

Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen



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A Message from Madison

Dear Residents:

Summer is finally here! This a great time for your family to explore all that the City of San Jose has to offer. From Music in the Park to Happy Hollow Park and Zoo to an afternoon picnic at Nisich Park -- there is something for everyone to enjoy.

These past couple of months, and the months ahead, have and will be critical in shaping San Jose's future. We are in the midst of making important decisions about our City's budget. We've been in deficit for ten straight years and we all know what that's cost us: reduction in City services, massive layoffs, and dips in our public safety. I, along with the Mayor and Councilmembers Liccardo, Herrera, and Constant, have offered a plan to end the City's structural budget deficit, protect worker benefits in the future, prevent layoffs, and

restore City service levels. Our plan doesn't come without sacrifice, but we cannot continue to do what we've done for the past ten years. I encourage you all to get involved in this process and make your voices heard.

Last month, we achieved great success by finally passing a series of medical marijuana regulations. The Council passed my policy proposal to reduce the number of marijuana collectives in San Jose to 10 (compared to over 100 right now) and bring much needed oversight to this process. I am confident that this will reduce instances of violence, public nuisance, and keep our communities safe.

The last couple of months have also been marked with great community events that highlight the altruistic spirit of our

residents and community. With events like Beautiful Day and Comcast Cares Day, hundreds of

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residents gathered to clean up our District and give back to their community. I hope you and your families have a safe and joyful summer.

Sincerely,

Around D7

Comcast Cares Day

Every year Comcast brings thousands of employees together to make a positive impact in their communities. On April 30th, we helped celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Comcast Cares Day, which has since grown to become the nation's largest corporate volunteer effort. Comcast's volunteer efforts helped to clean up, paint, and improve the landscaping at the Santee Elementary School. A big thank you to all the volunteers!



Bowling Champions!

We emerged victorious at San Jose Police Foundation's 4th annual 'Bowling for Badges' fundraiser. All funds raised went towards safety and technology equipment for the SJPD. I am happy to report that your very own, "Team Madison," took 1st place! I don't want to brag, but I led District 7 to victory with a record high bowl of 203! It was great fun for a great cause.



Going Green.

Biking isn't just for kids...



Madison zipping through traffic in the morning as she rides to City Hall.

Bike To Work Day

On May 12th, I participated in the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's annual 'Bike to Work Day'! I forgot how much I enjoy riding a bike. I used to think that bicycles are just for children -- but that couldn't be further from the truth. The fact is that biking is great recreation, great exercise, great for the environment, and great fun. I learned that almost 40% of Bay Area commuters live within just 5 miles of their workplace. If every person living that close to their work in the Bay sprung for a bike instead of a car -- for just one day a year -- we'd take 60,000 cars off the road and reduce tailpipe emissions by more than 150,000 pounds for a day. It's my hope that the City promotes a stronger bike culture for our residents. Alternative transportation, like bikes, is a key part of San Jose's Green Vision plan and will help cement San Jose as one of the nation's most environmentally prosperous cities in the country. I might not have had the fanciest bike out there, but I had a bell (that I rang through the streets) and had a great time.

PG&E Energy Savings Program / Rebates

Summer is finally here! As pleasant as basking in the warmth of the sun is, it's not cheap. Summer -- just like winter -- means higher energy bills. Whether it's temperature change or constant things like leaving the lights on, electricity bills aren't getting any cheaper. But, alternative technology is. It used to be that things like solar panels for your roof were just for the wealthiest among us. No more. Advances in technology, government programs, and private partnerships are putting solar technology and energy efficiency into the mainstream. PG&E has a great program that assists families in making their homes more energy efficient with programs like solar rebates. So far, they've given over \$21 million in rebates. Contact your PG&E representative for more information.





Medical Marijuana Policy Update

For nearly two years, residents across District 7 talked about the growing problem of medical marijuana establishments. It's a serious issue. Last year we had 30 collectives, this year that number is over 110 across San Jose. While I recognize that legitimate medical need exists for a handful of patients, 110 was far too many and these establishments have been causing a public nuisance, producing odors, violating code, deterring business development, and in some cases attracting violence. So, I issued a policy proposal to fix this. My proposal passed on a 6-5 Council vote and will, among other things, limit the number of collectives to 10 for San Jose, establish a regulatory process based on a first-come first-served approach (to keep costs down), and a number of other technical requirements. This approach will give long-awaited regulation to this industry and balance medical need with public safety.

