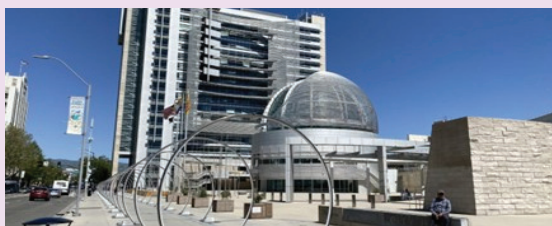


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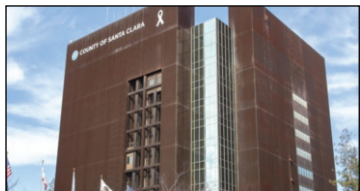
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The Santa Clara County Government Center is located at 70 W. Hedding St. in San Jose. File photo.

Santa Clara County tax measure wins lawsuit, stays on ballot

By Brandon Pho
San José Spotlight

Santa Clara County's 11th hour sales tax measure is moving forward — but the fate of its public hospitals might come down to several words.

A judge has ordered county officials to strike President Donald Trump's name from the ballot language as a reason for approving a five-eighths cent sales tax hike for the county hospital system. Superior Court Judge Carol Overton's Friday ruling also requires other edits to language that taxpayer advocates challenged as misleading and biased.

For instance, county leaders agreed to revise a line originally framing the tax as "protecting" against unprecedented Trump administration funding cuts. It will now say the tax would "address" those cuts. The ballot language's mention of Trump will be replaced with "the President."

County leaders are lauding the ruling and argue the new ballot language will look "substantively identical" to the one approved by the Board of Supervisors.

"Let me put it this way — everyone knows who the President of the United States is and who the president is who signed the law that has cut almost a trillion dollars from Medicaid," County Executive James Williams told San José Spotlight. "The fact that it says the president instead of President Trump — I don't think anyone

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Cancer survivor **Alex Camp** and her husband **Kyle**, at this year's Cancer CAREpoint annual Garden Party. Alex is AVAC's Tennis and Pickleball Office Supervisor.

AVAC hosts Dink4Pink fundraiser to fight against breast cancer

October 4 charity event brings pickleball community together to raise \$50,000, benefiting Cancer CAREpoint, a nonprofit supporting Bay Area cancer patients, survivors and families

By William Bellou
Publisher

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the award-winning Almaden Valley Athletic Club (AVAC), will rally the community and its love of pickleball to fight against breast cancer during its Dink4Pink charity event held Saturday, October 4th from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Heart of the Event

Every year, thousands of women are diagnosed with breast cancer, and it's not just happening to middle-aged or older women. AVAC's Tennis and Pickleball Office Super-

visor, Alex Camp, was diagnosed with breast cancer at 35. Considered 'too young' for screenings, which typically start at 40, she had to advocate hard for imaging. Soon after, doctors confirmed she had breast cancer that had already spread to her lymph nodes despite being in an early stage.

While she's cancer free today, her journey was one of the most challenging life events she's had to navigate. Cancer CAREpoint, a local nonprofit offering free support and resources to patients, survivors, families and caregivers, was a vital part of her support

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San Jose named safest major U.S. city, study finds

Officials celebrate ranking but acknowledge ongoing challenges

By William Bellou
Publisher

San Jose is recognized as the nation's safest major city, according to a new report by financial technology company SmartAsset.

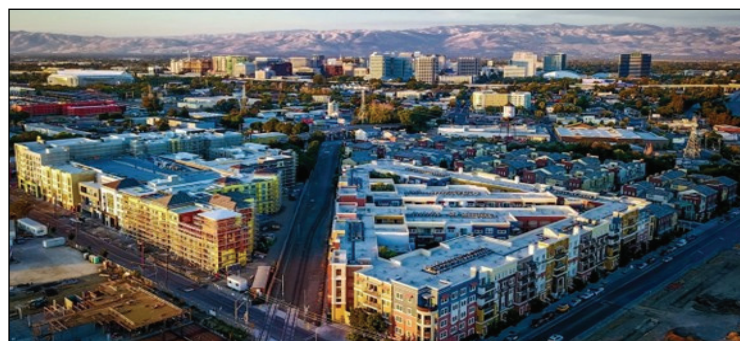
The study ranked San Jose first

among the 50 largest U.S. cities, based on a variety of metrics including violent crime rates, traffic fatalities, median income, and housing costs.

