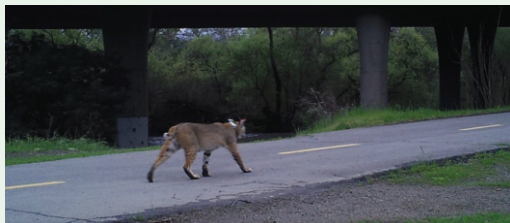


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San Jose Congressman **Sam Liccardo** speaks in Washington, D.C. He has secured nearly \$14 million in funds for projects in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Photo courtesy of Liccardo's office.

Congressman secures millions of dollars for Silicon Valley projects

By **Brandon Pho**
San José Spotlight

Dysfunction and federal funding cuts in Washington, D.C., aren't stopping one Silicon Valley lawmaker from getting money into his district.

Congressional District 16 Rep. Sam Liccardo — San Jose's former mayor — announced a nearly \$14 million infusion of federal cash into San Mateo and Santa Clara counties on Thursday. In Santa Clara County, that means affordable housing, flood protection, fire infrastructure and homeless service projects can move forward in San Jose, Mountain View, Palo Alto and Campbell.

Liccardo called the funds a "modest indication" of a larger shift underway in the governing halls of D.C.

"Republicans finally sat down with Democrats to craft these appropriations bills, rather than bulldozing a partisan bill against Dem opposition, as in the past," Liccardo told San José Spotlight. "This reflects the GOP's growing

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State of the City address is Feb. 7

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan will deliver his State of the City address downtown on Feb. 7, timed to the Super Bowl LX festivities for maximum attention.

Mahan is expected to highlight San Jose's progress in areas such as homelessness, public safety, and collaboration with Santa Clara County, the San Jose Sharks, and PG&E—relationships that have improved significantly since he took office.

The event features a morning service project downtown, with activities like painting the old Greyhound Bus station and improving Guadalupe River Park trails.



Mayor Matt Mahan is expected to highlight San Jose's progress in areas such as homelessness, public safety, and collaboration with Santa Clara County.

At noon, Mahan's speech will take place on the San Pedro Square entertainment stage, leveraging existing infrastructure to save costs. He also intends to address ongoing challenges, particularly housing affordability, citing issues like rising construction

costs.

With national attention on the South Bay during Super Bowl weekend, Mahan wants to underscore San Jose's leadership and achievements, encouraging residents to take pride in their city.

Proposed state budget shortchanges Santa Clara County

By **Sean Eastwood**
Times Media staff writer

Gov. Gavin Newsom is not shielding Silicon Valley counties from federal cuts to public health care. Instead, they question whether he's effectively enabling the president's agenda.

Governor Newsom's January budget message prioritizes fiscal prudence over new spending initiatives — including those designed to safeguard counties from potential funding losses for Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and other social safety net programs to protect the state's financial position amidst concerns about deficits.

Newsom's approach comes despite an unexpected \$42 billion revenue increase, which has mitigated the state's previously projected \$3 billion shortfall for the current year.

County officials and statewide policy experts express concern that Newsom's proposal compels local governments to manage the repercussions of H.R. 1, former President Trump's



California Gov. **Gavin Newsom** speaks during a campaign event on Proposition 50, which passed by a wide margin on Nov. 4, 2025. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

significant spending bill, which is expected to reduce county hospital and social services funding by an estimated \$1 billion annually. Should the Governor's plan be adopted during this summer's budget negotiations, counties may have to absorb the full costs of care for their most disadvantaged populations, increasing the risk of public hospital closures.

The proposal has drawn criticism from

observers who note a perceived disconnect between Newsom's public opposition to federal policy changes and the practical effects of his budget recommendations. "Not only is the governor's budget message not proactive—it's not even reactive. It's basically non-responsive to H.R. 1," stated County Executive James Williams in comments recently

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Construction of
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101 set for 2028

By Sean Eastwood
Times Media staff reporter

A design contract has been approved for a new wildlife crossing in Coyote Valley. Conservationists and transportation planners expect that construction on the project could begin by 2028, which if ap-proved will provide infrastructure for safe passage for animals across Highway 101, Monterey Road and Union Pacific rail lines in southern Santa Clara County.

