

# COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

## Neighborhood Newsletter

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### A Message from Councilmember Madison Nguyen



Dear District 7 Residents,

I am honored to be elected as your City Councilmember representing District 7 at City Hall. I look forward to working with you to build a strong and healthy community. A community with excellent schools, safe and clean neighborhoods, affordable housing and small business development.

My vision and goal for District 7 can only be accomplished with your help. I firmly believe that the involvement of residents is one of the most important components to building a better community. Please join me on this great mission to build a community that allows all residents to benefit from their hard work and commitment.

Together, we can make a difference for our neighborhoods, schools, and community. I welcome you to share your concerns so we can improve the quality of life for ALL people in District 7.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Madison P. Nguyen

# Family Day



## San Jose City Hall Grand Opening



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Councilmember, District 7

### **Legislative Updates**

The City Council and Mayor voted 8-1 to repeal a 20-year-old ban on food and alcohol sales at gas stations at the October 4<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Councilwoman Madison Nguyen was the lone **“NO”** vote on the highly controversial issue. She voted against the proposal because her district has enough alcohol outlets and she agrees with San Jose law enforcement officials and community members that with the increase accessibility of alcohol, crime will only escalate.

### **Neighborhood News**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual District 7 Family Day at History Park on Sunday, October 2, 2005 was a success! The day was filled with lots of sunshine, great music, dancers and singers. Plenty of pizza was served for lunch and residents were lined up at booths for snacks, free toys, pens and magnets. A special thanks to community leaders, neighborhood associations, Strong Neighborhood staff and City staff for their dedication and commitment to make this event possible for the residents of District 7.

We hope to see you again next year!

### **Upcoming Events**

- **City Council Meetings**  
The City Council meets Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., and evening sessions held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- **San Jose City Hall Grand Opening**  
**Saturday, October 15, 2005 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

City Hall Rotunda  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

It is Open House at City Hall. Come explore San Jose’s newest community building, with an expansive civic plaza, engaging public artwork, a consolidated customer service center, a state of the art Council Chambers and the much anticipated unveiling of the glass enclosed rotunda.

Free activities throughout the day include:

- Building Dedication Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)
- Building Tours (12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- Children’s Activities
- Exhibits from History San Jose & Sister Cities
- Dancers, Music, Mariachi, Jazz and more...

For more information about the Grand Opening or new contact information for the City of San Jose, please call Customer Service at (408) 535 3500 or visit [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov).



**State Senator Elaine Alquist**



**Congressman Mike Honda**



**Dia de los Muertos**



- **Gang Intervention and Prevention Town Hall Meeting**  
Hosted by State Senator Elaine Alquist  
**Thursday, October 20, 2005 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
Tully Community Library, 880 Tully Road, San Jose CA 95111.

Join State Senator Elaine Alquist and local law enforcement officers address the issue of gang intervention and prevention. This is a great way for District 7 residents to voice their concerns and collaborate with officials to come up with solutions to this growing problem in San Jose.

- **API Disaster Preparedness Community Forum**  
Hosted by Congressman Mike Honda and Councilmember Madison Nguyen  
**Monday, October 24, 2005 6:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
San Jose City Council Chambers

Congressman Mike Honda and San Jose City Councilmember Madison Nguyen invite you to attend a forum on disaster preparedness. Government agencies and community organizations will be presenting information on available resources and how our community can better prepare for natural disasters and other emergency situations.

- **Day of the Dead Celebration - Dia de los Muertos**  
Hosted by Tropicana Shopping Center and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency  
**Sunday, October 30, 2005**  
**11:30 p.m. – Open Ceremony**  
**1:00 p.m. – Entertainment, prizes, family activities**  
Tropicana Shopping Center,  
1690 Story road, San Jose CA 95122.

You are invited to join Councilmember Madison Nguyen, Tropicana Shopping Center Merchants and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency for the "Day of the Dead" celebration. The San Jose Redevelopment Agency have been partnering with business and property owners located at the intersection of Story and King Roads on marketing efforts to promote the area. This event is part of that marketing effort.

The Day of the Dead is a traditional celebration for Mexican families to remember their dead by visiting with them, providing them with their favorite food and music and honoring them with "ofrenda" or offerings, which may consist of photographs, bread, candles, food and flowers. Festivities at the Center will include a procession with giant skeletons, stilt walkers, live entertainment, food demonstrations and altar displays throughout the shopping center.

- **District 7 Town Hall Meeting**  
Hosted by Councilmember Madison Nguyen  
**Wednesday, November 9, 2005 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**  
Tully Community Library, 880 Tully Road, San Jose CA 95111.

Come meet newly elected Councilmember Madison Nguyen and the District 7 staff! Various representatives from different city services will be present to listen and address all questions and



concerns of District 7 residents.

