



## 2026 Q1 Legislative Action Summary

Below is a summary of the actions that were taken during 2026 Q1 in alignment with the City of Santa Clara's 2026 Legislative Advocacy Positions (LAPs), guiding principles for legislative advocacy, approved City policies (e.g., City Council Goals and Priorities), and/or Council action.

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### Water Supply and Conservation LAP

- March 9, 2026 — Letter of support for Santa Clara Valley Water's Community Project Funding request for the Pure Water Silicon Valley Demonstration Facility to Congressman Ro Khanna

### Multiple Legislative Priorities

- February 19, 2026 — Letter of support for the City's 2026 State Budget Request to Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens (Community Services, Housing, Public Safety, and Transportation Issues LAPs)
- February 27, 2026 — Letter of support for the City's 2026 State Budget Request to State Senator Aisha Wahab (Community Services, Housing, Public Safety, and Transportation Issues LAPs)
- March 6, 2026 — Letter of support for the City's Fiscal Year 2027 Federal Appropriations Request to Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Adam Schiff, and Congressman Ro Khanna (Public Safety and Transportation Issues LAPs)



March 9, 2026

The Honorable Ro Khanna  
U.S. House of Representatives  
306 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Support for a Community Project Funding Request for the Pure Water Silicon Valley Demonstration Facility Construction**

Dear Congressman Khanna:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding Request for construction funds for its Pure Water Silicon Valley Demonstration Facility.

Valley Water has established a long-term goal of producing up to 24,000 acre-feet of purified water per year for direct potable reuse by 2040. Developing a locally controlled, reliable, and drought resilient water supply is critical in the face of more extreme weather. Cyclical climate changes and dry conditions have placed enormous strain on existing sources, such as imported water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and stored local water supplies. Santa Clara County faces additional water supply challenges driven by a growing economy. The City of Santa Clara shares a commitment to diversifying the regional water supply portfolio to move the region toward a more sustainable and resilient future.

This project, a joint effort between Valley Water and the Cities of Santa Clara and San José, is the first phase of a full-scale facility to provide purified water for direct potable reuse in Santa Clara County, the heart of Silicon Valley. Until recently, California communities could use recycled water for drinking only if that water was first filtered through a reservoir or aquifer. State regulations adopted in 2023, however, will allow suppliers to distribute recycled water without first storing it in a reservoir or aquifer. As Valley Water considers the potential for a full-scale potable reuse facility, it must first demonstrate the project's feasibility. This funding request would help support the construction of this first-phase demonstration facility.

I urge your support for this important drought resiliency project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Gillmor  
Mayor  
City of Santa Clara



February 19, 2026

Honorable Patrick Ahrens  
California State Assembly, 26<sup>th</sup> District  
1021 O Street, Suite 6110  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: 2026 State Budget Requests from the City of Santa Clara**

Dear Assemblymember Ahrens:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I want to express my appreciation to you and your staff for your support and commitment. I appreciate the opportunity to work with your office to bring meaningful investments that benefit our community and the region.

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The partnership between the County and the City has been a critical component of the City’s compassionate and service-oriented response to behavioral health emergencies. The PERT program has produced measurable outcomes, including increased connections to care, reduced repeat calls for service, improved trauma-informed engagement with vulnerable populations, enhanced officer safety, and strengthened community trust. Psychiatric hospitalizations dropped approximately 35 percent in the first year of implementation and have remained 20 to 30 percent below pre-PERT levels,

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The total estimated cost of the project is \$4,000,000. The project has secured \$1,000,000 through a FY 2026 Federal Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriation through the Community Project Funding process. The City is requesting \$3,000,000 in state funding to support the design and construction of this priority bicycle and pedestrian improvement project.

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Together, these two components will provide innovative and accessible learning opportunities for children and families, expand access to early childhood educational resources, and help cultivate Santa Clarans' shared potential for future generations.

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February 27, 2026

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California State Senate, 10<sup>th</sup> District  
1021 O Street, Suite 8530  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Ro Khanna  
House of Representatives, 17<sup>th</sup> District  
306 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Support for the City of Santa Clara's Fiscal Year 2027 Federal Appropriations Request**

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Khanna:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I respectfully seek your support for the City's FY 2027 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending requests. The funding requested will help the City deliver critical projects to our community, thereby benefiting residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

The City of Santa Clara is requesting funding for the projects below that will facilitate the development of regional community assets, increase regional transportation opportunities, and create safer streets for bicyclists and pedestrians in the community.

- **Santa Clara Vision Zero Safety Corridor Improvements Project (\$2,200,000)**  
This project will design and construct engineering safety countermeasures along the City of Santa Clara's identified High-Injury Network (HIN). The HIN identifies the roadways and intersections that experienced highest number of fatal and severe injury collisions. This initiative is a core component of the City's Vision Zero Action Plan, a multidisciplinary strategy designed to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries in Santa Clara while promoting safe and sustainable mobility. The primary objective of this funding request is to fund the design and construction of engineering improvements including but not limited to signal modifications, curb extensions, intersection treatments, ADA curb ramps, and pedestrian signals, on HIN roadways and intersections to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and help achieve the City's ultimate goal of ending traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries on city roadways by 2050.
- **Walsh and Martin Avenues Bikeway Improvements Project (\$2,000,000)**  
The City of Santa Clara approved the Walsh/Martin Avenue Bikeway Planning Study in 2024 to implement Class IV separated bikeway facilities on Walsh Avenue and on Martin Avenue. Currently these two roadways lack bicycle facilities and cyclists must navigate next to high-speed vehicles and trucks and are exposed to high risks. The new Class IV bikeway will physically separate cyclists from vehicle traffic and increase bicycle ridership due to greater perceived safety and comfort. The project will remove on-street parking along both corridors to complete this important cross-county bicycle network. When complete, the project closes

the existing bicycle network gap and connects to job centers such as NVIDIA, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) frequent transit line 57, Altamont Corridor Express shuttle, the Lawrence Caltrain Station, and San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail. The requested funding will support the City's design and construction of this priority bicycle and pedestrian improvement project in Santa Clara.

- **Santa Clara Pedestrian Safety and Access Improvements Project (\$3,000,000)**

This project focuses on the design and construction of high-priority infrastructure improvements identified through data analysis and community outreach in the City's Pedestrian Master Plan and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. Improvements are strategically targeted within nine Priority Pedestrian Zones across the city. The project will prioritize the installation of ADA curb ramps, Accessible Pedestrian Signals, sidewalk, curb extensions, high-visibility crosswalks, and enhancements at uncontrolled crosswalks. The project will create a comprehensive network of safe, convenient, and comfortable pedestrian routes for people of all ages and abilities.

These projects are critical for Santa Clara and are consistent with the federal objectives for Community Project Funding and Congressionally Directed Spending. Furthermore, these projects address immediate needs within Santa Clara and will benefit the community for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate your continued partnership and leadership in securing federal resources that benefit Santa Clara and the greater region.

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