On Jan. 8, the board of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority approved an \$8.7 million contract with HDR Engineering to begin the initial stages of design and planning for the passage, known as the U.S. 101/Monterey Road Wildlife Crossings Project.

The crossing will be located where Fisher Creek intersects Monterey Road.

"As Santa Clara County's congestion management agency, VTA works to keep our transportation network safe and efficient," Carolyn Gonot, VTA's general manager and



A new wildlife crossing to help mountain lions, American badger, California ground squirrels, black-tailed deer, northwestern pond turtles, California tiger salamanders, California red-legged frogs and bobcats cross Coyote Valley via Monterey Rd. to avoid traffic collisions. Photo courtesy of Peninsula Open Space Trust.

CEO, said in a statement. "Investing in wildlife crossings helps reduce collisions and ensures our roadways better coexist with the region's natural habitats for the long-term health and safety of all."

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made to San José Spotlight.

Administration finance officials counter these critiques, asserting that the state budget is structured to account for and absorb the added costs resulting from H.R. 1, without shifting additional burdens onto local governments.

According to Department of Finance spokesperson H.D. Palmer, H.R. 1 is expected to cost California an additional \$1.4 billion next year, with \$1.1 billion related to Medi-Cal. However, Palmer emphasized the state's limited capacity to assume all new health and social service restrictions imposed by recent federal legislation.

Federal policy will reduce Medi-Cal coverage for approximately 200,000 individuals, including undocumented immigrants, asylum beneficiaries, and others in non-citizen categories beginning in October of this year.

Palmer explained that providing full-scope Medi-Cal for these groups would require an additional \$1.1 billion annually—beyond the state's current ability to commit, given projected budget gaps of nearly \$3 billion in the coming year and \$22 billion the subsequent year. He also noted that affected individuals will remain eligible for emergency and pregnancy-related coverage.

Williams criticized the Governor's proposal for what he views as insufficient leadership amid ongoing threats to health-care access in California. He stressed the importance of collaboration between counties, the Legislature, and the administration to pursue more proactive solutions.

In late 2023, county leaders successfully advocated for a five-eighths-cent sales tax increase, projected to generate \$330 million annually to help offset the financial impact of H.R. 1. Nevertheless, officials acknowledge that even with the additional revenue, cuts to public hospital systems—the second largest in California—remain likely.

Public hospitals, including those in Santa Clara County, represent about 6% of all hospitals statewide but provide over half of all trauma and burn care, according to the California Association of Public Hospitals. These facilities also train nearly half of California's new doctors, underscoring their critical role in the state's healthcare infrastructure.

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) has echoed many of Williams' concerns and is especially focused on several aspects of Newsom's budget proposal. Among these are the removal of approximately \$233 million for In-Home Supportive Services recipients with increased care needs, and a reduction in Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention funding from \$1 billion to \$500 million. Additionally, cities and counties are still awaiting the distribution of \$1 billion in allocated funds from 18 months prior.

District 4 Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, recently elected CSAC president, emphasized her commitment to advocating for adjustments to the Governor's budget that better support California's counties.

Ellenberg says we need to improve communication between state lawmakers and local leaders responsible for implementing legislative directives, noting, "The Legislature functions as lawmaking bodies, and we are the service implementers directly facing our clients every day."

Liccardo

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awareness that they're losing the public the longer they tether themselves to (President Donald) Trump's wagons. I will continue to push to expand the fracture between the president and his party with initiatives that have broad appeal to all Americans."

The money comes from the congressional Community Project Funding pipeline — an avenue for shaping how federal discretionary dollars are spent locally. Congressmembers submit certain funding requests for projects in their district to the Appropriations Committee, which evaluates the submissions for legal and ethical compliance. The House passed a bipartisan funding bill incorporating these requests Thursday, amounting to \$10 million secured for Liccardo's district. That's on top of the \$3.2 million he secured earlier this month.

