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## Los Altos City Council orders initiative impact report



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This week, City Council ordered another look at the impact an initiative will have on Los Altos' parking plazas.

**By Clarke Condé**  
Town Crier Staff Writer

The initiative put forth by ForLosAltos that would require voter approval for any changes to publicly owned parking plazas in Los Altos is now waiting for an impact report to be delivered to Council.

Faced with three options, Council last Tuesday voted unanimously to exercise its third and ordered a report on the impact the initiative would have on the fis-

cal, physical, economic and other conditions of the city if it became law. The report is known by its place in California's election code as 9212. Tuesday's vote simply asks for the report generated by city agencies that was first ordered by Council in April.

The other two options before Council, one of which must be exercised no later than June 25, are to adopt the initiative into law as written or place it on the November 3 general election ballot.

Council will decide which at its June 23 meeting.

Vice Mayor Larry Lang made plain his view. "There is no way I would vote to simply adopt it without sending it to the ballot," he said during the councilmember's discussion.

Two speakers spoke in favor of the initiative, and one asked questions about the report, for which there was no mechanism at that juncture within the meeting format to

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## LAH and county agree on temporary Sheriff's Office extension

**By Curtis Driscoll**  
Town Crier Staff Writer

Los Altos Hills and Santa Clara County have been unable to reach a long-term law enforcement contract so far, necessitating a temporary three-month extension while negotiations continue.

Los Altos Hills has expressed concerns about increased costs and a lack of clarity about how Santa Clara County calculates some of its overhead costs, leading to a June 9 council meeting to discuss public safety. Los Altos Hills contracts with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office for its law enforcement services as it has no police department.

Annual contract costs with the Sheriff's Office are approximately \$2.75 million, with a potential 23% increase with a new contract to around \$3.38 million, Mayor Rajiv Bhateja said. Previous policing costs rose at approximately 5% per year under previous agreements. The Sheriff's Office has said the methodology for calculating overhead costs has also changed, affecting total costs. Overhead costs include West Valley Station facility fiscal services, IT services, internal affairs and records.

The lack of an agreement before the June 30 deadline

led to the 12-week extension, while an independent overhead methodology assessment from outside consultant Vasquez & Company reviews the county proposal. Los Altos Hills city staff said the assessment will determine if the increased overhead costs are fair and reasonable for Los Altos Hills to pay and any costs that might be improperly charged, city staff said.

The temporary contract runs until Sept. 30, with the old contract expiring June 30. Cupertino and Saratoga are in similar contract renegotiation scenarios with the county as Los Altos Hills, and the three cities have formed a joint committee to negotiate together with the county to bring a proposal back to the respective councils. Saratoga has agreed to an extension, while Cupertino has yet to vote on it, city staff said.

The Sheriff's Office's new contract offer also has no cap on the percentage increase for services, a concern for Los Altos Hills, with the current agreement having a cost cap of 2%. Town staff noted the cap didn't keep pace with the expenses the county was incurring, like deputy salary increases. The county first identified that the service to Los Altos Hills was not

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# Around Town

## Town Crier celebrates interns



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The Town Crier held its annual high school intern party June 9 to thank the students for their contributions to the newspaper and to say goodbye to the seniors who are bound for college. Three of the seniors received scholarship money from the Town Crier for their exemplary work, dedication and leadership: Maya Dutt (Homestead High), Amalia Tormala (Palo Alto High) and Dorie Xie (Los Altos High). Juniors and seniors from 11 high schools interned at the Town Crier during the school year. Front, from left: Tormala, Dutt, Mia Scott (Los Altos) and Max Asmar (Los Altos). Second row: Kaelyn Tan (Mountain View High), Rachel Aronson (The Nueva School), Olivia Levesque Ouellete (Homestead), Xie, Amelia Yuan (Castilleja School), Neel Gupta (Nueva) and Lara Leon (Mountain View). Back: Skye Dean (St. Francis High) and Sachin Chandran (Homestead). Not pictured: Matthew Lee-Asiong (Los Altos), Annabel Chaw (Mountain View), Meghna Dixit (Monta Vista High), Zoë Friedman (Castilleja), Ananya Kota (Los Altos), Grace Lin (Saratoga High), Abigail Min (Fremont High), Keara Morrow (Archbishop Mitty High) and Cerise Wong (Los Altos).



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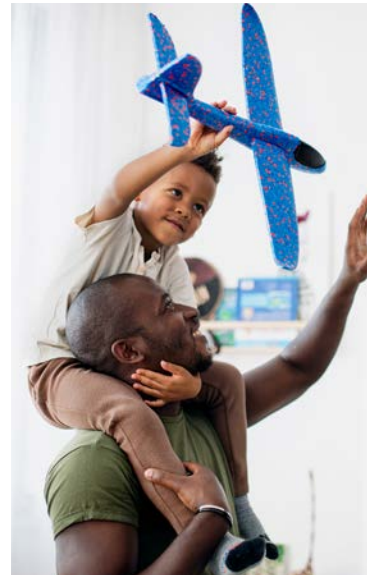
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# News

## FIFA fever is here, with plenty of local flavor

By Niaz Alasti  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

With the FIFA World Cup returning to the Bay Area for the first time in more than 30 years, soccer fans have several local spots to watch the action.

Six matches are being held at Santa Clara's Levi's Stadium – temporarily rebranded San Francisco Bay Area Stadium – and a variety of related events are taking place in Los Altos and Mountain View.

Local restaurants are among the businesses using the tournament as an opportunity to foster community and connect people over food and soccer.

"I feel like this really brings the Bay Area together," said Michelle Johnson, general manager of Laughing Monk Brewery in State Street Market. "It's something that the community really needs to bring us all together."

To join in on celebrating this historic World Cup, the Town Crier compiled information on some of the events – including watch parties – taking place in the area this month and next.

**Laughing Monk Brewing and State Street Market, 170 State St., Los Altos**

State Street Market provides ample seating, a variety of food vendors and, perhaps

the biggest draw for soccer fans – a new 14-foot by 8-foot video wall in the center of the market.

In addition, there are 10 TVs by Laughing Monk Brewing, State Street Market's newest tenant. The bar will host watch parties for major matches throughout the tournament and introduce featured cocktails for each of the host countries, including the Viva Mexico Paloma, True North Old Fashioned, the Stars and Stripes and a variety of themed beers. Laughing Monk will open early next week for 10 a.m. matches set for Monday and Tuesday.

"This is a really unique energy around these tournaments," said Johnson, who also manages the brewery's Sunnyvale location. "What we're doing at Laughing Monk is we're trying to create a place for everyone to gather, celebrate and experience the whole tournament together."

For more information, see [tinyurl.com/LaughMonk](https://tinyurl.com/LaughMonk).

**Ludwig's Biergarten, 383 Castro St., Mountain View**

Situated in the heart of downtown Mountain View, Ludwig's has been a staple in the area since opening in 2021. Now, the casual German restaurant and bar celebrates the tournament with broadcasts of every game, no matter the time.

For more information, see



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Laughing Monk Brewing and State Street Market, 170 State St., Los Altos, were packed on Sunday for the match between Japan and Netherlands that resulted in a 2-2 draw.

[ludwigsmv.com/events](https://ludwigsmv.com/events).

**St. Stephens Green, 223 Castro St., Mountain View**

The family-owned Irish sports bar in downtown Mountain View is promising an "unforgettable matchday energy," according to its website, including large screens with full sound, beer on tap and a full bar.

For more information, see [ststephensgreen.com/world-cup?#](https://ststephensgreen.com/world-cup?#).

**City of Mountain View Summer of Soccer**

The city of Mountain View hosts a variety of World Cup-related events throughout the tournament. That includes opportunities to play FootGolf – sport combining soccer and golf – at Cuesta Park through July 18 and at the Downtown Mini Pitch starting July 2. Cuesta is located at 615 Cuesta Drive; the Downtown Mini Pitch is at 580 Castro St.

To celebrate the end of the tournament, the city will hold the Summer of Soccer finale July 18 and 19. Festivalgoers

can enjoy "live music, games, giveaways and screenings of the bronze and final matches," according to a statement from the city's chief communications officer, Lenka Wright. The city will also activate the Downtown Entertainment Zone, which will allow visitors of drinking age to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages within specified zones.

For more information, see [mountainview.gov/summerof-soccer](https://mountainview.gov/summerof-soccer).

## California admits using high-risk AI – including systems it failed to report last year

*This story was originally published by CalMatters*

By Khari Johnson  
CalMatters

A year ago, California officials had to report under a new state law how they used automated systems to make important decisions about people's lives.

They said they never did – a startling answer for a number

of reasons, sources told CalMatters at the time, including that there were several prominent examples to the contrary.

Now, the state has issued a more expansive answer: It is currently using six automated systems to make consequential decisions about the lives of Californians.

The systems are used to do things like:

Predict whether incarcerated people will re-offend

Evaluate whether unemployment claims are fraudulent

Remotely administer exams for California State University students

Detect when college students use generative AI to write assignments.

That's according to a report released Friday by the state's technology department. The report is required under a 2023 law mandating that that state agencies annually disclose their

use of "high-risk automated decision systems," which the law defines as systems "used to assist or replace human discretionary decisions that have a legal or similarly significant effect, including decisions that materially impact access to, or approval for, housing or accommodations, education, employment, credit, health care, and criminal justice."

The law was pushed by civil rights, privacy, and civil liberties

groups concerned about harms from AI-like systems. Numerous such systems have been shown to produce results biased against marginalized groups, including those used for high-stakes testing, predicting recidivism and detecting AI-generated texts.

CalMatters flagged last year's report as surprising, noting that the state corrections department had reported using

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## Los Altos now offering childcare subsidies up to \$10,000

Town Crier Staff Report

Los Altos residents and City of Los Altos employees can now apply for a city-subsidized childcare program that covers up to 50% of childcare costs, with a maximum benefit of \$10,000 per household. The program supports the County of Santa Clara's affordable childcare initiative.

To qualify, households must meet HUD income guidelines for the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara area and have children between the ages of 2 and 5. Applicants must provide proof of Los Altos residency or city employment, legal guardianship documentation for each child,

and verification of enrollment in a qualifying assistance program, such as Medi-Cal, CalFresh, WIC, CalWORKs, Section 8 or the free or reduced-price school lunch program.

Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis and will be accepted until available funding is exhausted. Funding is available during the annual program cycle, which runs from July 1 through June 30. Any unused subsidy funds expire at the end of the funding cycle and cannot be carried over or transferred to another child.

For more information, see [losaltosca.gov/757/Childcare-Subsidy-Program](https://losaltosca.gov/757/Childcare-Subsidy-Program).

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cost-neutral for the county in 2024, necessitating an increase in costs. Bhateja also argued that places similar to Los Altos Hills, like Portola Valley and Woodside in San Mateo County, paid less in patrol costs per hour than Los Altos Hills, something he wanted the county to consider in negotiations.

In addition to the contract extension, Los Altos Hills discussed long-term options for alternative public safety models and service levels in town. Los Altos Hills currently pays approximately \$500,000 in private security patrols with PalAmerican, leading to total public safety costs of around \$3.9 million a year, a high cost for a town with a general fund of around \$15 million.

Bhateja suggested that Los Altos Hills consider a volunteer program like Atherton, where residents serve as eyes and ears for police, reporting suspicious people and activities. Other options he sug-



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

Los Altos Hills and Santa Clara County are in the midst of negotiations over a new Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office contract for public safety services. The two sides recently agreed to a 12-week extension.

gested include reviewing the use of private security versus the Sheriff's Office and looking for more cooperation with other cities or an inde-

pendent police department. Funding could include a possible parcel tax. Discussions will take place at further meetings.

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answer. Lang later addressed one of those questions by explaining that Council ordered the report because of the complications inherent in the initiative.

In explaining the rationale

for ordering the report, Mayor Sally Meadows pointed to the need to provide balanced information to voters. "It would actually be irresponsible not to get the 9212 report," she said. "That is an objective analysis of the pros and cons."

Lang further clarified

Council's next steps. "To be clear, this isn't meant to block or stall it from going on the ballot," he said. "The signatures have been gathered and, you know, we're in good faith going to follow the rules." Adding once again, "The implications of this are very complicated."

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software to predict post-release behavior and that the employment department used a fraud detection system that paused benefits for 600,000 Californians between Christmas and New Years in 2020, according to a Legislative Analyst's Office report.

