



Office of Councilmember Madison Nguyen District 7 Neighborhood News



August & September 2010

Dear Residents,

It has been a busy summer in the district! I had the opportunity to attend many community events and met several families who recently moved to the district. It is so wonderful to see residents getting move involved in their community.

On August 3rd, over 1,000 residents came out to take a stand against crime in their neighborhoods during the annual National Night Out event. Various neighborhood groups offered food, music, and games for everyone to enjoy. Our winning T-shirt theme, "Working Together for a Safer Community," was worn by residents throughout the City. Congratulations to Patsy Cortez at Silver Creek High School for winning the T-shirt design competition. I'm very proud of her!

The new Terminal B at San Jose Mineta International Airport opened on June 30th. If you have been traveling this summer, you might have seen the beautiful terminal with several key changes such as the passenger screening checkpoints with state of the art baggage screening system. The airport also has additional restaurants and a new consolidated rental car center. I hope you will book all your travel at San Jose Mineta International Airport .

This year, the city council was faced with a huge \$118 million budget deficit. I supported Mayor Reed's budget message and voted to reduce pay and benefits for our employees so the City could provide critical services to our residents.

I also voted with the majority of the council to place two important measures – pension reform and binding arbitration reform - on the November ballot so the voters can help us make the fiscal reforms necessary to preserve city services.

I work in an environment where business and labor interests are at the core of my daily discussions. I thank these groups for their active participation and for keeping me apprised of their needs and concerns. However, the interests that are most important to me are the interests of the residents. That's who I am working for and who I am representing.

I always look forward to hearing from you regarding issues that are important to you and your families.

Sincerely,

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Useful City-wide Numbers

Call Center: 535-3500

Non-Emergency: 311

Graffiti: 277-2758

Child Abuse Reporting: 299-2071

Code Enforcement: 277-4528

Crime Prevention: 277-4133

Crime Stoppers: 947-7867

Domestic Violence Ctr.: 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: 277-3158

Street Lights: 277-5517

Street Maintenance: 277-4373

Street Sweeping: 535-3515

Housing: 975-4480

November Ballot Measures

Recently, the Mayor and Council voted to put 3 measures on the November ballot. These include the following:

Measure U (Marijuana Business Tax) - imposes a tax rate of up to 10% of gross receipts on marijuana businesses in the City, subject to independent financial audits, with all revenue controlled by the City

Measure V (Limit Powers of Outside Arbitrators) - amends the City Charter to allow binding arbitration only if outside arbitrators are (1) required to base awards to employees primarily on the City's ability to pay; and (2) prohibited from creating any unfunded liability for the City, increasing police and firefighter compensation more than the rate of increase in General Fund revenues, or granting retroactive benefits.

Measure W (Pension Reform) - amends the City Charter to allow the City Council to establish a two-tier pension system for new City employees.

Happy Hollow Park and Zoo Receive LEED Certification



Happy Hollow Park & Zoo is the nation's first amusement park and zoo to receive LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. After years of planning, design, and construction, Happy Hollow was awarded Gold Status certification, setting a very high bar for recreational sustainability. Happy Hollow has met the highest green building and performance measures. With over seven green roofs with 56,000 native plant species in addition to the 79,682 new plants that were added, the park and zoo has become a sustainable habitat for wildlife. Additional funds were used to renovate the existing ride areas that included a four-acre expansion that houses the new Zoo on the Hill, an education complex, two new rides, 11 more exhibits and new play areas totaling 12,800 square feet. Recycled glass, base rocks, and sustainable materials were used throughout the project.

The LEED green building rating system was developed to promote design and construction practices that increase profitability while reducing the negative environmental impacts of buildings and improving occupant health and well-being. The park re-opened in March of this year. We are proud to have been a part of Happy Hollow Park and Zoo green renovation.

Grand Opening of Terminal B at San Jose Mineta International Airport

More than 10,000 people registered to visit the new Terminal B at San Jose Mineta International Airport. The terminal successfully opened for full passenger operations on June 30th. The opening of the new terminal facilities is the result of a coordinated effort between City staff, contractors, airline and rental car partners who all worked together to deliver the new airport ahead of schedule and under budget. The convenient new consolidated rental car center across the street from Terminal B is also open. In addition, another 340 short-term parking spaces opened, which doubled the public parking serving Terminal B to approximately 700 spaces. The expansion of the existing parking lot south of the rental car center is expected to complete this summer, and a new parking lot will be built on the site of Terminal C.



The Airport also opened six new restaurants in Terminal B as the concessions program approaches completion this year. New restaurants include Una Mas, Mojo Burger, and Pizza My Heart. Book your travel out of San Jose today.

“Working Together for a Safer Community” - National Night Out 2010



On August 3rd, neighborhoods throughout the City of San Jose came together to celebrate National Night Out 2010! This nationwide community event was formed to heighten gang and drug awareness, promote police and community partnerships, and put criminals on notice of neighborhood organizing. This year, over 1,000 residents in Council District 7 came together to promote peace and join the fight against crime in their neighborhoods. Festivities ranged from ice cream socials, block parties, potlucks, resource fairs, live music and much more.

Thank you for joining us on this significant day. We look forward to seeing you and working with all of you again next year!

Sacred Heart Pack-A-Back Drive

Councilmember Madison Nguyen joined volunteers at Sacred Heart Community Services to help sign-up low-income families to receive free backpacks for their children who attend grades K-12. With the current economic downturn, this drive helps to ensure that all families in our neighborhoods are given basic resources to help their children succeed in school.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated to this great project. The most effective solution to get out of poverty is a good education, and your support has assisted our community in that effort.



Seven Trees Community Center Grand Opening



The new state of the art Seven Trees Community Center located at 3590 Cas Drive will open on Saturday, October 23rd. The center will offer numerous recreational amenities for everyone in the community to enjoy. Equipped with a large gymnasium, residents will be able to play basketball, volleyball, badminton and indoor soccer. In addition, the luxurious banquet room will be used for the daily senior nutrition program. This banquet room is also available for specialized classes, special events, and for lease to the community.

There will be two Early Childhood Recreation (ECR) classrooms that offer various educational, recreational, and arts and craft classes. A dance studio, which can be transformed into a stage for performances and special events, will be used for dance and aerobic classes such Zumba and Yoga. Individuals interested in pottery and ceramics will be able to create beautiful works of art in the craft room, which is fully equipped with a kiln. In addition, the center will offer numerous educational classes from music to culinary arts. The center provides two large patios where one can hang out, get fresh air or play games of table tennis. The project furthermore includes four renovated tennis courts with lights, an outdoor basketball court, new park restrooms, and a tot play area.

The development and construction of this project has been a long time in the making, and we thank everyone that has helped. Our communities will benefit from this center immensely and with the Library expected to open in Fall 2011, this Center is a vital addition to the neighborhood.

The City of San Jose in partnership with Councilmember Madison Nguyen presents...

The 2010 Youth Job Fair

Westfield Oakridge Mall (Sears Court)

Saturday, October 16

8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Do you have a teen who needs a job? Join us for our annual youth job fair. The event is specifically for young adults 16 years old and up. Young adults will have the opportunity to attend workshops hosted by Work2Future, which will highlight interview skills, resume writing, and guidance for completing job applications. We hope to educate participants on workplace etiquette as well as ensuring a higher caliber employee for the future.

This event is open to all youths within the City of San Jose and Santa Clara County. To be successful at this event, please dress professionally and bring multiple copies of your resume. If you have a business and would like to participate in this job fair, please contact Council Assistant, Lan Thao Nguyen, at (408) 535-4959 for more information.