That includes \$2 million for a San Jose program that secures low-interest financing to make affordable rental housing climate-resilient, through work that includes seismic retrofits. Another \$2 million will go toward Mountain View's Evelyn Avenue affordable housing project, a five-story development with 143 permanent affordable apartments for low-income households.

Another \$1.1 million will go to Mountain View's efforts to improve flood protection and environmental management of a sensitive coastal waterway, the Charleston Slough tide gates, and flood risk for Mountain View and neighboring Palo Alto.

Palo Alto will receive \$850,000 to construct a modern fire station. Campbell will get \$250,000 for a project aimed at improving walkability, bicycle and transit access, and street conditions in downtown and its surrounding neighborhoods.

"Project funding for this important improvement will greatly improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle safety at a heavily used intersection in downtown Campbell," Campbell City Manager Brian Loventhal said in a statement on Liccardo's funding announcement.

Los Gatos will also get \$200,000 for a van to deliver mobile navigation services to people experiencing homelessness throughout the West Valley.

"Meeting the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors with dignity, care and creativity is how communities like Los Gatos make real progress on homelessness," Los Gatos Mayor Rob Moore said in a statement. "The crisis of homelessness is one of the defining challenges of our time. The West Valley mobile navigation van provides a solution that brings critical services directly to people where they are."



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Nazareth University student Paloma Pires of Willow Glen earns Fall 2025 Dean's List Honors

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A student's grade point average must be at least 3.5 or above, and they must complete 12 credit hours of graded work that semester in order to be included on the dean's list at Nazareth.

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Nancy Lien named to SNHU President's List

Nancy Lien of Willow Glen has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Fall 2025 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 93-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.

IN MEMORY

C. Janice Paull 1926-2026

Resident of Willow Glen

Callie Janice Paull, known to family and friends her whole life as Janice or Jan, was the only daughter of Callie Parsons & William Paull. Her Grandfather, Charles Parson, served during the Civil War and settled in San Jose in 1867.

Janice was born in San Jose and lived most her life in the house her parents built in Willow Glen.

Janice attended Willow Glen Grammar School, Campbell High School, received her Bachelor's Degree in Biological Science from San Jose State and her Masters in Zoology from Mills College. She worked for Stanford University Medical School in the Pathology and Dermatology Laboratories for 25 years, commuting by train and bicycle from San Jose.

She was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Church, where her parents were married and she was baptized and confirmed. Her Masonic organizations included being a Charter member of Bethel 129, Job's Daughters International, she joined San Jose Chapter 31 Order of the Eastern Star and was an 81-year member. She worked for many years in the Cancer Dressing station which is still active making Quilts and Port Pals.

Janice's interest was in Conservation, local history and Genealogy. The California Nature Society gave her a breadth of knowledge that she gladly passed on. She enjoyed making friends and traveling in her 1955 Volkswagen Bug named Lady Bug.

A Memorial Service will be held in celebration of Janice's life on Thursday February 12, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 81 North Second Street, San Jose, CA 95113. The family thanks Esther's Residential Care for the love and support



for Janice's Care. Special thanks to Adonna Amoroso, her neighbor and constant caregiver, for her time and love for Janice.

Mary Louise Sunseri Jan. 21, 1943 - Jan. 7, 2026

Graduate of Willow Glen High School Class of 1960

Mary Louise Sunseri ("Mary Lou"), a former resident of San Jose, Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz, and Capitola, California, passed away on January 7, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who lived her life with curiosity, compassion, and grace.

Mary Lou was a thoughtful and selfless woman, always ready to share her time and support with others. She was deeply devoted to her family and, though naturally reserved, greeted everyone with warmth and a ready smile.

A lifelong learner, and frequent Capitola branch library volunteer, she nurtured an endless curiosity about the world and continually sought to make it a better place through kindness and understanding.

Born in San Jose, California, on January 21, 1943, Mary Lou was the daughter of Dr. James Sunseri, a physician who immigrated from Italy, and Rebecca Henderson, a nurse from New England. She was raised in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose, in a home built for a young and growing family. She attended Lincoln Glen Elementary School and Edwin Markham Middle School, graduating from Willow Glen High School in 1960.