Though the report names six high-risk systems in use today, state agencies have used some for several years now. Those include COMPAS, which has been used by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assign recidivism scores to inmates for at least a decade.

The technology department said in the report that it found more systems for its report this year because it evaluated re-

sponses from state agencies more thoroughly, including by meeting with agencies and questioning them about their systems.

In addition to the six high-risk systems, the department's report disclosed an additional six systems initially flagged as high risk but later determined not to be. One was AI used for legislative bill analysis by the California Department of Finance.

The report also notes two high-risk systems that are not currently in use: the Department of Cannabis Control is developing artificial intelligence to analyze whether marijuana packaging violates a law against appealing to children and California State University discontinued use of a language model for reviewing job applications.

Results of the second annual survey come after cities like San Jose and San Francisco released their first AI inventories in recent months. They also come at a time when California-based AI companies like Anthropic and OpenAI are going public and seeking government contracts. Americans are split on whether they trust AI and surveys last year by TechEquity and Carnegie California found that the majority of Californians want safety over innovation. A Gallup poll to evaluate the opinions of Americans found similar results.

Senate Bill 1248, a bill that would have prohibited state employees from using automated decision systems as the sole basis for decisionmaking, was killed last month in the state's rapid-fire appropriations process.

What's missing

While the newly-released report shares more information than last year's, several questions remain about the state's use of artificial intelligence and other automated systems.

The report does not include generative AI pilot projects underway with support from the governor's office to do things like help businesses file taxes, support state employees who work on homelessness, and an AI assistant named Poppy that uses language models like Anthropic's Claude to do things like draft documents, research policy, or build custom AI tools, according to a state website. The website says that 67 state departments provided input during the pilot phase and statewide rollout of Poppy begins next month.

A California State University contract with OpenAI to provide a version of ChatGPT is also not mentioned, though surveys of AI use in education-

al settings have found that the technology can do more harm than good.

The 2023 law mandating the annual high-risk systems report excludes reporting by a number of state agencies, including the judicial branch and the University of California college system. Reporting by CalMatters last month found that a majority of the roughly 60 courts that operate statewide have adopted generative AI use policies. Courts in Los Angeles and Riverside counties have begun testing an AI tool to act as a clerk, drafting orders and producing research memos.

CalMatters is compiling an inventory of automated decisionmaking systems in use by state and local agencies throughout California in order to provide transparency into how governments are using decisionmaking systems and AI. Know about an AI system in use by a state or local agency? Email [khari@calmatters.org](mailto:khari@calmatters.org).



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## Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Your Tech

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Phones are essential to everyday life, but they also come with an environmental footprint.

New survey data from Allstate Protection Plans shows that Americans are thinking more seriously about that impact. The challenge is that habits around recycling, trade-ins, and refurbished devices are still lagging behind awareness.

Allstate Protection Plans' latest mobile survey shows that 52% of Americans say the environmental impact of smartphones is extremely or very important. That is a strong signal that sustainability is no longer a niche issue in consumer tech. People are paying attention not just to what their phones do, but to what happens to them over time.

That shift is also showing up in how people think about refurbished devices. Nearly two-thirds of consumers, 65%, say refurbished electronics are both economical and sustainable. People increasingly understand that extending the life of a device can reduce waste and deliver real value.

But there is still a gap between what consumers believe and what they do. While many people see the ben-

efits of refurbished devices, only 18% say they have ever bought a refurbished phone. The same disconnect shows up in recycling. Only 20% of consumers say they recycle their old phones, while 8% still throw them in the trash. Another 26% say they are not confident they know how to recycle a phone properly.

That uncertainty helps explain why so many devices never make it back into the circular economy. Instead, they sit unused at home. In fact, the average household has 1.8 unused smartphones tucked away in drawers. One forgotten phone may not seem like much, but across millions of households, those unused devices represent a major missed opportunity for reuse, refurbishment, or responsible recycling.

At the same time, ownership habits are changing in ways that could support a more sustainable future. Consumers are keeping their phones longer. Twenty-three percent say they keep their phones for three to four years, and 21% say they only upgrade when their phone breaks. Battery life now ranks ahead of price as the top factor influencing purchase decisions.

These shifting priorities are good for consumers, and good for sustainability. Holding onto devices longer, protect-

ing them from damage, repairing them when possible, and making smarter end-of-life decisions all help reduce unnecessary waste.

The takeaway is that more responsible electronics ownership doesn't have to be complicated. Small actions can make a real difference. Consumers can trade in old devices instead of letting them collect dust. They can use certified electronics recycling programs instead of throwing phones away. They can donate working phones so someone else can keep using them. And when it is time for a replacement, they can consider refurbished models as a practical, lower-waste option.

A few simple steps can also make phone recycling feel easier and more secure. Backing up data, signing out of personal accounts, performing a factory reset, and removing SIM or memory cards can help people feel more confident about passing a device on for reuse or recycling.

The good news? Consumers already care. Now the opportunity is to turn that awareness into action. One traded-in phone, one recycled device, one refurbished purchase at a time, consumers can help cut e-waste and move personal tech in a more sustainable direction.

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# Comment

## California lawmakers want to cut funds for local news at exactly the wrong time

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By Martin Reynolds

Last year, California did something remarkable. The state made a groundbreaking \$15 million public investment in local and ethnic media through the California Local News Fellowship and Propel Initiative.

### Other Voices

The Legislature recognized what communities across the state already know: access to trusted information is not a luxury. It is essential to a healthy democracy, informed communities and a functioning society.

Today, that investment is at risk. Funding for both programs was omitted from the Legislature's proposed budget, and unless Senate and Assembly leaders and the governor act before the budget is finalized, that momentum could come to a halt just as the work is beginning to show results.

Abandoning this successful local news initiative comes at exactly the wrong time.

California is heading into a period of enormous change. Communities are navigating economic uncertainty, natural disasters, rapid technological change and an increasingly complex information environment. In the coming year, Californians will elect a new governor and make decisions that will shape the future of our state for years to come.

This is exactly when people need access to trusted local news and information.

More than 70% of journalism jobs have disappeared nationally over the past two decades, and nearly one-third of local newspapers have closed. Across California, communities are losing reporters, coverage is shrinking and too many residents lack reliable information about what is happening in their schools, neighborhoods, city halls and local institutions.

The consequences are real. When trusted local information disappears, misinformation fills the void. Civic participation declines. Public

trust erodes. Accountability suffers.

The impact is especially acute for immigrant communities, communities of color, rural communities and people

who rely on in-language news. For many Californians, ethnic and community media are not simply another source of information. They are the most trusted source of information.

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## Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

Sisters Katie Knapp (second from left) and Anna Knapp (second from right) are joined by friends from the Los Altos Grammar School in 1927. They are dressed for a special occasion wearing nice dresses, white stockings and white heels. Some have corsages pinned to their dresses.

## Letters to the Editor

### Creating a beacon of social justice

Mountain View Community Land Trust (MVCLT) is spearheading an innovative demonstration project to acquire and preserve at-risk multifamily properties, transforming them into permanently affordable housing under community control.

The local crisis is alarming: since 2012, nearly 1,000 subsidized rental units have been demolished, forcing working-class

immigrant families to relocate. According to the Housing Element (2023), 70% of very low-income households spend more than half their income on rent, facing overcrowding and language or immigration barriers.

We thank the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation (LAMVCF) for the opportunity to participate in the Live Where You Work Challenge. MVCLT breaks the financial mold: it prioritizes philanthropic capital over debt, ensuring that residents pay no

more than 30-35% of their income.

Guided by a council of seven Latina immigrant women, the model combines technical and community expertise. Through workshops in Spanish, it empowers residents of zip codes 94040, 94041, and 94043 in governance and rights, creating a beacon of social justice that can be replicated throughout Silicon Valley.

**Arya Patel**

Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation

### Letters to the Editor

The Town Crier welcomes letters to the editor on current events pertinent to Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. Email letters to [clarke@latc.com](mailto:clarke@latc.com). Letters should be no more than 200 words. Include a phone number for verification purposes. Anonymous letters will not be printed.



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# Community

## Justice Vanguard hosts 7th annual Juneteenth Festival

By Ava Acharya  
Town Crier Staff Writer

This June 19 marks 161 years since the end of American slavery. And in those 161 years, that anniversary date, Juneteenth, has become a celebration of liberation and Black American identity.

Here in Los Altos, that celebration includes a free festival, hosted and organized by Justice Vanguard, on June 20 in Hillview Park. Festivities include games, food, art and handcrafted goods from more than 25 local Black-owned businesses.

“We’ve created a space that’s friendly,” said Justice Vanguard’s co-founder Kenan Moos. “There’s activities, water, shade, seating, games, art, painting and it’s meant to be an inclusive and fun environment for everyone.”

And, Justice Vanguard’s event pairs this celebration with education.

“Juneteenth is ever evolving,” said Justice Vanguard’s other founder Kiyoshi Taylor. “It’s a time for those to educate themselves on what they may or may not know about Black liberation and Black freedom.”

The holiday commemorates the day that the final enslaved Black Americans were liberated in Galveston, Texas in 1865. Justice Vanguard’s website features materials dedicated to Juneteenth education, as well as the history of slavery in the United States.

Moos added that it is important that their celebration be as inclusive as possible to encourage non-Black people to celebrate joy outside of suffering.

“When we first started in 2020, it felt like everyone was just yelling at each other and no one wanted to have a conversation,” Moos said. “I also felt that every time there was a conversation, it was like ‘let’s get sad and talk about depressing stuff.’”

Moos felt that the activism he saw forgot to celebrate Black identity by exclusively focusing on hardship.

“The goal is to change that narrative,” Moos said. “That’s the amazing part about the Black experience – while there is loss, the goal is to be able to say ‘look at these inventors, these creators and musicians, enjoy these different paths and find ways to access it that is meaningful.’”



COURTESY OF KEN HAMEL

A dance performance at last year’s Juneteenth Festival.

Through events like Juneteenth, Moos wants to authentically celebrate Black American culture, heritage and joy.

And this concept ties into Justice Vanguard’s founding mission. Moos and Taylor like to say that they are “solving racism and inequality with a smile.” The organization aims to dismantle systemic inequality through education and com-

munity empowerment.

This is the seventh year Justice Vanguard has hosted a Juneteenth celebration. And, Moos said, every year it gets bigger and better.

The festival started with around 30 attendees, and this year they are expecting close to 4,000.

“We’re just so excited that we keep growing, and that we keep

being able to bring more people into our village because that’s what we’re about,” Moos said. “It’s about growing community, growing ties and building connections.”

Moos and Taylor said that they are incredibly proud of the event that they planned, and that they hope more and more people will attend to celebrate with them.

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Summer Concert Series at Grant Park continues

By Michael Shtrom  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

Los Altos’ 2026 Summer Concert Series kicked off last week, with six more free shows scheduled as part of the city’s summer programming. Musicians from throughout the Bay Area will perform at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays on the soccer field at either Hillview Park or Grant Park. This week’s concert features Big Bang Beat at Grant Park, 1570 Holt Ave. With the intention of curating a lively evening for the community, Los Altos Recreation Supervisor Mary Jo Price said the city’s parks and

recreation department chooses musicians who know how to engage an audience. “We select bands with the goal of creating an engaging and enjoyable experience for the community,” Price said. “The genres reflect a range of musical tastes we know resonate with Los Altos residents, while also providing variety across the series. We prioritize acts that are energetic, family-friendly, and proven crowd-pleasers – bands that encourage people to relax, have fun and get up and dance.” Price added that the main purpose of organizing the Summer Concert Series each year is to unify local residents through the power of live mu-

sic. “The Summer Concert Series helps foster a strong sense of community by bringing people together in a relaxed, welcoming environment,” Price said. “Each concert typically ... attracts a diverse, multigenerational audience – including families, teens, young adults and seniors. This wide mix of participants creates a shared experience where neighbors can connect, enjoy live music and spend time together.” Price is pleased that Los Altos continues to offer such experiences free of charge. “Bringing free live music to the community is important because it ensures that everyone has access to cultural ex-

periences, regardless of cost,” Price said. “It creates an inclusive environment where residents of all ages and backgrounds can come together and enjoy high-quality entertainment.” The Peninsula Symphony launched this year’s concert series with a special Saturday show June 13. This week’s entertainer, Big Bang Beat, is a San Francisco-based rock and soul group that has been performing in the Bay Area and beyond for over 40 years. The band plays hits from the 1960s all the way to the 1990s. Trumpet player Steve Stanley said the group is excited to return to Los Altos.