SmartAsset's analysis found that San Jose boasts the third lowest rate of violent crimes and the fifth lowest rate of property crimes in the country. Los Angeles and Fort Worth, Texas, took second and third place, respectively. The study also examined vehicular mortality, drug overdose deaths, and the percentage of the population reporting excessive drinking, using data from the FBI's 2023 Uniform Crime Reporting Database and the 2025 County Health Rankings.

Mayor Matt Mahan said public

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San Jose has been recognized as the nation's safest major city.



Party time!

Sam Seibert, a retired captain who served with the San Jose Fire Department for 30 years celebrates his 106th birthday celebration at the San Jose Fire Museum on Aug. 26. Siebert is most likely the oldest known living firefighter in the United States. "The years have been good to me," says Seibert, who retired in 1976. He was joined by generations of family and friends.

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will be confused about what’s going on and why we’re in the situation we’re in.”

Yet over the last three days both sides have been splitting hairs over phrasing — in some cases over single words — balancing the need to explain the tax measure’s purpose with concerns about prejudicing voters.

“It sort of boggles the mind,” Overton said in court Wednesday. “I know there are very educated and diligent people in this county ... but in our profession we wordsmith all the time. Is that the way most of the public sees things?”

Chris Robell, a San Mateo County resident who has sued to stop various tax and bond measures across the Bay Area, is a co-plaintiff in the lawsuit alongside Santa Clara County residents. He said the revisions are a step in the right direction, but the language is still biased.

“The ballot question is argumentative and full of reasons to vote ‘Yes.’ What they’re putting on the question is too similar to what is on their argument in favor,” Robell told San José Spotlight. “I believe this thing should state very simply, ‘Shall the taxpayers of Santa Clara County adopt a .625% sales tax increase measure for general fund purposes?’”

Robell said he wouldn’t have as much of an issue with the measure, known as Measure A, if it was a special tax.

“It’s a general tax. Is health care really the nature of the measure?” Robell said.

“They can and probably will spend the money on other things, such as unfunded pension liabilities and raises.”

County elections officials will implement the ordered changes and proceed with ballot printing, translation and proofreading.

“Since we have not yet gone to print on ballots, voter guides or related materials, there is no need to reprint as long as any court ordered changes are timely,” Michael Borja, spokesperson for the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, told San José Spotlight.

The county is looking at \$1.5 billion in health care and social safety net program losses over the next few years after Congress passed H.R. 1, otherwise known as Trump’s “One Big Beautiful Bill.” Meanwhile, the costs of the county’s public hospital system – California’s second largest – continue to grow. County leaders have said this is not a loss they can budget through, and higher taxes alone won’t solve the issue.

But a lawsuit from leaders of the Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association and Libertarian Party said the county unlawfully placed the measure on the ballot. They argue the federal cuts don’t constitute an emergency allowing for a sales tax vote on a non-general election year.

Overton’s ruling disagreed — though all sides in court acknowledged a lack of legislative clarity in California on the definition of an “emergency.”

Opponents say the measure reads as if the tax revenue is restricted to the county health care system. In reality, the proposed tax is a general tax which requires a lower approval threshold — a simple majority — and is easier to pass. It also gives the county more spending discretion. A special tax, which would restrict the spending of revenue, requires a higher approval threshold or a two-thirds supermajority.

Michael Elliott, executive director of non-

profit Valley Health Foundation, which was set up to fundraise and lobby for the county health care system, is chairing the campaign committee in support of the county ballot measure. He said the ruling doesn’t change Measure A’s objective.