Mary Lou married Salvador Terrazas in 1965 and lived for a time in Ben Lomond, California, before they separated.

Throughout her life, she remained devoted to her children and family. In addition to her formative years in San Jose, she made homes in Santa Cruz, Capitola, and Santa

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National Steinbeck Center & Museum Thursday, March 5, 2026 Lunch at the Steinbeck House Restaurant

The day begins with a bus trip to the National Steinbeck Center and Museum in Salinas for a docent guided tour of the museum displaying the interesting life and literary accomplishments of John Steinbeck, the Nobel Prize winning author of many award-winning books including *East of Eden* and *Grapes of Wrath*.

Then go on the bus or walk two blocks to the Steinbeck House, John Steinbeck's boyhood home, for a delicious lunch along with a docent talk about the history of the house and Steinbeck's early days there. Enjoy a 3-course meal including Salad, Entree and Dessert (menu to be announced, vegetarian option available).

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Focus on agriculture

Applications open for the local national award-winning agricultural program

By Sean Eastwood

Times Media staff writer

The national award-winning program, Focus Agriculture, is now being launched in Santa Clara County. The program is designed for community leaders to learn about local agriculture through once-a-month, daylong seminars, held over a period of five months.

Speakers presenting to the class will include farmers, marketing professionals, conservationists, researchers, elected officials, etc. The session topics are:

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Up to 20 people will be selected for the inaugural Focus Agriculture – Santa Clara County program. The original program started in Santa Cruz County and alumni include U.S. Congressman Jimmy Panetta; Dominican Hospital President/CEO Nan

Mickiewicz; Cabrillo College President Matthew Wetstein; and California State Senator John Laird. Plus, many business leaders, non-profit executives and community volunteers.

The program is coordinated by the non-profit educational organization, Agri-Culture, Inc., and supported by the Santa Clara County Farm Bureau.

Applications are now being accepted for the inaugural class. The first, all-day session will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Please visit the Agri-Culture website for more information, including 2026 session dates and topics. You can also complete the application online using this link: <https://bit.ly/focusagscc>; or this QR code:

Community leaders are encouraged to apply to this very special program.

For more information regarding the program, email agri-culture@sbcglobal.net.

Mary Lou, continued

Clara. As a young woman, she also spent time living and working near the beach in Honolulu, Hawaii—a time she remembered fondly for its sense of adventure and independence.

Mary Lou will be remembered for her generosity, empathy, and gentle spirit. Her grandchildren will always cherish her ability to listen with patience and genuine interest, and the many small, loving gestures that made them feel so special.

She is survived by her daughters Maria Bonsall (Bill) of Aptos, Laura Terrazas Burbulys (Don) of Soquel, and her son David Terrazas (Monica) of Santa Cruz;

her sister Betty Cornielson of Fresno, California; and eight beloved grandchildren: Alec and Jason Bonsall, Emily, Jessica, and Joshua Burbulys, and Isabela, Amalia, and Nathaniel Terrazas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. James Sunseri and Rebecca Henderson, and her brother, James “Jimmy” Sunseri.

Those wishing to honor Mary Lou’s memory may make a donation to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Santa Cruz County or Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries.

Mary Lou will be deeply missed and forever remembered by her loving family and friends.



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Much has changed, yet much has remained the same

By Matt Mahan

We've been planning, talking and fundraising for the last three years. As I was reflecting on all that's gone into this event, I looked back at our newsletter from May of 2023.

I had just taken office as your mayor, and in that newsletter, we first announced and discussed the fact that San José would help the region host two of the largest sporting events in the world: Super Bowl and World Cup.

It's funny — so much has changed since then, but our goals remain the same. Our plan is close to execution, and our city is ready to activate.