“We have bandmates and fans from all over the Bay Area, including Los Altos,” he said. “I’m looking forward to seeing our friends at the show.” Stanley hopes the joy the band gets from performing live spreads to the audience. “I can say that, after more gigs than we can count and more years than we want to admit, we are like one big family that loves to get together and play great music,” Stanley said. “Seeing the crowd enjoy our show is very energizing.” Mercy and the Heartbeats follows June 25 at Grant Park. The band performs upbeat hits from several decades. Band

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City of  
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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
JUNE 23, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.  
In Person  
*Note- This is not the Final Agenda*

Members of the public are invited to participate in person at the Los Altos Council Chamber at Los Altos City Hall located at 1 N. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA. To attend virtually, please view the final agenda for details. Public testimony will be taken at the direction of the Mayor, and members of the public may only comment during times allotted for public comments. Public comment will be received in person during the meeting or by written public comment submitted to [publiccomment@losaltosca.gov](mailto:publiccomment@losaltosca.gov)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Adopt resolution and accept completion of the Structural Reach Replacement, Project WW-01002; and authorize the Public Works Engineering Department Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law
2. Adopt resolution and accept completion of the Intersection Access Barrier Removal, Project TS-01058; and authorize the Public Works Engineering Department Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law
3. Adopt a resolution accepting completion of the Los Altos Community Center Emergency Operations Center Project CF-01021; authorize the Park & Recreation Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law; and find that acceptance of the completed work is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute amendment No. 1 to the ADP Workforce Now Comprehensive Services Agreement extending the agreement three (3) years with a term through April 25, 2029 and related implementation documents necessary to implement Workforce Manager services, in a form approved by the City Attorney and subject to available appropriations
5. Adopt the ordinance that will amend the Commission membership to 5 members for Complete Streets, Environmental, Financial, and Planning through a natural attrition process, meaning that no current Commissioners will be removed from their membership as a result of this action; transition the Youth Commission to a Youth Council Academy that will no longer serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and will not be subject to the Brown Act; and, transition the Senior Commission to a Senior Committee that will serve in an advisory capacity to City staff and will not be subject to the Brown Act
6. Receive and file the City’s Treasurer’s Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026
7. Approval of the Updated Purchasing Policy (June 2026)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8. Adopt a Resolution approving the Senate Bill 707 (SB707) Disruption Policy and Approve the use of Zoom Technologies for Remote Public Participation
9. Staff recommends the City Council receive the Elections Code Section 9212 Report for the proposed initiative measure entitled “Los Altos Downtown Parking Plazas Ordinance.”

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**NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING**  
Date of Notice: June 10, 2026

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT / ANNEXATION 2026**

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO) will hold a public hearing to receive written protests regarding an annexation proposal titled “Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District (CCFD) Sphere of Influence (SOI) Amendment and Annexation 2026.” The LAFCO Executive Officer will conduct the protest hearing.

**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2026  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Location:** County Government Center, Room No. 157  
70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA

On April 2, 2026, LAFCO received an application from the City of Los Altos for a Sphere of Influence (SOI) amendment and annexation to the CCFD. The application is for annexation of the entire City of Los Altos to CCFD, and addition of all lands located within the City of Los Altos’ SOI to CCFD’s SOI. The purpose of the annexation is to continue quality fire protection services and enable long term stability and financial sustainability without the need for contract renegotiations. The City of Los Altos has received fire protection services from CCFD on a contractual basis for 30 years since December 1996.

At a public hearing on June 3, 2026, LAFCO approved the annexation proposal subject to terms and conditions, as specified in LAFCO Resolution No. 2026-01. This resolution, which includes a map of the proposed boundaries, is available for your review at the LAFCO office and on the LAFCO website at: [www.santaclaralafco.org/protesthearing](https://www.santaclaralafco.org/protesthearing).

Written protests against this annexation proposal may be filed by any owner of land OR by any registered voter within the City of Los Altos.

The protest form and more information on the requirements for a valid written protest are available on the LAFCO website at [www.santaclaralafco.org/protesthearing](https://www.santaclaralafco.org/protesthearing). Alternatively, you may contact the LAFCO Office to obtain the form.



Written protests may be mailed or delivered to the Santa Clara LAFCO Office at 777 North First Street, Suite 410, San Jose, CA 95112. Written protests submitted by mail must be received by LAFCO no later than the conclusion of the protest hearing. Alternatively, written protests may be submitted to the LAFCO Executive Officer at the protest hearing.

If you have questions, please email [LAFCO@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:LAFCO@ceo.sccgov.org), or call (408) 993-4705.

For more information about Santa Clara LAFCO, please visit [SantaClaraLAFCO.org](https://SantaClaraLAFCO.org).



Wedding announcement



COURTESY OF CORKY CORCORAN DOUGLAS  
Ian Douglas and Julie Garrett were married on Feb. 28, 2026, at the InterContinental Mark Hopkins in San Francisco. Ian's mother, Corky Corcoran Douglas of Los Altos, wishes to mark the day and offer her congratulations.

Top Mustang



COURTESY PHOTO  
Local resident and car enthusiast Bob Larson won best Mustang in show at the 2026 Capitola Rod and Custom Classic Car Show on Saturday, June 13.

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members have shared the stage with The Black Keys, Jennifer Holliday and Coolio, among other hitmakers.

After that, Carnaval will perform July 9 at Grant Park. Paying tribute to San Francisco-based legendary guitarist Carlos Santana, the band specializes in a Latin rock sound that has resonated with many

of the Bay Area communities in which they've performed.

On July 16, Smokin' Slice of Mojo will bring a taste of soul and rhythm and blues to Hillview Park, 97 Hillview Ave. The band seeks to bring the joy of soul and R&B to audiences of all ages, intentionally curating a family-friendly setlist.

Next comes Petty Theft, a tribute band playing the music of late rock star Tom Petty that will perform July 23 at Hillview Park. Based in Sonoma County, the band has been covering Petty's music since 2004.

The summer series closes July 30 with a performance by Mustache Harbor at Hillview Park. The band covers yacht-rock hits from the 1970s and 1980s. It has performed throughout California and Nevada.

For more information, see [tinyurl.com/FreeMusicSeries](https://tinyurl.com/FreeMusicSeries).



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# Sports

## Egan track runs away with middle school championship

Town Crier Report

The Egan Junior High School track team had a successful day at the Silicon Valley Middle School Championships May 19, with the Egan seventh-grade girls finishing first and the eighth-grade boys in second.

Egan sent 27 athletes to participate at the county track meet in Campbell and got outstanding performances from seventh-graders like Sawyer Pitschka (first in seventh-grade girls 65 meter hurdles), Veda Reddy (first in seventh-grade girls triple jump), Allison Krutzik (second in seventh-grade girls 400 meters), Tahlia Morgenstern (third in seventh-grade girls triple jump) and Mahi Choletti (third in seventh-grade girls 1600 meters). For the eighth-grade boys, Jackson Clement (first in eighth-grade boys high jump, second in eighth-grade boys 100 meters), Nate Giesselman (first in eighth-grade boys 100 meters), and Macabee Lee (second in eighth-grade boys high jump) had top performances as well.

To qualify for the county track meet, athletes needed to finish in the top five of an event at the previous week's Valley Athletic League Championships, while relay teams had to finish in the top two, Egan track



Jackson Clement (left) and Macabee Lee (right) in the first photo after finishing first and second, respectively, in high jump at the May 19 Silicon Valley Middle School Championships. Egan seventh grader Veda Reddy, far right photo, finished in first place in the girls triple jump.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEVE APFELBERG

coach Steve Apfelberg said. The Valley Athletic League has 11 schools and 33 athletes competing in each event.

### The Egan County Meet competitors

Seventh-grade girls: Skylar Chaffe (4x100 relay), Mahi Choletti (800, 1600, 4x400 relay),

Joana dePaula (high jump), Clara Grow (400, 4x400 relay), Allison Krutzik (400, 4x100 relay), Juliana Marshall (100, 4x100 relay), Tahlia Morgenstern (triple jump), Kelana Ng (4x100 relay), Sawyer Pitschka (65 hurdles, 100, 400, 4x100 relay), Veda Reddy (high jump, triple jump), Katelyn Wang

(4x400 relay) and Mina Wang (65 hurdles, long jump).

Eighth-grade girls: Maja Amren (discus, shot put), Vivian Heit (800, 1600) and Rhea Paliwal (high jump).

Seventh-grade boys: Jayden Bell (high jump), Dylan Gooden (400) and Peter Kopp (shot put).

Eighth-grade boys: Jackson Clement (high jump, 100, 4x100 relay), Nate Giesselman (100, 4x100 relay), Owen Gomez (shot put), Macabee Lee (high jump, 400, 4x100 relay), Tank McCall (discus), Aiden Nam (4x100 relay), Dylan O'Brien (4x100 relay) and Donovan Zeisler (shot put, 4x100 relay).

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## Two former 49ers join St. Francis coaching staff

By Curtis Driscoll  
Town Crier Staff Writer

St. Francis football has announced four new additions to its 2026 coaching staff, including former San Francisco 49ers Bryant Young and Alex Smith.

Young is a member of the NFL Hall of Fame who spent his entire 14-year NFL career with the Niners and won a Super Bowl in his rookie year. Smith spent eight years with the Niners in a 16-year career as an NFL quarterback.

St. Francis head coach Greg Calcagno said Smith will focus on the passing game and has already spent

time with the team this off-season watching film, calling Smith's knowledge "off the charts" given his NFL experience.

"How he explains stuff; it's Sunday on ESPN in the morning, right, just at the high school level," Calcagno said. "He just does a great job with it."

Young has spent time coaching the defensive line at San Jose State, Florida and the Atlanta Falcons and will continue working with the defensive line with the Lancers.

"Again, just a great example and somebody that obvi-

ously knows the game and played it at a super high level," Calcagno said of Young.

St. Francis had openings after several departures on the coaching staff.

"They are wonderful individuals, class people, and the type of people you want to bring into your program to work with your players," Calcagno said.

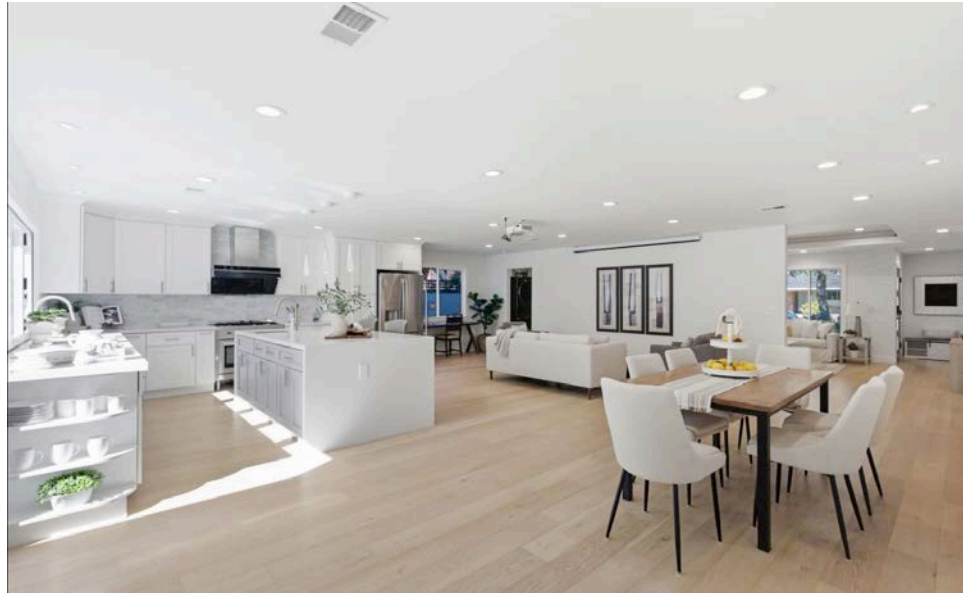
St. Francis also announced that former San Jose State and St. Francis lineman Hudson Mesa, class of 2021, would be joining the staff. Mesa joined San Jose State as a walk-on and eventually earned a scholarship.