“Trump supporters and defenders of the so-called ‘Big Beautiful Bill’ fought to remove Trump’s name from the ballot question because they know Santa Clara County voters reject the Trump agenda and strongly support public health,” Elliott said in a statement in reaction to the ruling. “We will not let the Big Beautiful Bill — or those who defend it — stand in the way of public health and the care our community relies on.”

Safest

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safety remains a major concern for residents. “So many people told me they wanted to see San Jose become the safest big city in the nation once again,” Mahan wrote on social media. “I still think we have a long way to go — but the progress we’ve made is all thanks to the San Jose Police Department.”

Key findings from the report include:

- Violent crime rate: 0.0053 per capita
- Property crime rate: 0.026 per capita
- Traffic deaths: Seven per 100,000 residents
- Drug overdose deaths: 17 per 100,000 residents
- Excessive drinking: 17.8% of the population

San Jose Police Department spokesperson Sgt. Jorge Garibay expressed gratitude for the recognition, attributing it to both departmental efforts and community engagement. “Our homicide unit’s near-perfect solve rate over the past several years demonstrates that commitment,” Garibay said, citing a 100% homicide clearance rate over the past three years. “But we know public safety is never a fixed achievement, and as San Jose grows, our focus remains on innovation, strong community partnerships, and staying ahead of tomorrow’s challenges.”

While Mahan has highlighted San Jose’s safety record—particularly its lower homicide rate compared to cities like Oakland and San Francisco—justice advocates urge consideration of broader safety indicators such as traffic fatalities and economic hardship. San Jose is consistently ranked among the nation’s most expensive cities, with high utility bills and housing costs.

SmartAsset’s report did account for traffic fatalities. The city has implemented multiple road safety initiatives, including the Vision Zero program, which outlines a five-year strategy aimed at reducing fatalities by enhancing infrastructure with safer roads, sidewalks, and bike lanes.

Councilmember Tordillos, who secured his seat in August special elections, praised the city’s strong performance in traffic-related safety metrics. He emphasized that public safety extends beyond crime statistics, highlighting ongoing efforts to expand downtown’s bike lane network and improve traffic calming measures on high-risk roads.

“Safety isn’t just about data—it’s about how people feel,” Tordillos told San José Spotlight. “I know we still have room for improvements on that front, and ensuring that every resident feels safe at home, on our streets, and visiting downtown is one of my top priorities.”



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San Jose City Hall is pictured in this file photo.

San Jose leaders want higher limit for gifts

By **Brandon Pho***San José Spotlight*

San Jose elected leaders are set to raise how much they can accept in gifts from business and labor interests — arguing it will save taxpayers money.

The City Council on Tuesday will decide whether to raise its gift limits from \$50 to \$200, which equates to a higher number of free meals or tickets they can receive at networking luncheons, business conferences and nonprofit celebrations. The item is on the consent agenda, meaning it will be approved without discussion — unless an official pulls it to discuss with colleagues.

Councilmembers argue the current limits force them to pay out of their taxpayer-funded council office budgets, as the cumulative value of ticketed events they attend can exceed \$50.

"Many of us attend the Chamber of Commerce barbecue. The South Bay Labor Council holds an annual event," Councilmember David Cohen told San José Spotlight. "It makes a lot of sense for us to attend events like that, but it doesn't make sense to use taxpayer dollars to go to these events, which we could be spending on other things in the community."

Sean McMorris, a leading political transparency expert with California Common Cause, said the proposed \$200 ceiling is not unreasonable. But he questions the urgency

of using public funds for networking events.

"Elected government officials do not have to use taxpayer money to attend business luncheons, nonprofit celebrations and other networking events," McMorris told San José Spotlight. "They could pay to attend such events out of their own pocket, and if the purpose for attending is related to campaigning, then they may be able to use campaign funds."

The \$50 gift limit has been in place since 2004. City staff in 2017 initially recommended councilmembers match their gift limits with the state, which currently sits at \$630 and automatically increases.