Back then, I shared that the last time Levi's Stadium hosted the Super Bowl, the event generated over \$240 million in economic impact, but San José only captured 12% of the total. I told you all that we can and would do better. That we would capitalize on this experience for our small businesses, for our residents, and for the many people visiting

San José for the very first time. That we would bring the action directly to our Downtown.

Three years later, we are a month away from that vision becoming a reality. And I have no doubt that 2026 will blow 2016 out of the water.

Our goal all along has been to ensure that this year isn't just fun for visitors and a strain on our communities. We want to make sure that even if you don't have a ticket to the big game, you can be a part of the action. That you can feel the energy in your city and be proud of the place you call home.

To that end, we have national headliners choosing to play right outside City Hall. We have a massive block party circling San Pedro Square that will show off the innovation of our region with holograms and flying cars. We have a sports initiative launching next week that will bring our biggest teams together to coach our youngest residents. We'll have drone shows, projection art and wayfinding via a mobile app.

For us, none of this just happens. The leagues and their big sponsors are putting most of their official programming in SF, as they always do, but we decided three years ago to take control of our own destiny. The only official event we have next month is the

NFL's Opening Night the Monday before the big game. But what we do have is an incredible community — people with creativity, vision and hard work who believe in what San José can be.

Part of that team is the funders who made these events possible. Devcon, Adobe, eBay, Cisco, Google and so many other local and global business leaders came together to bet big on our city.

I'm grateful to the private sector partners who are making San José's fan experience possible. These are community leaders who see what our region is and can become. People who know we're the safest big city in the nation. People who know we're reducing unsheltered homelessness faster than any other big city in California. People who know that what is holding us back is at least partly perception.

Perception that San José is a bedroom community, or a suburb of SF. I like to tease my colleagues around the Bay that one day we'll be known as the San José Bay Area. And I'm only half joking. We have the scale, the land, the pragmatism, the creativity, the sense of community, and the will to power this region into the future. To define what the Bay Area becomes in the Twenty-First Century.

At our State of the City in May, I said that San José was a city on the cusp. And it's years like this that will take us over the edge. It's our job to make sure that progress lasts beyond 2026.

Assemblymember Chris Ward launches new push to protect Californians' data privacy

Assemblymember Ward (inset) held a press conference on January 6 to announce the reintroduction of legislation to ban the sale of geolocation data, the introduction of new legislation to strengthen protection for sensitive personal data, and continued efforts to advance AB 1337, currently a two-year bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The event brought together consumer advocates, civil rights organizations, and privacy experts to highlight the growing risks posed by the unchecked collection, sale, and misuse of Californians' personal information.

The press conference included statements from privacy experts to underscore the urgency of protecting Californians' personal information from misuse, exploitation, and sale without consent.



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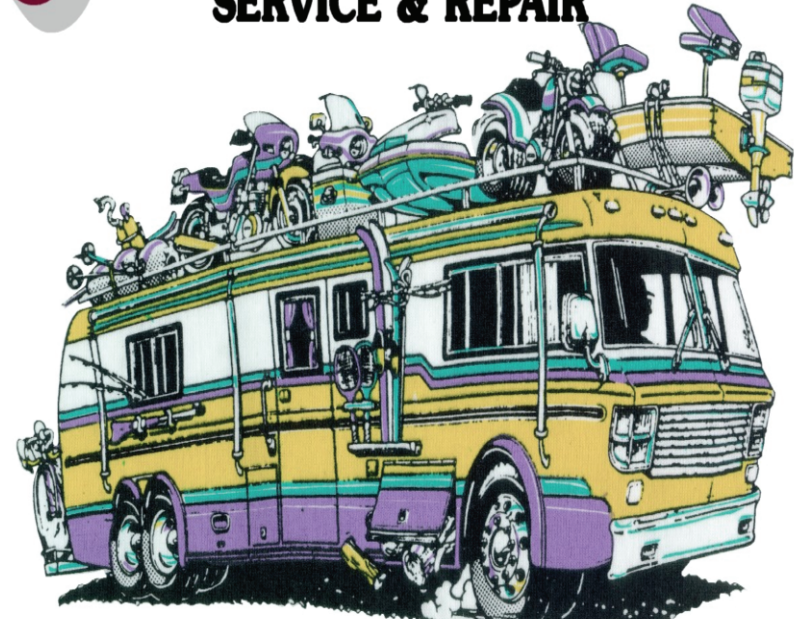
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Times **Community News**

Poll gauges support for San Jose mayor running for governor

By Keith Menconi | By Brandon Pho
San José Spotlight

Amid reports that San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan is considering a run for California governor, someone has launched an exploratory text message poll to gauge public support.