"The opportunity to bring him back, a guy who knows our program really well, a great example for a lot of our players," Calcagno said of Mesa.

Former St. Francis line-backer Momo Wilmer, who graduated in 2019, will also join to help the team's defense and has already been helping out the program. Wilmer played at the University of Nevada and the University of Connecticut.

"Just great overall knowledge of the game itself and looking at it from a lens from a couple of different spots," Calcagno said of Wilmer.

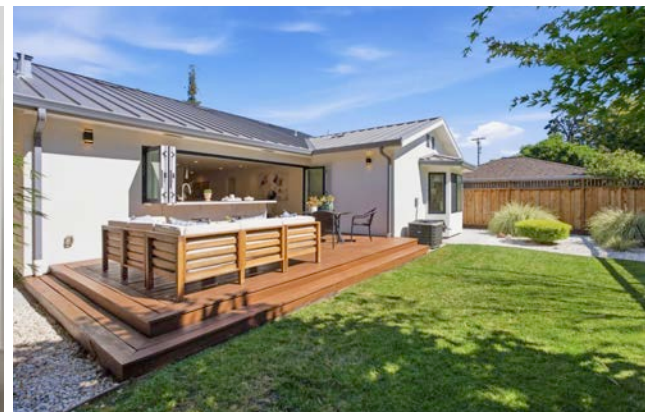




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# Schools

## LASD speeds up San Antonio campus planning

By Julia Baum  
Town Crier Staff Writer

The Los Altos School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a delegation of authority at its June 8 meeting, allowing district leadership to execute certain consulting contracts related to the planned San Antonio campus project before the board's next regular meeting in August.

District staff said the authorization is intended to keep work moving during the summer if consulting agreements arise that require approval before August 3. Any contracts executed under the delegation would be brought back to the board for ratification.

The action comes as the district continues long-range planning for the San Antonio campus at the corner of California Street and Showers

Drive in Mountain View – also known as the district's "10th site" – a project that trustees say remains on schedule.

During public comment, a parent questioned the need for the project amid enrollment declines, saying, "Your enrollment is down. You don't need the 10th site." They argued that the district should focus resources on existing campuses and raised concerns about facilities for Bullis Charter School (BCS) students.

Trustee Jim Malone pushed back on the characterization that the project is being accelerated.

"I don't think anybody's fast-tracking anything," Malone said. "We made a decision. We made it as a board a while ago and this just keeps things moving forward. It's not really doing anything out of the ordinary."

Board President Vaishali Sirkay said, "We are very

much on schedule and I'm really, really grateful for that because if we were to slow things down or not be on schedule, the costs are just going up and up and up, and I think that by us staying on schedule, we're able to stay within our budget."

Trustees also discussed how the campus could affect future facilities arrangements with BCS.

Trustee Stella Kam said BCS is expected to be the first occupant of the San Antonio campus when it opens in the 2028-2029 school year. Kam also said some BCS students would remain at Egan Junior High School because the new campus would not be large enough to accommodate all of BCS' in-district students.

The discussion also touched on the district's long-standing facilities relationship with BCS. Kam noted that the district has operated under a



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The former Kohl's building on the San Antonio campus at the corner of California Street and Showers Drive in Mountain View, also known as the MVLA district's "10th site."

facilities agreement with the charter school for roughly 12 years and said the current agreement is expected to expire in 2027.

Kam said two members of the board have been meeting with the BCS board, adding that "there has been work going on" behind the scenes.

Sirkay connected the project to a long-standing district goal of creating separate campuses, referencing the Measure N campaign slogan, "10

schools on 10 campuses."

Sirkay said the district's shared-campus model has created instructional challenges and should be phased out. She said the district has long wanted to shift to a middle school model but has been constrained by the current arrangement. "I don't think it's fair or appropriate for BCS students or for LASD students to continue sharing campuses to the extent that they have been," she said.

## MVLA Board approves semester ethnic studies course

By Julia Baum  
Town Crier Staff Writer

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees approved a revised semester-long ethnic studies course at its June 8 meeting, which will replace the district's former yearlong requirement beginning next school year.

The board voted 4-0 to approve the course, with Board Vice President Vadim Katz abstaining, after nearly 30 minutes of discussion focused on curriculum transparency,

instructional materials and the board's role in reviewing courses.

The vote marks another chapter in a debate that spanned more than a year. In late 2024, trustees voted 3-2 to reduce MVLA's ethnic studies graduation requirement from a yearlong course to one semester, a decision that drew criticism from students, teachers and community members who argued the change would weaken the program.

Associate Superintendent of Education Teri Faught said

the revised course condenses the original seven-unit curriculum into three primary units focused on immigration and migration, education and housing, and the justice system. Concepts from introductory units on ethnic studies, identity and historical systems of power have been incorporated into an opening unit.

Social studies teachers from both district high schools developed the revision, which Faught said reflects feedback gathered from teachers, students and community members throughout the review process.

"We have a very successful ethnic studies curriculum," Faught told the board. "The three units that we took forward were the three units that are grounded in history, social studies."

Trustee Alex Levich praised the course team and said she saw "meaningful changes" between the original and revised proposals. Levich

asked how the district would ensure the course aligns with the board's recently adopted policy on controversial issues, which emphasizes critical thinking and exposure to differing viewpoints.

Faught said those principles were central to the redesign. Students will engage in document-based questions, essays, projects and other assignments intended to strengthen critical thinking and prepare them for future social studies courses, she said.

Several trustees emphasized that students should be encouraged to examine multiple perspectives and be evaluated on the quality of their reasoning rather than whether they reach a particular conclusion on political or social issues.

The most extensive discussion centered on whether trustees had sufficient information to approve the course. Katz argued that the board was reviewing a course out-

line rather than a complete curriculum and said instructional materials should be made publicly available for both trustees and parents.

"I cannot make a decision either in favor or against it because of lack of this information," Katz said before abstaining from the vote.

District administrators responded that the approval process follows the same format used for other new and revised courses and that many of the instructional materials already exist online. Other trustees cautioned against holding ethnic studies to a different standard than other academic subjects.

Trustee Catherine Vonnegut noted that much of the curriculum had already been approved when the district adopted the original yearlong ethnic studies course and said the current proposal primarily reflects decisions about which units to retain in the shortened version.

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# Living Well

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## Stepping up as allies during Pride Month

By Susie Driscoll

Pride month is bringing up mixed emotions this year. Most years I celebrate, dusting off my bisexual pride pins and trying to find a creative way to wear a rainbow flag. However, in the current socio-political climate, pride feels less like a celebration and more like a moment of silence.

It didn't used to feel this way. Marching through downtown Mountain View in 2010 after the overturning of Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage, the feeling in the air was triumphant and I believed we were moving forward as a society.

But the current government has targeted or at best neglected the queer community in devastating ways. Instead of working toward equitable treatment, hateful voices are platformed and the voices of the queer community (particularly the transgender community) are drowned out.

Sometimes things can feel hopeless. As a therapist serving gender diverse clients, I see the impact of hatred daily. Some of my transgender clients stay home, too afraid of being harassed to run errands. Other clients look into self-defense methods. These experiences

weigh heavily on me because I can't reassure my clients that everything will be okay. I don't know what rights will be taken away or if new leadership would turn things around for the better.

However, I take comfort in remembering how the LGBTQ+ community survived over history. Between the Stonewall Riots, the HIV/AIDS epidemic, massive studies on the effectiveness of gender affirming care for mental health and countless queer people finding love, the LGBTQ+ community can overcome anything. Our strength comes from solidarity and dare I say it – pride.

Although the queer community is strong, we cannot do this alone. In order to drown out hate, we need proud allies. Transgender people are being targeted through discriminatory policies designed to strip away their civil rights. If people outside of the LGBTQ+ community remain silent about those proposed policies, the policies are more likely to be approved. Making public comments, calling representatives or showing up in Sacramento in large num-

bers can tell legislators that this will not slide.

Even without advocacy, there are many other ways in which people can be allies. Unless allies advertise themselves as such, the natural instinct is to assume others are unsafe. Therefore, be vocal in your support through social media posts, displaying a pride flag, or placing signs to mark safe spaces. It could also look like using someone's correct pronouns. If you don't know someone's pronouns, feel free to tell them your own (e.g. "My name is Susie and I use she/her pronouns") and ask for theirs.

What I often discuss when working with families of LGBTQ+ folks is the intentional use of language and avoiding assumptions. Questions we ask people can unintentionally make others uncomfortable if they come from assuming one's gender or sexual orientation. For example, if someone is talking to someone who presents as female, sometimes they will ask, "Do you have a boyfriend?" or "What does your husband do?" Both questions assume that the person is interested in men when the person may not be attracted



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to men or anyone. Therefore, use inclusive language like referring to someone's "partner" or "significant other" in order to avoid making assumptions and pushing the person to "out" themselves to correct misunderstandings.

If the current political climate teaches us anything, it is that language can also radically shape our perspectives. For instance, the Trump administration refers to gender affirming medical care as "genital mutilation" to demonize medical professionals and families helping their transgender children access this care. Whereas the transgender community uses the term gender identity to refer to one's internal sense of their gender (which may or may not relate to one's biology), the current administration refers to the concept as "gender ideology," an unjustifiable departure from a biological

perspective of gender in which there is only male and female.

When it comes to concepts related to the transgender community, the trans community, not the government, should dictate what language is appropriate. Cisgender people (e.g. people who identify with their sex assigned at birth) can only have an outside perspective, whereas the trans community best understands its needs.

It's time for society to operate from a place of empathy and curiosity, rather than condemnation. Letting the queer community live authentically will not hurt society. Instead, the queer community can bring vibrancy and resilience that our country desperately needs.

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## 59% of Americans worry about sunscreen chemicals. Only 32% understand how sunscreen works.

By Tiffany Miller

Melanoma Research Alliance

Many Americans think of sunscreen at the beach. Fewer consider wearing it for the drive there. And many are questioning if they should wear sunscreen at all.

These trends, uncovered in a new national survey from the nonprofit Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA), highlight a central challenge in skin cancer prevention.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, according to the CDC. Nine in 10 skin cancers, including melanoma, are linked to exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, according to the MRA. Reducing exposure to UV radiation lowers the risk of skin cancer, making sunscreen a key part of prevention.

A survey of 2,000 adults found that

most Americans have a basic understanding of the risks of sun exposure, but that awareness doesn't always translate into action. More than eight in 10 recognize that spending long hours in the sun contributes to melanoma risk, yet roughly one-quarter say they rarely or never use sunscreen when spending time outdoors.

Then there are those everyday moments that most people don't recognize as risky. The light coming through the window over the sink. The short walk from the parking lot. The hour in the bleachers with the sun hitting one side of your face. A single sunburn can be dangerous, but it's the accumulation of exposure over time that often drives risk.

Sunscreen is widely recognized as an effective tool for skin cancer prevention, yet confusion and misinformation persist, especially on social media. Fifty-three percent of respondents say they have seen

claims that sunscreen ingredients may be harmful. Fifty-nine percent say they are concerned about what's in sunscreen, and 38% don't believe sunscreen is safe and effective.

Many Americans also say they aren't sure how sunscreen works. Only about a third can correctly explain the difference between types of sunscreens, while a much larger share reports being unsure.

Sunscreen works by absorbing or blocking UV radiation from reaching the skin, preventing DNA damage that can cause skin cancer. In the United States, the active ingredients in sunscreen undergo rigorous review by the Food and Drug Administration, which evaluates them as over-the-counter drugs. This drug-level standard requires extensive testing and contributes to a more limited set of approved UV filters compared with Europe, where sunscreens are regulated

as cosmetics. The FDA is currently evaluating additional methodologies for assessing sunscreen ingredients, a process that could expand the number of approved UV filters available to U.S. consumers.

All of this is unfolding during a period of real progress in melanoma research. While melanoma remains the deadliest form of skin cancer, more than 8,500 Americans are expected to die from it in 2026, roughly one person every hour, according to the American Cancer Society. Recent advances are improving outcomes for many patients with advanced disease, though approximately 50% of patients do not respond to current treatments, according to MRA, underscoring why prevention and early detection remain critical.

*For information on sunscreen, see [cure-melanoma.org/about-melanoma/prevention/choosing-the-right-sunscreen](https://cure-melanoma.org/about-melanoma/prevention/choosing-the-right-sunscreen).*



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## Living Well

### Local events that encourage healthy living

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A number of events are coming up that are geared toward healthy living. From meditation to eating well and healthy aging, there is something for everyone.