"The council was uncomfortable. They weren't ready to get to that level," Cohen said. "The \$200 limit allows us to do events and not have some outrageous level of gifts we can accept."

McMorris said San Jose's policy is decent, but suggests the city add a provision specifically outlining further gift restrictions from lobbyists. California's Political Reform Act bars elected state officials from accepting gifts from lobbyists worth more than \$10.

San José Spotlight previously uncovered how lobbyists with powerful clients in the heart of Silicon Valley often meet with officials without fully disclosing what's discussed — even after these issues were made public.

"I think it would be beneficial for at least a very low gift limit, for example prohibiting lobbyists from giving gifts of more than \$10 per month," McMorris said. "It is a decent law. I just don't see anything specifically for lobbyists."

Sandra Day O'Connor Institute High School Civics Program honors America 250

Civics & Debate Club engages students nationwide

12th grade students graduating 2026 may apply for the \$5,000 scholarship

By **William Bellou***Publisher*

The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute is proud to announce that its O'Connor Institute Ambassadors Civics & Debate Club is now open for registration for local high schools.

The high school virtual extracurricular program will focus on America's founding and the Bill of Rights during the 2025-2026

school year.

Meeting via Zoom, students from across the country have the chance to connect through dynamic discussions, participate in small-group breakout debates, and gain valuable insights from policymakers, elected officials, and subject-matter experts. The program was developed for teens to foster civil discourse, expand civic knowledge, and prepare the next generation of leaders to become engaged citizens.

"The Sandra Day O'Connor youth programs embody our mission to promote multigenerational civics education, civic engagement, and civil discourse," said Philip L. Francis, O'Connor Institute Board of Directors Chair. "We believe young people are eager to lead,

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TIMING, TURNOUT, FATIGUE**Passing redistricting plan uphill battle for governor**By **Larry N. Gerston**

California Gov. Gavin Newsom's idea to fight Texas's overtly partisan Republican congressional redistricting plan with a partisan Democratic response may sound good to some in theory but falls short.

Whereas the Texas state legislature is empowered to carve new congressional district lines, California carries out redistricting via an independent state commission which is much less partisan.

That difference is crucial inasmuch as the only way for California to change its redistricting process is for the state's voters to approve a Newsom-proposed and state legislature-produced ballot proposition to temporarily allow the California legislature to redistrict here.

If passed, California's new maps could provide five new potential Democratic seats to match five Republican seats in Texas, thereby keeping the totals in the House of Representatives with a slim Republican majority.

The showdown is set for November 4, but the outcome may fall short of proponents' hopes.

Three factors suggest that the

redistricting advocates may have their hands full: a potential weak voter turnout, a galvanized Republican opposition and Democratic voter fatigue.

Voter turnout is often a predictor of election results. Commonly, the higher the turnout, the better Democrats do.

But the coming election on November 4, is an off-year election when neither a presidential nor gubernatorial race heads the ballot.

Because there is no major race, turnout is likely to be very low.

Past California election data make the point.

According to the California Secretary of State's office, in 2009, the last statewide special election, voter turnout was an anemic 28.4%, compared with 79.4% in the 2008 presidential race and 59.6% for the 2010 governor's race. The 2009 special election had seven different ballot proposals. The November 4, 2025 election has only one. Given the state's voter history, there is every reason to expect that turnout will be low and that may contribute to failure of the ballot proposition to carry.

Regarding the second concern, a

galvanized Republican opposition, data here also suggest problems for the proposition's supporters. Over the past three presidential elections, California voters have increased their support for Donald Trump. In 2016, Trump received 31.6% of the state's vote; in 2020, 34.3%; and in 2024, 38.3%.

The state's voter registration data may not show much of a change, but clearly there is a trend of growing Republican strength in the state.

Although 38.3% of the vote is nowhere near a majority, in a low turnout Republicans over-perform while Democrats under-perform.

The third concern focuses on voter fatigue.