The poll — which runs dozens of questions long — describes Mahan as a Democrat with a working-class background and tech credentials, according to screenshots obtained by San José Spotlight. It adds Mahan jumped into politics and “challenged” California’s status quo on homelessness by taking affordable housing funds and using them for temporary shelter. The poll said that as governor, Mahan would stand for Democratic values but still be a fiscal hawk. It asks respondents whether they like him and would support him.

“Matt Mahan is a Democrat who is pro-choice, pro-gun safety and pro-environment,” the poll reads. “He is also pro-accountability for how tax dollars are spent, and pro-public safety including more police and more shelter and services for those who accept shelter. As Governor, he will stand up for Democratic values, but also ensure Californians have a government that is accountable, fiscally responsible, and delivers on his promises.”

The poll then asks respondents if that makes



San Jose Mayor **Matt Mahan** is considering a run for governor of California. File photo.

them much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to vote for Mahan for governor.

It’s not clear who commissioned the poll or put up the funding to finance it. A search of recent state campaign records show no filings indicating Mahan has established a statewide office campaign committee or a candidate intention statement.

A representative for the mayor did not address questions about the survey’s origin.

“I’m seriously considering running for governor because we need serious solutions from Sacramento on homelessness, crime and cost of living,” Mahan told San José Spotlight.

Jim Reed, executive director for Mahan’s recently launched Back to Basics 501(c)(4) political advocacy group, said the organization is not behind the poll, but declined to comment further.

Text messages show polling firm Dynata conducted the survey. The company did not respond to a request for comment.

Northern California’s largest city has historically failed to produce a competitive governor candidate, which some have blamed on San Jose’s usual offering of moderates. Only two San

Jose mayors — Sam Liccardo and Norm Mineta — translated their political success to landing powerful federal offices.

But over the past two years, Mahan has insisted on his commitment to City Hall while appearing on TV news channels up and down the state to build name recognition and spar with Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Mahan clashed with the governor over Proposition 36, the statewide ballot measure that toughened criminal punishment for petty theft. He made national TV over his controversial plan to arrest homeless people who refuse shelter. He publicly ridiculed Newsom’s attempts to go viral when combating President Donald Trump’s administration. He painted himself as a foil to what he called the Democrat “status quo” of wasteful government spending. And yet he’s aligned with Newsom as a vocal opponent to California’s proposed billionaire tax.

In the process, Mahan has won premature endorsements online from some of the Bay Area’s loudest centrist and right-wing political voices.

“Matt Mahan is the future of California,” venture capitalist and Ycombinator CEO Garry Tan wrote on X Monday.

Mahan’s decision to launch the Back to Basics organization — focused on building a statewide political coalition around his policy agenda — has been widely interpreted as an attempt to raise his profile and strengthen his reach in statewide policy conversations.

While Mahan has generally downplayed rumors of a potential gubernatorial run, recent appearances on TV news stations suggest his thinking has changed. He has told a number of outlets he will decide whether to join the race in the coming weeks.

“I’m not seeing any of the current candidates speak clearly and boldly about flexible and

accountable funding for getting people off the streets, intervening in cycles of addiction and mental illness and putting out a real plan for how we get people the help that they need and properly implement new tools like Prop. 36,” Mahan told KCRA Channel 3 Sacramento in an interview.

He’s also taken pains to ensure his vision for state governance is adopted by other candidates if he chooses not to run. He hosted several gubernatorial candidates at a homeless housing site in December, aiming to get their buy-in on San Jose’s strategy of prioritizing temporary shelter over permanent affordable housing.