• **Don't Fall for It: Preventing Falls and Fraud**, 1 p.m. Thursday (June 18), Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave. Learn from a dual presentation on how to reduce fall risks through practical home design, personalized care strategies, simple lifestyle changes, and exercises that improve strength and balance, as well as how to recognize scams and how to respond if you are targeted. 55+ welcome. Free. For more information, call (650) 903-6330 or email [senior.center@mountainview.gov](mailto:senior.center@mountainview.gov).

• **Mindfulness Meditation**, 1-2 p.m. Saturday (June 20), Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Improve your mental and physical health in mindfulness meditation sessions led by Buddhist nun Phuong Pham. Each session is 30 minutes of sitting meditation and 15 minutes of releasing meditation followed by 15 minutes of group sharing and Q&A. It is open to all levels of experience and no registration is required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mats and/or meditation cushions. Chairs are available. Offered most Saturdays except

July 4. For more information, see [tinyurl.com/Mindful-June20](https://tinyurl.com/Mindful-June20).

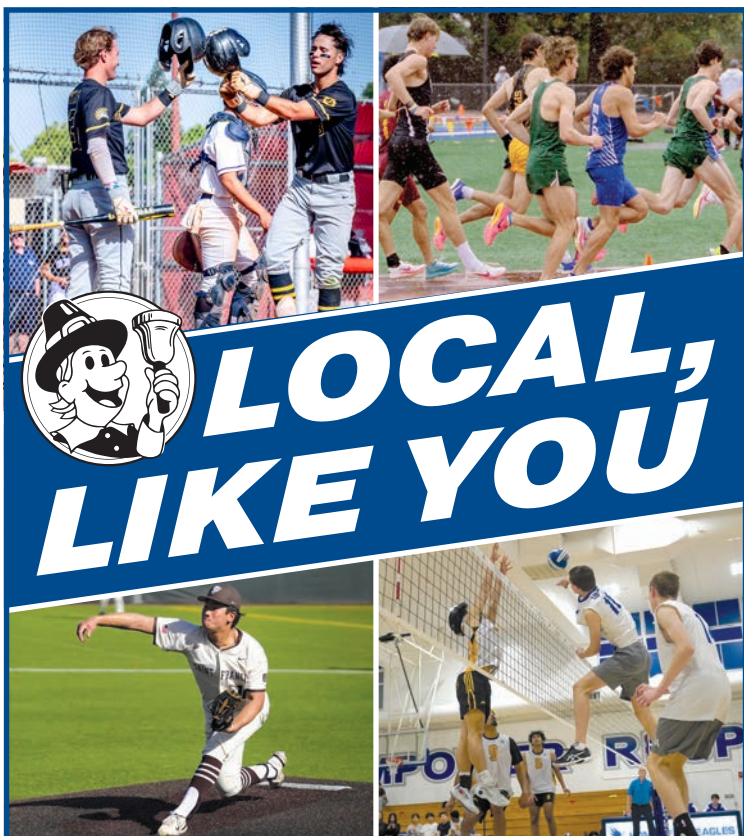
• **The Sandwich Generation – Supporting Our Kids, Our Parents, and Ourselves**, noon to 1 p.m. June 24. Webinar. Nearly half of adults in their 40s and 50s belong to the "Sandwich Generation," juggling the emotional, financial and physical support of two different generations simultaneously. This webinar is designed to help participants reclaim balance during this challenging stage of life. It will explore the emotional complexities of caregiving, including anticipatory grief and ambiguous loss; identify the warning signs of caregiver burnout; suggest ways to challenge negative thought patterns; and explore practical strategies such as delegation, realistic to-do lists and boundaries. Free. For more information and to register, see [events.stanford.edu/event/the-sandwich-generation](https://events.stanford.edu/event/the-sandwich-generation).

• **Healthy Aging: Preventing Hospital Visits**, 1 p.m. June 25, Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave. Discover simple, practical strategies to support healthy aging and reduce preventable hospital visits in older adults. The presentation will focus on lifestyle habits, safety, early warning signs and proactive care to promote independence and overall well-being. 55+ welcome. Free. For more information, call (650) 903-6330 or email

[senior.center@mountainview.gov](mailto:senior.center@mountainview.gov).

• **Sonic Ecology: Forest & Flow**, 10 a.m. to noon June 28, Byrne Preserve, 27210 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills. Participants are invited to reconnect with nature and themselves through an immersive outdoor sound bath experience, exploring the relationship between nature, sound, emotion and wellbeing. Through live synthesizers, voice, environmental soundscapes, aromatherapy and mindful listening practices, participants can slow down, reconnect and experience a deeper sense of presence. \$74.41 (early bird until June 21) to \$85.08. For more information, see [tinyurl.com/SonicEcology-June28](https://tinyurl.com/SonicEcology-June28).

• **Smart Snacking for a Healthy Gut, Brain, and Heart**, noon to 1 p.m. July 2. Webinar. This webinar will share how to create simple and delicious anti-inflammatory snacks that not only satisfy your cravings but also nourish your gut, brain and heart health. Using whole food ingredients rich in fiber, probiotics, antioxidants and omega-3s, the instructor will demonstrate how to prepare easy, flavorful snacks that help reduce inflammation, promote digestion, and support mental clarity. Recipes will be provided after the class. \$35. For more information, see [events.stanford.edu/event/smart-snacking-for-a-healthy-gut-brain-and-heart](https://events.stanford.edu/event/smart-snacking-for-a-healthy-gut-brain-and-heart).



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# Stepping Out

## Pear's 'God of Carnage' – civility vs. chaos

By **Miranda Huang**  
Town Crier Editorial Intern

As part of its 24th season, the Pear Theatre is staging its rendition of “God of Carnage” through June 28 in Mountain View.

Written by Yasmina Reza and translated by Christopher Hampton, the dramatic comedy explores themes of marital discord, civility and chaos. The play, which opened June 12, begins with two sets of parents meeting to discuss a playground fight between their sons. As tensions rise, accusations fly and power plays come to light, the parents forgo diplomacy quickly.

Bay Area-based actor, playwright and producer Kimberly Ridgeway directs. According to Ridgeway, collaboration is central to her work with the cast.

“Before any production, I have a one-on-one (with each actor) where I ask, ‘What’s the best way that you receive feedback? What difficulties have you had that I can address going into the production?’” Ridgeway said. “I have to change up my directing style based on the actor.”

Jaime Melendez, the actress who plays mom Veronica, said she valued her time working with Ridgeway.

“I’ve been wanting to work with her for a while,” Melendez said, “so it was really exciting to get the opportunity to do that, and then just getting to know my castmates, playing around with them and making new discoveries together (have been my favorite parts of the role).”

Melendez compared the play’s content to observing a heated family debate at Thanksgiving or watching an episode of reality television.

“You’re watching very messy people trying to save face, but you’re watching all their bad edits,” Melendez said. “It reveals

a lot about where we are in our own society, how we all try to put on this mask.”

As both an actress and author, Patty Reinhart, who plays mom Annette, sees storytelling as central to her life’s work. She said theater restores a sense of humanity in audiences, as they realize they are more alike than different.

“There’s nothing like experiencing live theater with a group of strangers in the dark, and you’re all laughing at the same thing, or you’re all crying at the same thing,” Reinhart said. “It’s just such a community-building (process), and we need that so desperately. Plus, we want stories reflected back to us to let us know that we’re going to be OK.”

Reinhart added that watching “Carnage” is cathartic because it allows audiences to observe characters who “completely lose it.”

“We all have our moments where we turn into a 5-year-old having a temper tantrum,” Reinhart said. “That’s just being human, and I think that that’s what’s so delightful about this play.”

Ridgeway said “Carnage” is a good introduction to those new to theater.

“You’ll get a really good comedy with four amazing actors in no more than 90 minutes,” she said. “You can get in and get out, and it’ll be something to talk about on your ride home.”

Performances of “Carnage” are set for 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays as well as 2 p.m. Sundays at the Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St. Additional performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. this Thursday and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28, with the former being a fundraiser for theater practitioners with critical injuries.

For more information, see [thepear.org](http://thepear.org).

## Upcoming events to step out to

- “Six the Musical: Teen Edition,” June 25-28, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts SecondStage, 500 Castro St. Peninsula Youth Theater presents a modern take on the six wives of Henry VIII, remixing 500 years of historical heartbreak into a celebration of 21st-century girl power. \$32. For tickets and more, visit [mvpca.com](http://mvpca.com)
- Billy Childs Quartet, 7: 30 p.m. June 27, Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. LA pianist Billy Childs, winner of six Grammy Awards, appears at the Stanford Jazz Festival. \$30-\$95. For tickets and more, visit [stanfordjazz.org/event/billy-childs-quartet](http://stanfordjazz.org/event/billy-childs-quartet).



# Business & Real Estate

## Historic Maryknoll Seminary sells for \$43M



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By Julia Baum  
Town Crier Staff Writer

One of Los Altos’ most recognizable historic properties, Maryknoll Seminary, has sold for \$43 million, with potential new uses being discussed for the century-old campus.

The 29.2-acre campus at 23000 Cristo Rey Drive, overlooking Interstate 280 and bordering Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, was purchased by Saint Therese Holdings LLC in an all-cash transaction, according to Santa Clara County property records. Those records link the Nevada-based entity to Silicon Valley entrepreneur and former vice presidential candidate Nicole Shanahan’s Bia-Echo Foundation, a philanthropic organization supporting initiatives in health, criminal justice reform and the environment.

While the buyer has not publicly announced plans for the property, the transaction concludes a marketing process that attracted a wide range of prospective purchasers, including schools, developers, senior housing operators, religious organizations and hospitality groups, according to Anthony Kamm of Sequoia Realty Services, which marketed and brokered the sale.

Built in 1926 as a seminary to train Catholic missionaries, Maryknoll later transitioned into a retirement residence for missionaries, a role it retained for decades. The property is not currently occupied and has not been used as a residence in recent years.

The campus retains much of its institutional layout, including an on-site chapel and other features reflecting its long religious use. The 57-room complex includes a commercial kitchen, dining facilities, conference rooms, administrative offices, workshops and a

barber shop.

Mission, Asian, Baroque and Romanesque architectural influences are visible throughout the property, with interconnected wings and towers linked by interior corridors and covered arcades that create a village-like layout. Landscaped courtyards, hillside walking paths and expansive foothill views reinforce the campus’s retreat-like setting, while buildings arranged around central plazas and gardens reflect its original function as a self-contained religious training community.

Kamm said prospective buyers were often struck by the property’s character and history.

“It could be considered a piece of art and an incomparable real estate asset on the Peninsula,” he said. “Everyone that visited the site was in awe of the grounds and its unique history.”

The sale has drawn local attention, particularly on social media, given the campus’s size, location and historical significance, as well as its long presence along the Highway 280 corridor.

While the new ownership group has not announced specific plans for the property, the real estate news website The Real Deal reported that Robert Landsness, the buyer’s broker, said the campus could become a faith-based special education school.

The sale comes amid continued turnover of large institutional campuses on the Peninsula, including the University of California system’s 2024 acquisition of Notre Dame de Namur University’s 46-acre campus in Belmont, which is being leased back to the private Catholic university for five years.

