very promising, as they continue to strive for more success."



Evergreen Valley High School's Girls Cross Country team earned a berth at the CIF State Championships.



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This concert will also feature a winner from the 2024 Young Artists' Competition, proudly sponsored by the San Jose Symphony Foundation*. Outstanding young soloist, Angela Liu, violinist, will perform Bériot's Scène de Ballet for Violin and Orchestra.

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Holidays bring a spirit of gratitude

By Domingo Candelas

With Thanksgiving around the corner, we are once again at the beginning of the holiday season.

During this time of year, we gather with our family and friends to reflect on all we are grateful to have in our lives.

One thing I am grateful for is the community support we saw in helping make this year's San Jose Veteran's Day Parade possible and I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our veterans whose courage and sacrifice allow us to enjoy the freedoms we hold dear.

In the spirit of the holidays, I am excited to be hosting a variety of upcoming events. This is my favorite time of year, and I wel-

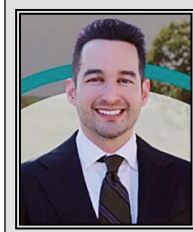
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Domingo Candelas,
District 8 Councilmember

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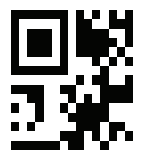
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East San Jose development could add hundreds of affordable homes

By **Vicente Vera**
San José Spotlight

East San Jose could be home to one of the city's largest affordable housing developments in recent history under a new proposal.

City leaders hosted a Nov. 18 community meeting and discussed a proposed 100% affordable housing development at 2940 Alum Rock Ave., just across from James Lick High School. The 50,900-square-foot development would construct 400 homes and demolish two vacant buildings to make way for a 6-story multi-family residential building. About 319 homes will be for residents who make 80% of the average median income — which in Santa Clara County is \$181,300 for a family of four or \$126,900 for an individual. Residents who make 50% of the area median income will qualify for 39 homes, and those considered “extremely low” income also qualify for 39 homes.

The development is expected to have a public hearing early next year.

District 5 Councilmember Peter Ortiz, who represents the area, said his office is working with developer, The Pacific Companies, to mitigate impacts and pursue a potential community benefits package — including an art studio incubator to elevate and enhance culture around the Alum Rock corridor.

“In addition, my office is working on proposals to address growing parking concerns from large projects such as this one, to make sure affordable housing doesn't come at the expense of livability for East San Jose working families,” Ortiz told San José Spotlight.

Members of the Alum Rock Village Action Committee have expressed concerns about parking and neighborhood wellness, pointing out a neighboring 63-apartment affordable housing project proposed by Charities Housing. Committee representative Shannon Sapien said the group is actively engaging with both developers.

“They have shown an openness to making sure the structures blend seamlessly with one another, creating a cohesive and attractive streetscape. In addition, we have emphasized the importance of green spaces within the developments, and both developers have expressed a commitment to incorporating more landscaping and open areas to enhance the livability and environmental quality of the site,” Sapien told San José Spotlight. “This ongoing dialogue is a crucial part of ensuring that the new developments serve both the practical and cultural needs of our community.”

The property, owned by National Retail Properties, was once home to a drive-in burger restaurant called The Golden Point before the location came to the attention of The Pacific Companies earlier this year. The city planning department said the proj-

ect is among those with the highest number of proposed affordable homes.

Darren Berberian, business developer of The Pacific Companies, said it's too early in the process to talk about potential financing options for the ambitious development.

“We are very excited to bring this much needed workforce housing to the city of San Jose. We are looking forward to seeing this community come to fruition,” Berberian told San José Spotlight.

Mathew Reed, policy director of housing advocacy group SV@Home, said this is an opportunity to bring more affordable homes into a neighborhood where existing residents are struggling to afford the homes they're living in. Mixed-income developments create opportunities for a range of people, he said.

“We have thousands of people who are spending more than they can afford on rent, and we need to continue providing real opportunities for those who are considered

middle class — but are nonetheless struggling with rent payments in our community,” Reed told San José Spotlight.

He also highlighted the city's recently-passed tenant preferences program to fight displacement that gives preferences to existing residents by location. New or acquired affordable housing projects that are city funded or have city-negotiated development agreements must allocate 15% of homes for low-income residents who live in the same district and 20% for those who come from a district with high displacement rates, according to the policy.

Reed said he's confident a good amount of affordable housing will be preserved to meet the immediate needs of the Alum Rock neighborhood residents.

We need to build housing everywhere, and the long-term solutions to affordability are going to be a mix of building a lot more housing everywhere, and subsidized housing,” said Reed.