If Mahan announces his campaign, he would join a contender pool that includes East Bay Congressman Eric Swalwell, former Orange County Congresswoman Katie Porter, former state Controller Betty Yee, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra, former Assemblymember Ian Calderon, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and billionaire Tom Steyer.

While there is no confirmation that Mahan played a hand in the text survey, one political observer suggested the polling effort may be part of a broader fundraising strategy for an eventual campaign.

“The purpose could be to show he has a level of statewide recognition sufficient to give a campaign credibility to big donors,” Terry Christensen, San Jose State University political science professor emeritus and former host of “Valley Politics,” told San José Spotlight. “Fundraising will be a major challenge for him if he runs. It takes a lot of money to be a serious statewide candidate.”

Editor’s note: As we went to press, Mayor Mahan announced that he is a candidate for Governor of California.

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By William Bellou
Publisher

Symphony San Jose pays homage to some of the most iconic outer space film scores ever composed while exploring “the final frontier” with an electrifying concert that blends the magic of science fiction with the power of a live orchestra, March 28-29 at The California Theatre.

Hollywood Spectacular “Out of this World” is a program of adventure, nostalgia and cosmic wonder that includes works from Danny Elfman’s Men in Black, Michael Giacchino’s Star Trek Into Darkness, James Horner’s Apollo 13, Richard Strauss’ 2001: A Space Odyssey, and unforgettable Oscar-winning music by John Williams including Star Wars and E.T. – The Extra-Terrestrial.

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Stuart Chafetz, Conductor (pictured)
Stuart Chafetz is the Principal Pops Conductor of the Columbus Symphony and Principal Pops Conductor of the Chautauqua and Marin Symphonies. Chafetz, a conductor celebrated for his dynamic and engaging podium presence, is increasingly in demand with orchestras across the continent. When not on the podium, Chafetz makes his home near San Francisco, CA, with his wife, Ann Krinitsky.

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Most stolen vehicle
models in California
revealed

A new analysis of motor vehicle theft data reveals the three most stolen vehicle models in California, highlighting which cars are most frequently

targeted by thieves. According to the analysis by Compare the Market, the most stolen vehicles in California are:

- Chevrolet Pickup
- Honda Civic
- Ford Pickup

In California, vehicle thefts reached 466 per 100,000 residents, ranking 8th in the nation.

The Most Stolen Cars by State follow:

| Rank | State | Total Motor Vehicle thefts per 100k | Most Stolen Model | 2nd Most Stolen | 3rd Most Stolen |
|------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Colorado | 777 | Ford Pickup | Chevrolet Pickup | Kia Sportage |
| 2 | Washington | 627 | Ford Pickup | Honda Civic | Honda Accord |
| 3 | District of Columbia | 555 | Toyota Camry | Honda Accord | Hyundai Elantra |
| 4 | Oregon | 542 | Ford Pickup | Honda Civic | Honda Accord |
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| 7 | Nevada | 479 | Chevrolet Pickup | Hyundai Sonata | Ford Pickup |
| 8 | California | 466 | Chevrolet Pickup | Honda Civic | Ford Pickup |
| 9 | Hawaii | 440 | Ford Pickup | Toyota Tacoma | Toyota Corolla |
| 10 | Tennessee | 358 | Chevrolet Pickup | Hyundai Elantra | Ford Pickup |
| 11 | Texas | 317 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | GMC Pickup |
| 12 | Oklahoma | 310 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | Dodge Pickup |
| 13 | Louisiana | 293 | Ford Pickup | Chevrolet Pickup | Honda Accord |
| 14 | Minnesota | 285 | Hyundai Elantra | Hyundai Sonata | Ford Pickup |
| 15 | Nebraska | 269 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | Hyundai Elantra |
| 16 | Michigan | 265 | Jeep Grand Cherokee | Dodge Charger | Chrysler 300 Series |
| 17 | North Dakota | 254 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | Chevrolet Impala |
| 18 | Arizona | 250 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | Honda Civic |
| 18 | Illinois | 250 | Hyundai Elantra | Hyundai Sonata | Kia Optima |
| 20 | Arkansas | 248 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | GMC Pickup |
| 21 | Alaska | 244 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | GMC Pickup |
| 21 | South Carolina | 244 | Ford Pickup | Chevrolet Pickup | Honda Accord |
| 23 | South Dakota | 231 | Ford Pickup | Chevrolet Pickup | Chevrolet Impala |
| 24 | Maryland | 230 | Honda Accord | Hyundai Elantra | Hyundai Sonata |
| 24 | Ohio | 230 | Hyundai Elantra | Hyundai Sonata | Kia Optima |
| 26 | Montana | 223 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | GMC Pickup |
| 26 | Wisconsin | 223 | Hyundai Elantra | Hyundai Sonata | Kia Sportage |
| 28 | Kentucky | 222 | Ford Pickup | Chevrolet Pickup | Toyota Camry |
| 29 | Kansas | 216 | Ford Pickup | Chevrolet Pickup | Dodge Pickup |
| 30 | Utah | 204 | Ford Pickup | Honda Civic | Chevrolet Pickup |
| 31 | Georgia | 197 | Ford Pickup | Dodge Charger | Chevrolet Pickup |
| 32 | Connecticut | 196 | Honda Accord | Honda Civic | Hyundai Elantra |
| 33 | Alabama | 190 | Ford Pickup | Chevrolet Pickup | Dodge Charger |
| 34 | North Carolina | 189 | Ford Pickup | Honda Accord | Chevrolet Pickup |
| 35 | Indiana | 178 | Ford Pickup | Chevrolet Pickup | Chevrolet Malibu |
| 36 | Delaware | 169 | Ford Pickup | Honda Accord | Honda Civic |
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| 39 | Iowa | 156 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | Chevrolet Impala |
| 40 | New Jersey | 148 | Honda Accord | Ford Pickup | Honda CR-V |
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| 43 | Wyoming | 111 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | Dodge Pickup |
| 45 | Florida | 101 | Ford Pickup | Honda Accord | Nissan Altima |
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| 46 | Vermont | 98 | Chevrolet Pickup | Honda CR-V | Ford Pickup |
| 48 | Idaho | 90 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | Dodge Pickup |
| 48 | West Virginia | 90 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | Toyota Camry |
| 50 | Maine | 71 | Chevrolet Pickup | Chevrolet Pickup | GMC Pickup |
| 51 | New Hampshire | 67 | Chevrolet Pickup | Ford Pickup | Honda Accord |

How to Prevent Your Car from Being Stolen

While national and regional car theft trends vary, many incidents can be avoided with the right habits and equipment. Strengthening your day-to-day car security is one of the most effective ways to reduce risk, no matter which model you own.

Secure your car properly

Always lock your doors and windows, even for short periods. Park in well-lit, populated areas, and avoid leaving your vehicle in the same spot for long periods. Keep valuables out of sight, as items on seats, dashboards, or cup holders can attract thieves even if they don't intend to steal the vehicle itself. Small behavioral changes like these can dramatically improve overall vehicle protection.

Use anti-theft devices

Visible deterrents can stop opportunistic thieves before they try. Steering wheel locks, immobilizers, and upgraded alarms

remain effective, low-cost defenses. For extra peace of mind, consider investing in a GPS tracking device, which can help prevent theft and increase the chances of recovery if a theft occurs.

Avoid common mistakes

Many thefts occur due to simple oversights, such as leaving the car running to warm up, hiding a spare key inside the vehicle, or failing to lock the trunk. Relying solely on factory-fitted systems can leave gaps, especially for owners of highly targeted vehicles.

Before purchasing any policy, drivers should check the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and Target Market Determination (TMD) to understand limits, inclusions, or restrictions.

More information on the most stolen car brand can be found onsite: <https://www.comparethemarket.com.au/car-insurance/features/most-stolen-car-brands-and-models/>

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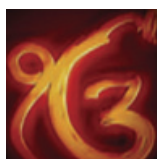
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