The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, which sold the property, did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

## Transactions

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  - 446 Tyndall Street, Stuart Trust to S. & G. Chandra for \$2,352,500
  - 37 Deep Well Lane, S. The-Jan-ice to Breslow Enterprises LLC for \$2,680,000
  - 277 Alta Vista Avenue, Simon Family Trust to Old Barn Trust for \$3,400,000
  - 709 Orange Avenue, T. Fogarty to W Family Trust for \$4,100,000
  - 1207 Woodview Terrace, Edwards Family Trust to Priest Trust for \$4,200,000
  - 2216 Deodara Drive, Oliver Trust to R. & S. Sharma for \$4,230,000
  - 1240 Colonial Oaks Drive, A. Jacobs to V. & C. Pinto for \$4,510,000
  - 25845 Springhill Drive, Ledwith Trust to Nazari 2011 Trust for \$5,300,000
  - 800 Loyola Drive, Ligtenberg Trust to A. & P. Agarwal for \$5,300,000
  - 928 Altos Oaks Drive, Walter Family Trust to Leong Family Trust for \$5,400,000
- Los Altos Hills**
- 71 Cody Lane, Goupil-Tourniaire Trust to A. & C. Cross for \$5,855,000
  - 680 University Avenue, Zhang & Xu Trust to Song Avenue LLC for \$8,850,000
- Mountain View**
- 25564 Fernhill Drive, Johnson Trust to Bixby Homes Lp for \$3,900,000
  - 25601 Fernhill Drive, Coin Slot Holdings LLC to Dhaval Living Trust for \$7,150,000
- See TRANSACTIONS, Page 21**

## RECENTLY SOLD LISTINGS



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LOS ALTOS HILLS, CA 94022  
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**100 DOUD DRIVE**  
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\$5,900,000 | 3 BEDS | 2 BATHS



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MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043  
\$1,580,000 | 2 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS



**155 ALVARADO AVENUE**  
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## The luxury of waiting: Why today's Silicon Valley buyers feel no urgency

By Nicholas French

“I’m looking for the exact right house and I’m not in a hurry.” If there is one phrase that defines buyer sentiment in 2026, this is it. If I put 10 buyers in a room right now, I’ll get a nearly identical response from 90% or more of them. It is a fascinating paradox. People are actively looking. Open houses are consistently busy, buyers are tracking local inventory and sales almost weekly, and dinner party conversations are mostly about real estate (and AI). So, why isn’t the market hotter? Why the lack of urgency?

Silicon Valley is home to some of the most intelligent and analytical people in the world. Because of that, the current hesitation is deeply calculated. Several distinct factors are shaping our local market right now,

and they tell a compelling story about wealth, psychology and the modern buyer.

### The liquid wealth dilemma: Real estate vs. the stock market

Many buyers believe their portfolios may provide stronger short-term growth than local real estate, making the decision to shift capital more complex. Let’s start with financing and how wealth is positioned today. For many local buyers, the funds intended for a home purchase aren’t sitting in a savings account – they’re invested in the equity markets. As a result, buying a home often requires a significant financial decision: whether and when to reallocate those assets.

When your stock portfolio is compounding at a healthy clip, or you are anticipating a strong company quarter that could significantly boost your net

worth, your motivation to sell your stocks diminishes. Liquidating shares means triggering a tax event, pulling capital out of a high-performing vehicle, and stopping that money from working for you. If you believe the local real estate market is going to remain relatively flat or grow at a modest pace in the near term, the mathematical incentive to shift capital from equities to real property just isn’t there. Buyers still want to diversify, and they still want the stability and school districts that a home provides – but the urgent rush to pull the trigger is absent.

### The evolving job market

There is a tangible underlying anxiety regarding long-term employment stability – specifically at current income and compensation levels. Owning a home is a long-term commitment. With tech sector restructuring, ongoing corporate lay-

offs, and the looming question of how AI will structurally shift the workforce over the next decade, a lot of professionals are asking themselves if they can comfortably sustain the mortgage in 10 years.

In a landscape where immigration and H1B visa status add another layer of vulnerability, it is entirely reasonable that buyers are moving with extreme caution. For some buyers, immigration status and long-term residency considerations add another layer of complexity to an already significant financial decision.

### Analysis paralysis: When waiting for the perfect moment comes at a cost

While careful analysis is important, there is a point where too much deliberation can prevent meaningful action. I regularly meet buyers who have been searching for a home for

five, seven, even 10 years. These are often incredibly successful, intelligent individuals who are accustomed to optimizing every decision.

The challenge is that a home purchase is not a spreadsheet exercise with a single perfect answer. Markets change, life evolves, and waiting indefinitely for complete certainty can mean missing years of enjoying the very lifestyle you were hoping to create.

Breaking out of this cycle requires stepping back and assessing your personal situation with objective logic. If you find yourself stuck in the infinite search, ask yourself these foundational questions:

Why do I want to buy a home now?

How much can we comfortably afford based on our actual, current financial lifestyle?

See WAITING, Page 21



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# Business & Real Estate

## WAITING From Page 20

Do we realistically expect higher income or wealth accumulation in the coming years?

What is our true time horizon for staying in the property we purchase?

How does a home purchase fit into our broader wealth strategy and long-term diversification goals?

### The social proof factor: Why buyer interest creates momentum

What influences buyers more than almost anything else when searching for a home? The interest of other buyers.

In any market, people look for signals that validate their decisions. Real estate is no exception. When buyers see a home generating strong interest, it reinforces the perception that the property is desirable and worth pursuing.

I often wonder what would happen if real estate transactions occurred entirely behind

closed doors, without open houses, crowded entryways or visible competition. Would buyers feel the same urgency? Would homes command the same prices?

This is why generating meaningful exposure and buyer engagement is such a critical part of my listing strategy. The goal isn't simply to put a home on the market. It's to create the right environment where buyers recognize its value, competition develops naturally, and my sellers achieve the strongest possible result.

### Looking ahead

Ultimately, we are navigating a market driven by calculation. Global macroeconomic uncertainty, regional employment shifts, and a booming stock market have given buyers the luxury of time – and they are taking full advantage of it.

If you are looking to buy right now, this lack of market frenzy is an incredible window of opportunity. It allows you to be highly deliberate, run your

numbers calmly, and locate a property that aligns with your long-term financial strategy without much pressure. Just don't let the lack of external urgency turn into permanent hesitation.

The best time to buy has never been about timing the macroeconomic clock perfectly – it's about finding the right asset, ensuring the math works for your lifestyle, and being ready to build for your future.

*Nicholas French is a Broker Associate with Christie's International Real Estate Sereno and has been advising Silicon Valley home buyers and sellers for more than 25 years. A sixth-generation Bay Area native, Nicholas brings a deep understanding of the region's neighborhoods, market cycles, and the economic forces shaping local real estate. He has achieved more than \$1 billion in career sales and has been recognized as the #1 individual Realtor in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills from 2023 to present.*

## TRANSACTIONS From Page 19

S. & S. Khare for \$1,500,000

1914 Newman Place, J. Armontrout to H. & R. Cao for \$1,690,000

1946 San Luis Avenue, C. Chang to C. & K. Zhang for \$1,690,000

1908 Hackett Avenue #B, Blp Trust to 1908 Hackett LLC for \$1,750,000

2408 Laura Lane, Serpa Family Trust to Laura Lane Ventures LLC for \$1,840,000

1918 Stella Street, Chen Family Trust to Oribes Trust for \$1,988,000

3102 Pyramid Way, C. Wihlidal to C. & E. Qiu for \$2,001,000

367 Fay Way, J. Qiu to B. Kadkhodazadeh for \$2,050,000

801 Rebecca Privada, Car-rico Living Trust to B. & D. Gadhiwala for \$2,110,000

260 Velarde Street, Sf23L LLC to David & Erin Trust for \$2,500,000

380 Franklin Street, Lin-Tang Family Trust to D. Wu for \$2,600,000

516 View Street, M. Qian to Gausebeck Family Trust for \$2,670,000

1102 Blue Lake Square, Culver Trust to K. & D. Baum for \$2,680,000

1545 Alison Avenue, Schneider Family Trust to Q. & Y. Liu for \$3,609,000

22415 Diericx Court, Col-lombetti Trust to Attri Family Trust for \$3,975,000

2734 Doverton Square, Lp Vandelay Industries LLC to Y. & K. Zhang for \$4,200,000

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### HSAs

An HSA is an account that can be used to pay for qualified medical expenses, including copays, prescriptions, dental care, contacts and eyeglasses, bandages, X-rays and a lot more. It's "tax-advantaged" because your contributions reduce your taxable income; the money isn't taxed while it's in the account,

even if it earns interest or investment returns; and as long as you use your HSA funds for qualified medical expenses, you won't owe taxes when you take money out of the account. This triple-tax advantage is powerful, but it's not the only reason why HSAs are so popular. Unlike a flexible spending account, an HSA is not "use-it-or-lose-it," meaning it doesn't need to be spent within a certain time-frame. If you don't need the money in your HSA for current medical expenses, you can save and invest it until you do, and even take the account with you when you leave an employer. Just keep in mind that to open and contribute to an HSA, you'll need to be enrolled in an HSA-eligible health plan.

### IRAs

An IRA refers to a tax-advantaged account designed to help you save for retirement on your own, independent of an employer. There are several types of IRAs, but when people say



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"IRA" alone, they often mean a traditional IRA. That's a type anyone with earned income can open and contribute to. Traditional IRAs allow you to save on income taxes now and pay them later in retirement, when you could be in a lower tax bracket and therefore owe less in taxes. Fidelity estimates that you may need 55% to 80% of your pre-retirement income in retirement. Because an employer-spon-

sored savings plan might not be enough to accumulate the savings you need due to annual contribution limits, investing through an IRA could help you save more for the future.

Before opening an IRA, check out a few different firms that offer them. Find out whether they offer helpful support and a user-friendly experience, plus whether they charge any fees or minimums. Then, once the ac-

count is open, decide how much you want to contribute and how often.

"Setting up automated contributions can make saving for retirement into a habit that requires very little effort," said Rita Assaf, vice president, Retirement at Fidelity. "It's also a good idea to regularly check your asset mix to see if it is still a good fit for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon."

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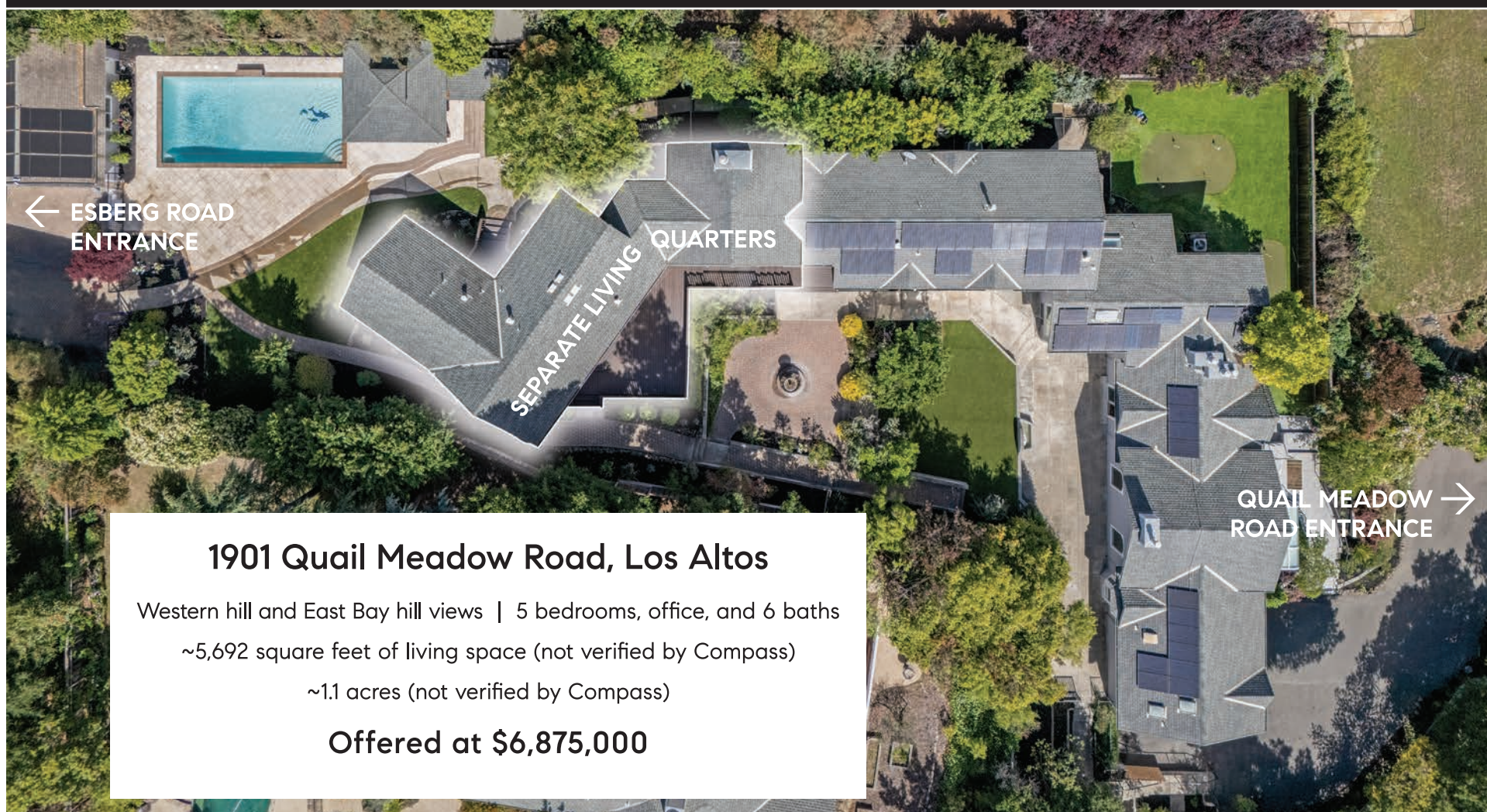
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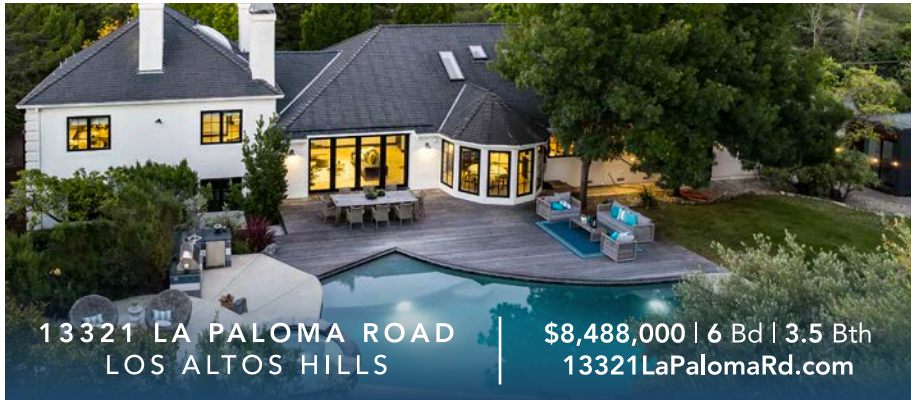