Again, we turn to voter turnout data which in 2024 showed distinct differences between Democrats and Republicans. According to a 2024 survey conducted by the Center for Inclusive Democracy at USC, reduced voter turnout in California varied by political party. Whereas 12.5% fewer Republicans voted in the November 2024 election, 16% fewer Democrats voted. In other words, Democrats were less engaged than Republicans.

Put these signs together and we

see that victory for proponents in the 2025 redistricting election may be a tall order. Recent reduced voter turnouts, Republican vote gains and diminished interest by Democrats present a potentially powerful challenge to advocates.

Early polls offer little help in predicting the outcome.

A survey by Politico finds the proposition losing 64% to 36%. On the other hand, a survey by Gavin Newsom's pollster finds the proposition carrying by almost equally lopsided margin of 57% to 35%. How do we explain the discrepancy? The answer may come through who decides to vote. On that, the Democrats would seem to have a serious problem.

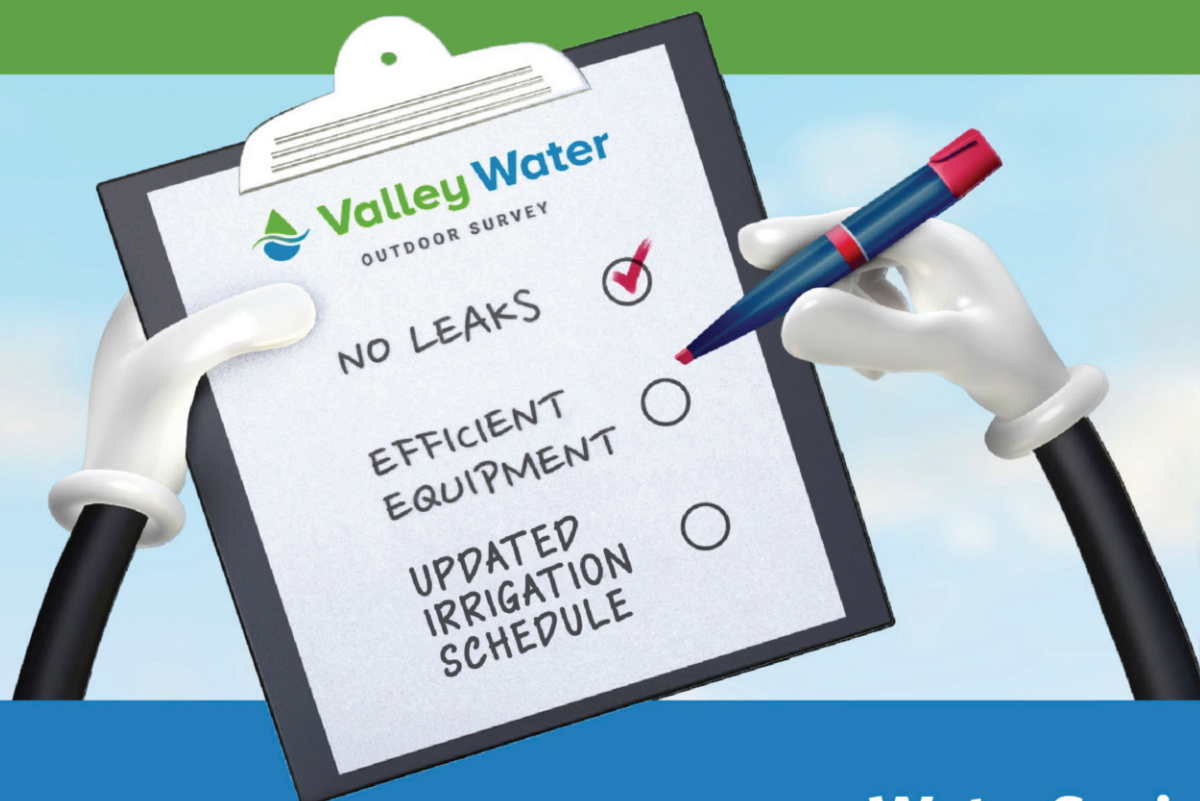
Remember the proverb about not counting chickens before they hatch?