Fiscal Reforms and the Budget

There's an old adage that says: when you're in a hole, the first rule is to stop digging. San Jose has been in deficit for the last ten straight years. My colleagues and I have proposed to stop digging and build a ladder to climb out of the

hole to restore services, jobs, and get back on a path towards fiscal sustainability. This is not a "Wisconsin-style" attack on labor. Far from it. The proposal does not reduce the retirement benefits that current employees and retirees have already earned. By modifying our benefits structure for the future we are preventing further layoffs, preventing bankruptcy courts from slashing benefits aggressively, and preventing further cuts to vital City services. More so, this is about putting this issue on the ballot for you, the voters and residents, to decide. It's your money -- you should decide what you want it spent on.



Seven Trees Community Center Health Fair

On Saturday, April 30th, over 120 residents came out to Seven Trees Community Center to learn about healthy living at the 1st annual Healthy Families Day. Residents were able to get free health screenings, learn about fitness and nutrition, and watch exciting sports and cooking demonstrations. With our busy Bay Area lifestyles, it can be easy to not pay enough attention to our personal fitness. This event was a great reminder about the importance of both physical and mental health.



Beautiful Day

On Saturday, May 21st, hundreds of volunteers gathered to participate in this year's Beautiful Day event. This event, organized by Westgate Church, brings together government agencies, community organizations, and residents alike to serve the community to clean up neighborhoods, paint over graffiti, pick up litter, clean up creeks, and restore beauty to D7. Thank you all for coming out!

Re-Districting Process

Every ten years the United States constitution requires us to count the number of people in the country. These new numbers and population shifts require us to modify district boundaries for City Council, State Legislature, and Congressional seats. Why? Because we need to make sure that each district has a roughly equal number of constituents so that we can provide equal representation for all. District 7's boundaries may shift a bit, but this won't change anything related to which schools your children go to or anything of that nature. If you care to learn more about the process please attend the local redistricting commission meetings.

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Non-Emergency: 311 or
277-8900

Graffiti: 277-2758

Child Abuse Reporting: 299-2071

Code Enforcement: 277-4528

Crime Prevention: 277-4133

Crime Stoppers: 947-7867

Domestic Violence Center:
277-3700

Dept. of Transportation: 535-3850

Gang Hotline: 277-4264

Garbage & Recycling: 535-3515

Neighborhood Develop:
723-4114

Parking Enforcement: 534-2900

Senior Programs: 277-4561

Sewer Problems: 277-4373

Sidewalks: 794-1901

Street Lights: 277-5517

Street Maintenance: 277-4373

Street Sweeping: 277-2571

Housing: 975-4480

Alma and MCNA Spring Flea Markets

On May 21st the Alma Verde Youth Program hosted a flea market to raise funds for their Youth Food Program. Similarly, on May 28th the McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association held their annual Spring Flea Market on the corner of McLaughlin and Umbarger. Both events were a success and I want to thank all of you for coming out. These flea markets keep getting bigger and bigger every year and I can't wait until next years!



Safe Summer Initiative

On March 28th, City leaders kicked off a campaign to raise money for this year's Safe Summer Initiative. This program offers grants to organizations that provide fun, safe, and constructive activities for at-risk youth during the summer such as sports, field trips, camps, and so forth. Please consider making a donation to this program to keep kids out-of-trouble during the summer. Every dollar contributed invests in our youth and our community. Contributions are tax deductible and can be made out to the "Safe Summer Initiative." For more information contact (408)-535-4800 or the San Jose Parks Department.



Happy Hollow Park and Zoo / Bridge Opening

On Saturday, May 21st, I was thrilled to have attended Happy Hollow Park and Zoo's bridge opening ceremony. This bridge will provide zoo patrons like you and I with better access from the parking lot on Story and Remillard to the park. Happy Hollow has come a long way and has quickly risen to the top of Bay Area entertainment. It's summer now and the kids are home. This is a great time for good quality family fun. Happy Hollow -- one of San Jose's newest renovated attractions -- offers entertainment for everyone in the family. With thrilling rides, petting zoos, puppet theater, exotic animal exhibits, museums, camps, learning centers, great dining, and more -- Happy Hollow offers it all. General admission is \$12.00 dollars and \$8.00 dollars for seniors. Contact info: phone: 408) 794-6400; web: www.hhpz.org.