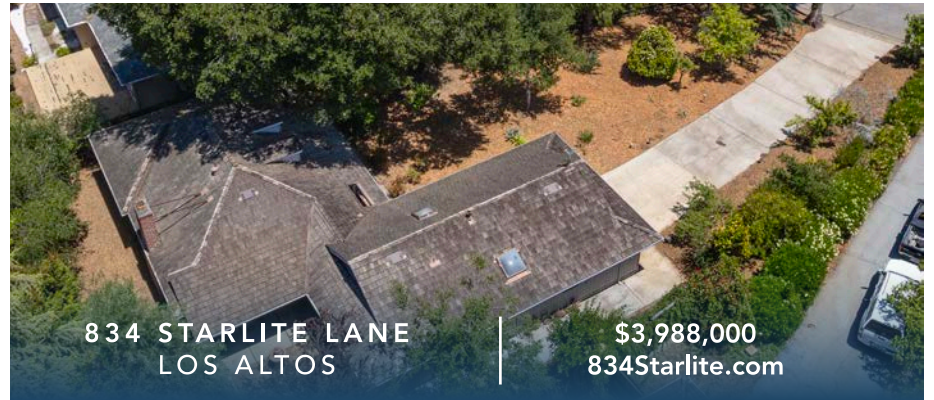
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- Ken was ranked the #1 agent in the country three times (WSJ/Realtrends), the only Northern California agent to ever achieve this distinction
- Former Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati attorney
- \$9 billion in personal and team sales
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# Public Notices

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MIN XIE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV495059

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: Min Xie filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name:  
a. Min Xie

Proposed Name:  
a. Michael Xie

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 08/25/2026 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier  
Date: 06/09/2026  
/s/ Charles F. Adams  
Judge of the Superior Court  
(06-17,24-26,07-01,08-26)

**149-T**

## LOWRIDER FEVER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727453

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) LOWRIDER FEVER, (2) LOWRIDER HISTORY MUSEUM, 536 N 12th Street, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Ricardo Cortez, PO Box 18505, San Jose, CA 95158. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/01/2026. /S/ Ricardo Cortez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/05/2026. (06-17,24-26,07-01,08-26)

**148-T**

## Miguel Bedolla Garden Service FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727079

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Miguel Bedolla Garden Service, 1880 Potrero Dr, San Jose, CA, 95124, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Potrero Gardening Co, 1880 Potrero Dr, San Jose, CA 95124.

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/20/2026. /S/ Ana Bertha Barrera Lopez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/21/2026. (06-10,17,24-26,07-01-26)

**147-T**

## BLOOMING ESSENCE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726926

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BLOOMING ESSENCE, 766 Sonia Way, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Ngocthai Thi Izumi, 766 Sonia Way, Mountain View, CA, 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/27/2026. /S/ Ngocthai Thi Izumi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/19/2026. (06-10,17,24-26,07-01-26)

**146-T**

## RL AUTO BODY REPAIR SERVICES LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727280

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: RL AUTO BODY REPAIR SERVICES LLC, 2075 Alum Rock Ave Suite 3, San Jose, CA, 95116, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): RL AUTO BODY REPAIR SERVICES LLC, 2075 Alum Rock Ave Suite 3, San Jose, CA 95116. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/19/2026. /S/ Marco Mensa Rivera / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/29/2026. (06-10,17,24-26,07-01-26)

**145-T**

## ACUPUNCTURE WELLNESS CENTER IN LOS ALTOS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727151

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ACUPUNCTURE WELLNESS CENTER IN LOS ALTOS, 4546 El Camino Real Ste B7, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): ACUPUNCTURE FOR WELLNESS CENTER INC, 4546 El Camino Real Ste B7, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/26/2026. /S/ Zhihua Guan Woo / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/26/2026. (06-10,17,24-26,07-01-26)

**144-T**

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHAO-YING HU CASE NO. 26PR202629

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: SHAO-YING HU A Petition for Probate has been filed by KO-FANG CHANG in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that KO-FANG CHANG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on JULY 2, 2026 at 9:01 A.M. in Dept. 2 Room N/A located at 191 NORTH FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95113. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: RACHEL A. DODSON, ESQ., AYOUB & DODSON LLP, 1 KAISER PLAZA, SUITE 875, OAKLAND, CA 94612, Telephone: 510-824-8100 6/10, 6/17, 6/24/26 CNS-4049222# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (06-10,17,24-26)

**143-T**

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS LOS ALTOS MAINTENANCE YARD EV CHARGERS CD-10010

CITY OF LOS ALTOS  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY,  
CALIFORNIA

**1.Engineer's Estimate:** \$298,000

**2. Description of Work:** The City of Los Altos, Santa Clara County, California, invites sealed bids for furnishing labor, material and equipment required to complete the project in the particular locations, of the forms, sizes and dimensions and of the materials and to the lines and grades and at the elevations as shown and delineated upon the plans and specifications made therefor. The following information is presented to indicate the size of the project and no warranty is made or intended to final quantities:

The project includes installing (4) EV chargers and associated electrical equipment, per the construction drawings & specifications.

**3. Location of Work:** 707 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024

**4. Contract Documents:** Bids must be submitted on the City's bid forms. A copy of the plans (half-size) and specifications shall be obtained from the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California, 94022 for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 or visit the City's bids and vendor management portal hosted by PlanetBids to download the PDF file(s) (https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home). Copies may also be inspected at the office of the City Engineer. To the extent required by Public Contract Code section 20103.7, the City will also make the Contract Documents available for review at one or more plan rooms.

**5. Labor Compliance.** Pursuant to paragraph 7-1.01A, Labor Code Requirements, of the General Provisions in these specifications, Contractor is required to comply with California Labor Code Section 1770, et seq. This Code requires the Contractor to pay their workers based on prevailing wage rates established and issued by the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor and Statistics and Research.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors or subcontractors bidding on public works projects must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

**6. Pre-bid Site Review:** A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk will be held at 707 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024 on the following date(s) and time(s):

**Thursday, June 18th,  
2026 @ 10:00 AM**

Each and every Bidder must attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk. Bids will not be accepted from any Bidder who did not attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk.

**7. Contractor's License:** The Contractor is required to have a **Class A or Class B or Class C-10 license** for this work. All bidders shall be licensed under the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California to do the type of work contemplated in the project.

**8. Bid Bond:** A bid bond that can be verified as authentic pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 995.311 is required.

a. Amount of Bid Bond. The bid bond shall be ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price.

b. Delivery date. The Bid bond shall be submitted to the City before the latest date and time for Bid submittal.

c. Form of Bid Bond. Bid Bonds shall be submitted to the City in cash, a certified or cashier's check, an ORIGINAL paper bid bond, or an Electronic Bid Bond (e-Bond) executed and verified by an admitted surety in favor of the City.

d. E-bond platforms requirements. In the event the Bidder elects to submit an Electronic Bid Bond (e-Bond), a bid will be considered complete only if the applicant:

i. Obtains an E-Bonds issued by Surety2000 <http://www.surety2000.com> or Tinubu <https://www.tinubu.com/ebonding> platforms; and,

ii. Uploads the E-Bond in pdf form to the PlanetBids portal as a General Attachment. E-Bonds from other e-Bond platforms will not be accepted. Bidders are solely responsible for completing Surety2000 or Tinubu registration, and payment of associated fees and charges. The City is not responsible to Bidders for (i) Surety2000 or Tinubu acts or omissions; (ii) the completeness or timely verification of the authenticity of the issued e-Bond; or (iii) any other errors by third parties in the issuance of the e-Bond.

e. Purpose of Bid Bond. In the event that the successful Bidder fails or refuses to enter into the Contract awarded to it, the bid bond shall be retained by the City and applied to any damages sustained by the City.

**9. Location of Bid Submittal and Date and Time of Opening:** The City accepts electronic submittal of bids only. Bids shall be submitted electronically to the City's bids and vendor management portal hosted by PlanetBids at <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home> on or before

**Monday, July 13th, 2026 @ 2PM**

The PlanetBids contract ID for this project is (CD-10010). The Bidder's PlanetBids vendor identification number may also be necessary for the Bidder's Security.

Each Bid received before the Bid submittal due date will be automatically opened and unsealed by PlanetBids at the time of the Bid deadline. Bids received after the Bid submittal due date will be rejected. Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the Bid opening date. Bid results (not verified) will be published.

**10. Payment & Performance Bonds:** The successful Bidder will be required to furnish the City with a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each equal to 100% of the successful Bid, prior to execution of the Contract.

All bonds are to be secured from a surety that meets all of the State of California bonding requirements, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and is admitted by the State of California. The cost of said bonds shall be included in the Bid amount.

**11. Award of Contract:** Said bids will be presented to and considered by the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting. The City shall award the Contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder on the basis of the Total Bid. In the event of any discrepancy between extended and unit prices as set forth in the bidder's bid schedule (i.e., the bidder's extended price does not equal the unit price multiplied by the applicable quantity), the City shall use the unit price to recompute the extended price and bid totals accordingly, and the recomputed amounts shall be used as the basis of determining the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. In the event of a significant discrepancy between unit and extended prices, the City reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to reject the bid as nonresponsive.

**12. Time of Completion of Work:** The work shall be completed and ready for full use within **two hundred eighty (280) calendar days**, the first day of which shall be the date specified in the City Engineer's "Notice to Proceed".

**13. Substitution of Securities:** Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by City to ensure performance under the Contract.

**14. Rights of the City:** The City reserves the right to cancel the project, and to reject any or all bids if not satisfied as to the price for the work or the responsibility of the bidder. The City also reserves the right to waive any informalities according to law.

**15. Project Administration:** All questions relative to this project prior to the opening of bids shall be in writing submitted through the PlanetBids portal no later than:

**Friday, June 26th, 2026 @ 3PM**

Special direction is directed to Section 2 of the General Provisions for full directions as to bidding.