Just because Newsom and the Democratic legislature have placed the redistricting proposition on the ballot doesn't mean they have hatched a politically viable idea.

Passage may help Newsom's effort to gain the Democratic presidential nomination. But if it fails, Newsom may see his presidential hopes dashed.

Larry N. Gerston is political science professor emeritus at San Jose State University and the lead author of "California Politics and Government: A Practical Approach."

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Mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus are detected in San Jose

The county will conduct spraying treatments in affected areas

By William Bellou

Publisher

Mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus have been detected in San Jose for the first time this year resulting in the spraying by the Santa Clara County Mosquitoes and Vector Control District.

Spraying treatments were conducted on August 29 to control the population of adult mosquitoes who carry the virus for 3-4 hours encompassing zip codes 95118, 95124, 95125 and 95136. The treatments include the pesticide Zenivex which is approved by both state and federal environmental protection agencies.

"Protecting our community from West Nile virus is one of our top priorities," Dr. Nayer Zahiri, manager of the Mosquito and Vector Control District, said in a statement. "Our licensed technicians are in the field year-round, monitoring and treating areas where mosquitoes breed, helping to lower

the risk of disease and keep Santa Clara County safe for everyone."

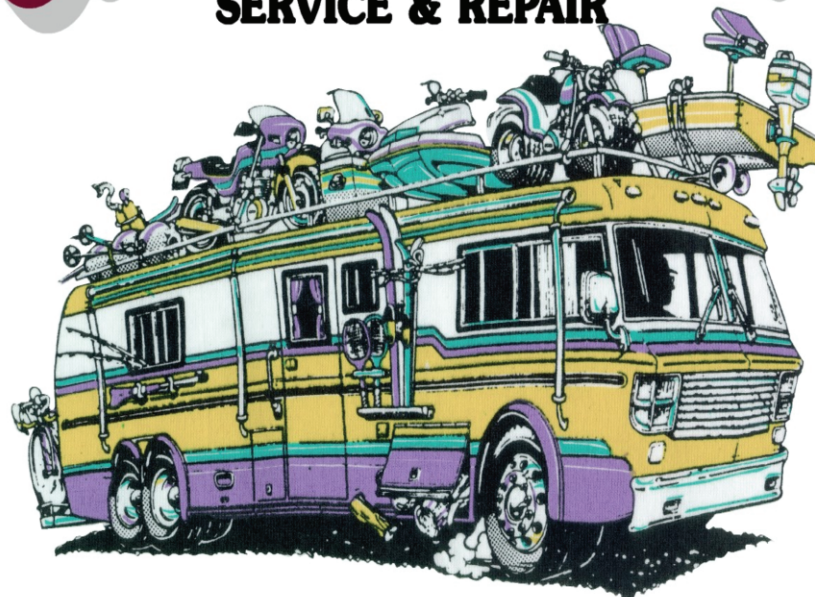
"The district anticipates that detections of West Nile-positive mosquitoes will increase in the coming weeks, as mosquitoes thrive in the warm weather of the summer and early fall," officials said.

West Nile virus can cause symptoms including tremors, paralysis, fever, muscle weakness, disorientation, joint pain, body aches, diarrhea, rash and vomiting, officials said. It is the most serious disease carried by mosquitoes in the county.



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San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan said the city is ready to host global audiences in 2026, including Super Bowl 60, FIFA World Cup and other events. Photo by B. Sakura Cannestra.

San Jose pulls out all the stops for 2026 sports bonanza

By **B. Sakura Cannestra**
San José Spotlight

With major sports events bringing worldwide attention to Silicon Valley in 2026, San Jose is preparing to host a global audience and dazzle its residents.