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Second Harvest planning for future

Food bank again looking for new headquarters site

By William Bellou
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Silicon Valley's non-profit food bank, Second Harvest, is again pursuing the construction of a modern headquarters and warehouse in San Jose after shuttering its warehouse facility due to an increase in rent.

The decision to establish a new headquarters was made after Second Harvest prevailed in a lawsuit that had sought to derail the project. Santa Clara County court dismissed the lawsuit with prejudice in June, 2023.

Organizacion Comunidad de Alviso, a South Bay group headed up by local activist Mark Espinosa, had claimed in its lawsuit filed in 2022 that city officials acted improperly when they approved the food bank's proposed warehouse in north San Jose.

Second Harvest can now proceed with its headquarters and warehouse plans — although the project may well be revised.

"We are making progress on our new unified headquarters," said Diane Baker Hayward, a spokesperson for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley.

The proposed headquarters, office and warehouse complex would be built at 4553 and 4563 North First St.

The revamped plans for a new headquarters emerge at a time when Second Harvest has decided to shut its warehouse at 528 Brennan St. in San Jose because it was facing a rent hike there. The non-profit has been using the warehouse for volunteer production shifts and to store equipment, supplies and food.

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LIVING HOPE APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES
<https://www.livinghopeam.org>
Village Square Branch Library (4001 Evergreen Village Square San Jose, CA 95135). (408) 592-7562
Pastor Shelia Sapp "Worship Service and Dinner" (Community Room) 10/29/23 at 3:00pm. "Bible Study" (Group Study Room) every Saturday at 12:00pm
OUR MISSION: Evangelizing our community and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. OUR MINISTRY: Training ministers on how to use their love for God to reach those in need of His love. OUR PASSION: Transforming lives within our community with God's love.

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.



EVERGREEN ISLAMIC CENTER (EIC)
<http://www.eicsan-jose.org>
2486 Ruby Ave, San Jose CA 95148. (408) 239-6668
"As-Salaamu-Alaikum" the English meaning is "Peace be upon you".
Q) What is Islam, who are Muslims, and what is the Quran?
A) Islam is a faith and way of life. Islam began in the 7th century. People who follow Islam are known as Muslims. The Quran is the Divine book that guides Muslims to

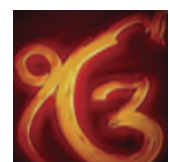
practice Islam. "Hufazik Allah Waeayilatak" the English meaning is " May Allah (swt) protect you and your family". Please visit our website to learn more.



GRACE CHURCH OF EVERGREEN
www.GraceChurchEvergreen.Com
408-274-1200
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2650 Aborn Rd at Kettmann, across from the Public Library. Serving Evergreen for over 55 years.
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HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
Faith.Knowledge. Community - this is our

promise to our members. If you are looking for an active Christian faith community, we invite you to experience Holy Spirit Parish Community. All are welcome! We are located at 1200 Redmond Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office.



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SAN JOSE GURDWARA
3636 Gurdwara Ave. San Jose, CA 95148

The word Sikh (see-kh) means "disciple" or "student." A Sikh is a practitioner of the faith founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak in Punjab of old British India. A Guru who is a "teacher" or "enlightener" completes the relationship of teaching and learning. Sikhism is monotheistic and stresses the equality of all men and women. Sikhs believe in three basic principles; meditating on the name of God (praying), earning a living by honest means and sharing the fruits of one's labor with others. Currently there are close to one million Sikhs living in the USA and Canada and 25 million Sikhs living around the world. Sikhism is the 5th largest religion in the world. At the Gurdwara (House of God) in San Jose we welcome all. We pray daily for peace and prosperity for everybody in the world. Come to visit and enjoy Langer (food) in our kitchen which is open 365 days of the year and serves complementary vegetarian meals. We also encourage you to enter our history room

on site and walk the beautiful grounds. Learn more about us and community events we sponsor by visiting our website; <http://www.SanJoseGurdwara.org>

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135
408-223-1562.
www.stfrancisofassisi.com
or www.stfrancisofassisipreschool.org
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 Pre-school 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:
St. Francis of Assisi Chapel: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass
St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall
Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM
Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road
Sunday 9:30 AM
The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium) Sunday

8:15 AM
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!



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THE POINT CHURCH
3695 Rose Terrace Cir San Jose, CA 95148
(408) 270-7646
English Service: Sundays at 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Spanish Service: 11:00 AM
Cambodian Service: 11:00 AM
Cantonese Service: 11:00 AM
Mandarin Service: 11:00AM
Youth Extreme Point (7th-12th grade): Every Saturday at 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

To place a worship listing, email times@timesmediainc.com

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