Dated: June 1st, 2026

/s/ **Fred Padron**  
**Project Manager**  
(06-10,17-26)

**142-T**

## ADAPT CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727236

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ADAPT CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS, 1475 S Bascom Ave Suite 104, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned

by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): GROSSMAN CHIROPRACTIC PC, 1475 S Bascom Ave Suite 104, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/01/2018. /S/ Michael Grossman / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/28/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**141-T**

## Mountain View Liquor & Market FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN727196

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Mountain View Liquor & Market, 2339 California St, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): River N Field Inc, 2339 California St, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Tai J Hsu / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/27/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**140-T**

## SYNTHERGATE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726561

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SYNTHERGATE, 84 West Santa Clara Street, 7th Floor, San Jose, CA, 95113, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Rolf Landsverk, 84 West Santa Clara Street, 7th Floor, San Jose, CA 95113. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/04/2026. /S/ Rolf Landsverk / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/05/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**139-T**

## FOOTHILL DENTAL CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN726699

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) FOOTHILL DENTAL CARE, (2) FOOTHILL DENTAL, (3) FOOTHILL DENTAL CENTER, (4) FOOTHILL DENTAL GROUP, (5) FOOTHILL DENTAL CLINIC, (6) FOOTHILL DENTAL SPA, 881 Fremont Ave, Ste B1, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Pelin Inan Kurugol, DDS, PC, 881 Fremont Ave, Ste B1, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/14/2026. /S/ Pelin Inan Kurugol / This statement was filed with the



# Public Notices

County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/11/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**138-T**

**DOCS AUTO REPAIR L.L.C.  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726689**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: DOCS AUTO REPAIR L.L.C., 967 Commercial St 11, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): DOCS AUTO REPAIR L.L.C., 967 Commercial St 11, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/20/2026. /S/ Alfonso Medellin Caldas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/11/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**137-T**

**J & E PRECISION AUTO REPAIR  
& PAINT LLC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726686**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: J & E PRECISION AUTO REPAIR & PAINT LLC, 2075 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose, CA, 95116, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): J & E AUTO REPAIR & PAINT LLC, 2075 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose, CA 95116. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/25/2026. /S/ Jorge Luis Andrade / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/11/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**136-T**

**KB MASTER COLLISION AND  
REPAIR  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN727068**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KB MASTER COLLISION AND REPAIR, 1813 S 10th St, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): KB MASTER COLLISION AND REPAIR LLC, 1813 S 10th St, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/21/2026. /S/ Brayan Rico Rondon / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/21/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**135-T**

**AMADA SENIOR CARE  
LOS ALTOS CA  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN727035**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: AMADA

SENIOR CARE LOS ALTOS CA, 1660 Delano Street Unit 30, Milpitas, CA, 95035, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): VIVA BAY PARTNERS INC, 1660 Delano Street Unit 30, Milpitas, CA 95035. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Ike Adegboye / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/21/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**134-T**

**Loyola Smiles Cosmetic  
Dentistry  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726007**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Loyola Smiles Cosmetic Dentistry, 881 Fremont Ave., B1, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Pelin Inan Kurugol, DDS PC, 881 Fremont Ave B1, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/14/2026. /S/ Pelin Inan Kurugol / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/20/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**133-T**

**Sweet Business In A Box  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726104**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) Sweet Business In A Box, (2) Sweet Biz In A Box, (3) VB Fine Chocolates, 2310 Homestead Road, Suite C1-308, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Victory Finance Inc, 2310 Homestead Road., Ste C1-308, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 02/22/2026. /S/ Victoria Bracha / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/22/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**132-T**

**ANNA BORJIGIN  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726966**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ANNA BORJIGIN, 334 State St #104, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): RED GLOW INTERNATIONAL LLC, 744 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Shuangying Wang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa

Clara County on 05/20/2026. (06-03,10,17,24-26)

**131-T**

**THE MISS FORTUNE  
EXPERIENCE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN725712**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) THE MISS FORTUNE EXPERIENCE, (2) MISS FORTUNE EXPERIENCE, 725 Pride St., San Jose, CA, 95127, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Skylar Autumn Everett, 725 Pride St, San Jose, CA 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/24/2025. /S/ Skylar Autumn Everett / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 04/13/2026. (05-27-26,06-03,10,17-26)

**128-T**

**CUPERTINO HAND AND  
MICROSURGERY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726731**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) CUPERTINO HAND AND MICROSURGERY (2) FENESS PLASTIC SURGERY, (3) PROSPER SURGERY, 10430 S De Anza Blvd Ste 170, Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): HUBERT B SHIH MD A MEDICAL CORPORATION, 10430 S De Anza Blvd Ste 170, Cupertino, CA 95014. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Hubert B Shih / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/11/2026. (05-27-26,06-03,10,17-26)

**124-T**

**MIG RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726656**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) MIG RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS, (2) TSTALENT TENNIS SYSTEM, 2374 Stevens Creek Blvd, San Jose, CA, 95128, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): TALENT ATHLETICS LLC, 2374 Stevens Creek, San Jose, CA 95128. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/15/2025. /S/ Artem Strokan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/08/2026. (05-27-26,06-03,10,17-26)

**123-T**

**OFBJ Concrete  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN726796**

The following person (persons)

is (are) doing business as: OFBJ Concrete, 914 Turley Dr, San Jose, CA, 95116, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): OFBJ CONSTRUCTION INC, 914 Turley Dr, San Jose, CA 95116. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/02/2026. /S/ Oscar Carbajal / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 05/14/2026. (05-27-26,06-03,10,17-26)

**122-T**

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## OBITUARY NOTICE

### JOSEPH RAFAEL KYNE



Joseph Rafael Kyne — combat Marine, pioneer settler, career public servant, and devoted keeper of California's coastal history — has passed away at his home on View Street in Los Altos, California.

Born and raised on the ranches of Moss Beach, Joseph was the son of Frances Kyne and the grandson of John Kyne, the celebrated cattle rancher of Moss Beach whose legacy endures in San Mateo County to this day. He was the proud nephew of Peter B. Kyne — the beloved American author who came of age on those same coastside ranches and went on to become one of the most widely read writers of his era, with over 100 films adapted from his works and beloved stories serialized in The Saturday Evening Post and Cosmopolitan magazine.

When his country called, Joseph answered without hesitation. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served with distinction in combat during World War II in the Pacific Theater, including operations in Japan. His bravery and service were honored and recognized in the newspapers of the San Mateo Coastside, where the Kyne name had long stood as a symbol of courage and sacrifice.

Returning home from war, Joseph carried his Marine's sense of duty into every corner of his civilian life. He joined Pacific Gas & Electric, where he served with the same steadfast dedication he had brought to the Corps, ultimately retiring after more than 40 years of distinguished service to the company and the communities it powered across California.

In 1959 — the very year Los Altos dedicated its City Hall — Joseph and his beloved wife, Daisy Marie Kyne, purchased their land on View Street and built their home from the ground up, financed through a well-earned VA loan. They were among the families who shaped Los Altos in its earliest years as an incorporated city, and Joseph is remembered as a prominent settler of the community he helped build with his own hands.

A man of deep civic conviction, Joseph devoted many years to the Rotary Club of Los Altos, an organization whose founding principle of “Service Above Self” he embodied throughout his life. He was also a passionate and eloquent historian of coastal California, regularly delivering lectures and presentations that kept the living history of the Moss Beach coastside — its ranchers, its families, its stories — alive for new generations.

Joseph is survived by his devoted grandson, Dennis Joseph Kyne Jr.

He rests now as he lived — rooted in the California he loved, part of its soil, its stories, and its enduring spirit. Semper Fidelis.



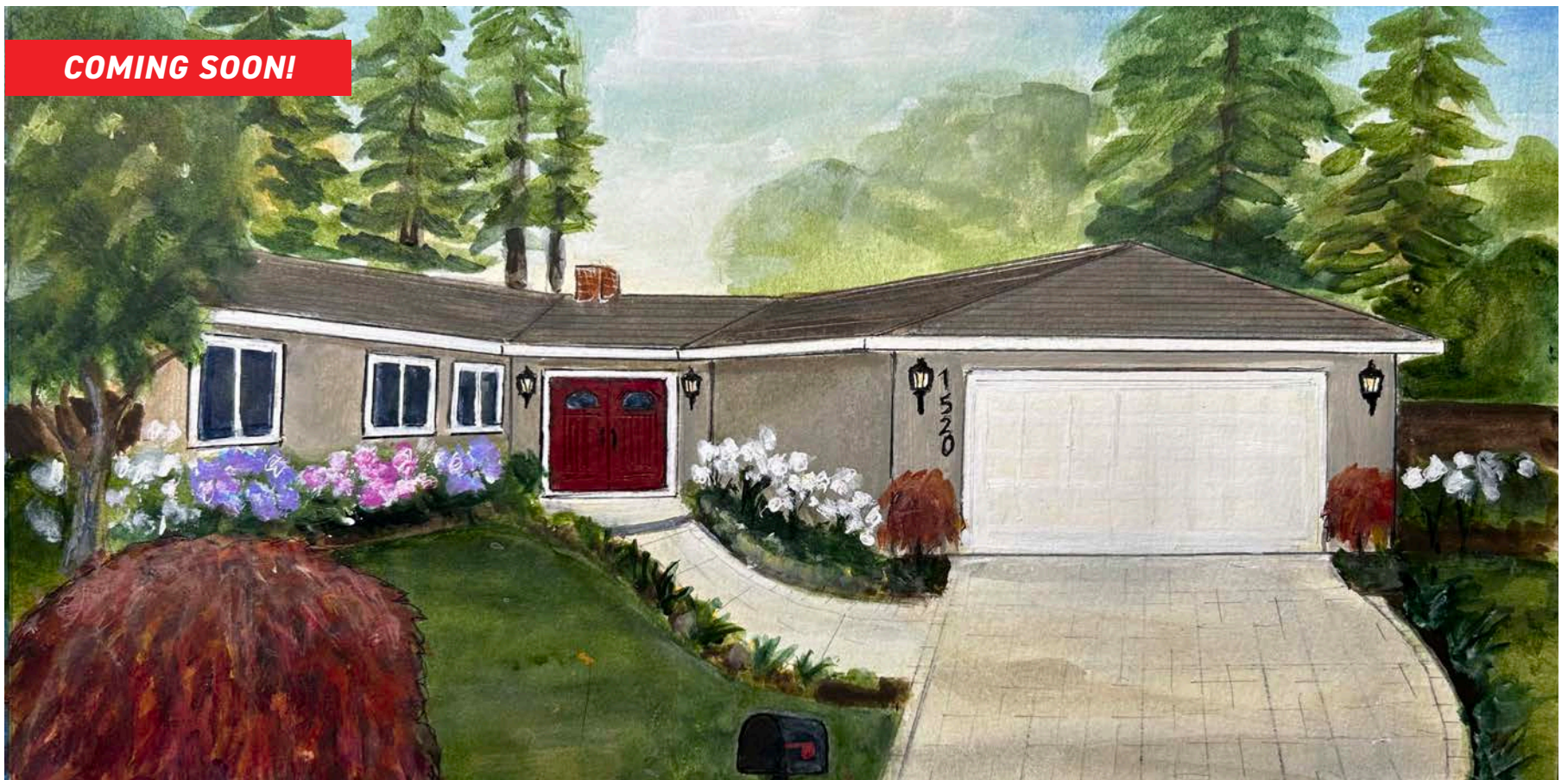
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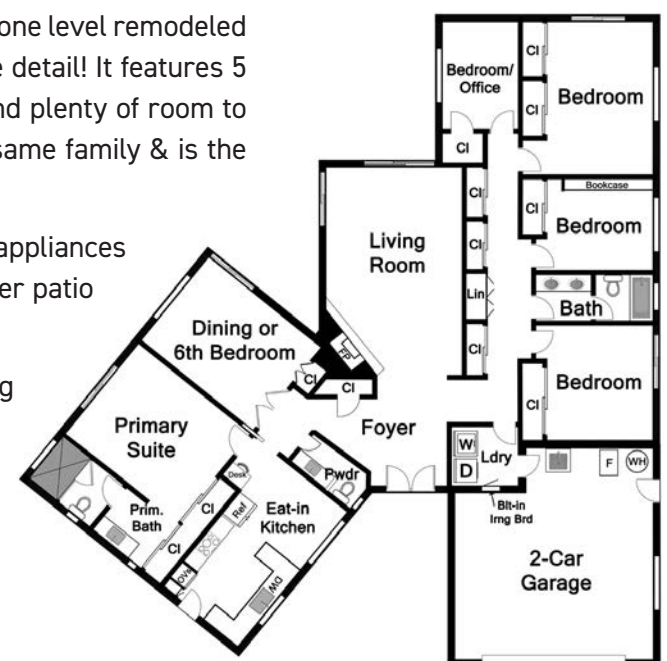
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