City leaders are pulling out all the stops to ensure San Jose get the recognition and economic benefits as it hosts a slate of sports events, including the Super Bowl 60, NCAA March Madness and FIFA World Cup. City leaders and event organizers launched a website Thursday for visitors and residents to navigate the action. It's San Jose's latest effort to build fan momentum in the South Bay.

"We'll be on the center stage and we will remind visitors that the Bay Area is the greatest place in the world," Mayor Matt Mahan said at a recent press conference.

Mahan said this is the first time one metro area has hosted the Super Bowl and World Cup in the same year, so they're expecting half a million visitors. The series of events will officially kick off this November, with the National Women's Soccer League Championships hosted at PayPal Park.

When Levi's Stadium hosted Super Bowl 50 in 2016, reports found the Bay Area saw a \$240 million boost to the local economy — San Jose, however, only saw 12% of those economic benefits, while 57% went to San Francisco. Santa Clara, where the stadium is located, only saw 7% of the benefits.

The stakes are higher this time around, and city officials don't want to lose out. San Jose leaders have gone all out to make sure the city capitalizes on this rare 2026 opportunity.

"We are going to do things differently this time," Mahan said. "Not that we did anything wrong last time, but we believe we have more to offer, and we can take better advantage of these big events."

John Poch, San Jose Sports Authority executive director, said teams participating in major events will be flying into San Jose Mineta International Airport, staying in downtown San Jose and practicing at local stadiums, including PayPal Park and San Jose State University.

San Jose unveiled these icons alongside its 2026 major events marketing strategy while at the San José Mineta International Airport. Photo by B. Sakura Cannestra.

The San Jose City Council saw a presentation with planning updates Tuesday. It includes more than 100 watch parties, 13 concerts with national headliners and 13 after dark light shows. Most will be at downtown venues.

So far, the city has been focusing on events in and around downtown neighborhoods, but councilmembers are interested in bringing the festivities to neighborhoods in other districts. A memo from Councilmembers Pamela Campos, Domingo Candelas, David Cohen and Bien Doan ask for more information on how much the city is investing to support events happening in other neighborhoods.

Cohen represents the North San Jose neighborhoods closest to Levi's Sta-

dium. He wants to have more conversations about supporting those small businesses near the stadium. He said the city could support neighborhood events by promoting them.

"It does make sense that we want to attract people downtown," Cohen said. "The purpose of our memo on Tuesday was just to reinforce that there are other places in the city with people who would enjoy attending events related to the Super Bowl and particularly the World Cup, and we want to make sure the city doesn't neglect to consider that in the strategy."

Mahan said it would be too big a task for the city to have a hand in every event but encouraged community groups and businesses to host events in their neighborhoods to continue festivities.

Bay Area Host Committee CEO and President Zaileen Janmohamed said the host committee published a playbook with guidelines for local businesses and community groups hoping to organize their own events.

The city has been sprucing up its downtown for the past year in preparation for the crowds, with improved signage and more public art. The San Jose Downtown Association unveiled its first "stitching districts" project along Santa Clara Street earlier this month, with 17 projects along the four-block stretch between Market and Fourth streets.

Club

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and these programs provide the knowledge and skills to do just that."

In addition to virtual club gatherings throughout the school year, Ambassadors are encouraged to volunteer in their communities. Members in the 12th grade, set to graduate in spring 2026, are eligible to apply for the \$5,000 scholarship from the John Jay Fetzer Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship benefits seniors who demonstrate

exceptional academic achievement, leadership, civil debate skills, civics knowledge and community service.

"We are thrilled to provide our nation's youth an opportunity to learn more about our nation's form of government," said Sarah Suggs, President and CEO at the O'Connor Institute. "Our program includes scholarship opportunities, graduation cords and encourages volunteerism."

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Cars in the Park

The largest annual antique and classic auto show in the West

"A Living History Day" at History San Jose Sept. 13

The largest annual antique and classic auto show in the West will take place Saturday, September 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 25th annual Cars in the Park presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 693 Phelan Ave, San José, CA) with 200 period-correct through 1949 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles, and motorcycles of all makes.