### **District 7 Neighborhood Association Meetings**

**Tully-Senter SNI NAC** (Santee Community Action Center)  
Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005: 6:30 pm

**Lanai Neighborhood Association** (Resources For Families and Communities), Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005: 6:00 pm

**Washington Area Community Coalition SNI NAC (Alma Senior Center)** Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005: 6:30 pm

**KONA SNI NAC meeting** (Boys&Girls Club),  
Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005: 6:30 pm

**Alma Neighborhood Associations (Alma Senior Center)**  
Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005: 7:00 pm

**West Evergreen Neighborhood Association (O.B. Whaley School)** Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005: 7:00 pm

**Kennedy Neighborhood Association (Kennedy Elementary School)** Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005: 6:00pm

**West Evergreen SNI NAC (O.B. Whaley School)**  
Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005: 6:30 pm

### **Meet the Staff of District 7**



**YEN-CHI H. NGUYEN**

**YEN-CHI H. NGUYEN**, Administrative Assistant  
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Yen-Chi has worked for various departments in the City of San José for more than 4 years. She has experience with Employee Services, San José Public Library System, City Manager's Office, and the Office of the Independent Police Auditor. Prior to joining the City of San José, she worked in various office and business management positions in District 7. She has an Associates Degree in Computer Information Systems and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Academy of Art. She enjoys working with people and has been a volunteer and supporter of several organizations, including City of Hope, American Red Cross, City Team Ministries, Second Harvest Food Bank, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Christian Children Fund, and Miss Vietnamese Beauty Pageant of Northern California. She looks forward to improving the District 7 community.



**LOUANSEE MOUA**

**LOUANSEE MOUA**, Chief of Staff  
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Prior to joining the District 7 office, Louansee worked for Minnesota State Senator Mee Moua, and was involved in a number of political campaigns for such figures as former Minnesota Senate Majority Leader, Roger Moe and former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura. Louansee had a brief career in television broadcast journalism working for WTVD and WNCN in Raleigh, CNN-International in Atlanta and KTCA-17 in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Louansee earned a BA in Communications/Radio&Television Broadcast and has an MA in Business Management. When she is not out saving the world, she is fascinated by books, cooking, fishing, and new places she has



**JAVIER GONZALEZ**

never been.

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Javier earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Santa Clara University. He was born and raised in San José, California and is one of five siblings. Prior to coming to District 7, Javier worked for Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, which serves many District 7 residents. He has a strong background working with neighborhood groups and organizations. Javier looks forward in working diligently for District 7.



**PHUONG KIM NGO**

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A native of Silicon Valley, Kim is one of three siblings. As the daughter of Vietnamese immigrants, Kim is a first-generation Vietnamese-American, a product of public schools, and a direct benefactor of the area's programs for social, educational, and youth development. A concerned and active member of the community, Kim has worked with local support programs serving the elderly, homeless and special needs individuals at Julian Street Inn of San José and Casa Olga of Palo Alto and organized fundraising efforts to help AIDS victims nationwide. Kim graduated from Santa Clara University with a BS in Psychology.



**THIEN PHAN**

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Thien is a senior at Prospect High School. While his main interests are math- and science-related, he is politically conscious and believes that his experience with the District 7 office will allow him to broaden and strengthen his communication and organizational skills. He plans to attend college in Fall of 2006 to study math and science.



**JOHN M. NGUYEN**

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John is currently a student at Evergreen Valley College majoring in Political Science with plans to transfer to a four-year institution. He is committed to community service and is an active volunteer for local organizations and clubs. He is energetic and dedicated in helping to improve District 7.

**We accept internship applications on a quarterly basis.  
If you are interested, please submit your resume to:**

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## Welcome Fall of 2005



### Be the voice

“Our lives begin to end  
the day we become silent  
about things that matter.”

--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### Together, we can make a difference

“Coming together is a beginning,  
staying together is progress, and  
working together is success.”

--Henry Ford

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## Future Topics

We hope you enjoyed our first edition of the District 7 newsletter. We welcome any feedback you may have on the topics discussed. Please feel free to contact our office at your convenience.

If you would like to share announcements or post events from your neighborhood, please contact Phuong Kim Ngo at (408) 535-4959 or email [phuong.ngo@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:phuong.ngo@sanjoseca.gov).

Once again, we are excited to be at City Hall and look forward to serving you.

## City Wide Phone List

Call Center	(408) 277-4000
Police Non-Emergency	311
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	(408) 277-2758
Animal Care	(408) 578-PAWS
Child Abuse Reporting	(408) 299-2071
City Arborist	(408) 277-2762
Code Enforcement	(408) 277-4528
Crime Prevention	(408) 277-4133
Crime Stoppers	(408) 947-STOP
Drug Hotline	(408) 971-DRUG
Domestic Violence Center	(408) 277-3700
Department of Transportation	(408) 535-3850
Education, Office of	(408) 453-6500
Environmental Services	(408) 535-8550
Gang Hotline	(408) 277-4264
Garbage & Recycling	(408) 535-3515
Hazardous Materials	(408) 535-7750
Housing	(408) 975-4480
Neighborhood Development Center	(408) 723-4114
Parking Enforcement	(408) 277-5305
Senior Programs	(408) 277-4561
Sewer Problems	(408) 277-4373
Sidewalks	(408) 277-3158
Street Lights	(408) 277-5517
Street Maintenance	(408) 277-4373
Street Sweeping	(408) 535-3515
Volunteer San Jose	(408) 535-3500
Vehicle Abatement	(408) 277-4477
Yard Waste Collection	(408) 535-3515
Youth Services	(408) 535-3570