



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Call and Notice of Special Meeting of the City Council

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06/16/2025

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual  
1500 Warburton Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code §54956 ("The Brown Act") and Section 708 of the Santa Clara City Charter, the Mayor calls for a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Santa Clara, to commence and convene on June 16, 2025, at 5:30 pm to be held virtually and in the City Hall Council Chambers located in the East Wing of City Hall at 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, California, to consider the following matter(s) and to potentially take action with respect to them.

### **5:30 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **Call to Order in the Council Chambers**

**Mayor Gillmor** called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values**

**Council** recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Councilmember Hardy** recited the Statement of Values.

#### **Roll Call**

**Assistant City Clerk Pimentel** recited the AB23 announcement and Statement of Behavioral Standards.

**Present:** 5 - Councilmember Albert Gonzalez, Councilmember Raj Chahal, Councilmember Karen Hardy, Councilmember Suds Jain, and Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Kevin Park, and Vice Mayor Kelly Cox

### **INTERVIEWS**

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1. [25-686](#) Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029

**Recommendation:** 1. Appoint one Applicant to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029; and  
2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur

**Assistant City Clerk Pimentel** provided a verbal report on the interview and appointment process.

**Council** conducted in-person interviews to appoint one Commissioner to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to serve one full term ending June 30, 2029.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Chahal, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, to appoint Kaushal Varshney to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to serve a full term ending June 30, 2029.**

**Aye:** 4 - Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Chahal, Councilmember Jain, and Mayor Gillmor

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Hardy

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Park, and Vice Mayor Cox

2. [25-726](#) Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029

**Recommendation:** 1. Appoint one Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029; and  
2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur

**Council** conducted in-person interviews to appoint one Commissioner to the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve one full term ending June 30, 2029.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Chahal, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, to (1) appoint Edward A. Souza to the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve a full term ending June 30, 2029; and (2) establish an eligibility list with Monique Hovey-Coate for an automatic appointment should a vacancy occur within the next six months.**

**Aye:** 5 - Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Jain, and Mayor Gillmor

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Park, and Vice Mayor Cox

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Chahal, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Aye:** 5 - Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Jain, and Mayor Gillmor

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Park, and Vice Mayor Cox

**The next special meeting is on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 in the City Hall Council Chambers.**

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**AB23 ANNOUNCEMENT:** Members of the Santa Clara Stadium Authority, Sports and Open Space Authority and Housing Authority are entitled to receive \$30 for each attended meeting.

**Note:** The City Council and its associated Authorities meet as separate agencies but in a concurrent manner. Actions taken should be considered actions of only the identified policy body.

**LEGEND:** City Council (CC); Stadium Authority (SA); Sports and Open Space Authority (SOSA); Housing Authority (HA); Successor Agency to the City of Santa Clara Redevelopment Agency (SARDA); Bayshore North Project Enhancement Authority (BNPEA); Public Facilities Financing Corporation (PFFC)

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