Requirements for entering an antique or classic vehicle

There is no registration nor fee required to enter a vehicle. Just bring your antique vehicle to the gate at History Park. All vehicles permitted on the grounds of History Park, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. existed between the late 1800s through 1949 and are period-correct. No vehicle that doesn't meet these requirements will be allowed on the grounds of History Park during the show.

The featured vehicles this year are Race Cars and Speedsters through 1931.

Also located on the grounds will be the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association. There will be antique crafts demonstrated and antique collectibles displayed. The Silicon Gulch Dixieland Band will provide music. Listen to The Tonic Trio Singers singing songs from the '20s and '30s. See toy trains operated, take a trolley ride and see blacksmith demonstrations. Take a photo with an antique auto at the Associated Oil Company Service Station. Activities are provided for kids. Food will be available from food trucks. Ice cream is available at O'Brien's Ice Cream Parlor.

Dennis Mattish, author of six books on the history of auto racing in Northern and Central California will be on hand to give a presentation in the theater on racing in the Bay Area.

Mike Hennessy, owner of Hennessy Automotive and host of The Car Guy Channel will be the announcer for the popular Model T Put-together event.

Please note there is NO alcohol and NO BBQs allowed inside the Park. Dogs on leashes are allowed. These are Park rules and must be followed.

Event activity schedule

12:00 Music by the Silicon Gulch Dixieland Band

1:00 Presentation: Bay Area Auto Racing
2:00 The Tonic Trio Singers
2:30 Model T Put-Together
3:30 Drawing for Door Prizes

Fees:

Adults: \$ 10, Seniors: \$ 8, Children (6 to 12) & HSJ members: \$5. Participants & Children under 6: Free. Adjacent City Parking: \$10.

Dink4Pink

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system.

"Dink4Pink is a full circle moment for me," said Alex Camp, cancer survivor and AVAC's Tennis and Pickleball Office Supervisor. "A year ago, I never imagined I'd be here. I'm deeply grateful for the chance to give back to Cancer CAREpoint, an organization that's very close to my heart. I encourage everyone to sign up for the Dink-a-Thon and help us reach our goal of \$50,000 to make a real impact in the fight against breast cancer!"

Dink-a-Thon: Rally to Raise \$50,000

The charity event's main draw is the Dink-a-Thon, a pledge-based fundraiser that encourages participants to gather "per game pledges" before the event. On game day, they will have a 10-hour window of open play to get as many games in as they can, using their pledges as incentives. The event aims to raise \$50,000, with all proceeds going towards Cancer CAREpoint.

All levels are welcome, including beginners. AVAC will host complimentary begin-

ner clinics for adults and juniors (8 and older). Those who want more action can sign up to play in a one-point tournament where the first to win a single point advances to the next round, making it anyone's game.

Cheer, Watch & Connect

If you want to support the cause without playing come cheer on Dink-a-Thon participants, watch exhibition matches featuring local pros, bid in the silent auction, or try your luck in the raffle. Cancer CAREpoint representatives will also be onsite, sharing resources and answering questions.

"Whether cancer has touched your life or you simply want to support a meaningful cause, Dink4Pink is the place to be," said Josh, Director of Tennis and Pickleball at AVAC. "The event honors AVAC's tradition of bringing the community together and giving back to life-changing causes. We hope to see you there!"

For more information or to register for the Dink-a-Thon and start collecting pledges, visit www.avac.us/dink4pink



Dink4Pink Pickleball Fundraiser

Saturday, October 4th

Join us at the Almaden Valley Athletic Club as we use our love of Pickleball to fight against breast cancer with an all-day open play event!

Sign up and rally your family, friends and community to support your play with per-game pledges where every match helps raise funds for Cancer CAREpoint. This local non-profit provides free resources to Bay Area cancer patients and their families. All skill levels welcome!

Details: AVAC.US/Dink4Pink



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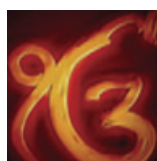
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