



City of Santa Clara

Special Meeting Minutes

Call and Notice of Special Meeting of the City Council

06/30/2026

5:30 PM

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

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• Via Zoom:

o <https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/99706759306>

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o Phone 1(669) 900-6833

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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 30, 2026, 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 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order in the Council Chambers

Mayor Gillmor called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Vice Mayor Albert Gonzalez, Councilmember Raj Chahal,
Councilmember Karen Hardy, Councilmember Kevin Park,
Councilmember Suds Jain, Councilmember Kelly Cox, and Mayor Lisa
M. Gillmor

PUBLIC HEARING/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. [26-669](#) Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Senior Advisory Commission to Serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term ending June 30, 2030

Recommendation: 1. Appoint Two Applicants to the Senior Advisory Commission, One to serve a Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One to serve a Full Term Ending June 30, 2030
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. She noted that several candidates have withdrawn from the process, including both candidates for the Civil Service Commission.

Council conducted in-person and virtual interviews to appoint two Commissioners to the Senior Advisory Commission to serve one partial term ending June 30, 2028, and one full term ending June 30, 2030.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilmember Hardy, to (1) appoint Michelle Schmitz to the Senior Advisory Commission to serve a partial term ending June 30, 2028; (2) appoint Adila Saadat to the Senior Advisory Commission to serve a full term ending June 30, 2030; and (3) establish eligibility list with Claire Fedele for an automatic appointment should a vacancy occur within the next six months.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Gonzalez, Councilmember Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Cox, and Mayor Gillmor

2. [26-671](#) Action to Accept a Resignation and Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Civil Service Commission to Serve One Partial Term ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030

Recommendation: Appoint Two Applicants to the Civil Service Commission, to serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzalez, to reopen the Civil Service Commission recruitment.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Gonzalez, Councilmember Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Cox, and Mayor Gillmor

3. [26-672](#) Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Cultural Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030

Recommendation: 1. Appoint One Applicant to the Cultural Commission, to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030; 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 and virtual interviews to appoint one Commissioner to the Cultural Commission to serve one full term ending June 30, 2030.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Mayor Gillmor, seconded by Councilmember Chahal, to (1) appoint Ana Vargas-Smith to the Cultural Commission to serve a full term ending June 30, 2030; and (2) establish eligibility list with Shawn Williams for an automatic appointment should a vacancy occur within the next six months.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Gonzalez, Councilmember Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Cox, and Mayor Gillmor

4. [26-670](#) Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Board of Library Trustees to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030

Recommendation: Appoint One Applicant to the Board of Library Trustees to serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030.

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

Council conducted virtual interview to appoint one Trustee to the Board of Library Trustees to serve one full term ending June 30, 2030.

Public Comment: Edward Strine

A motion was made by Councilmember Chahal, seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzalez, to appoint Marilyn Edelstein to the Board of Library Trustees to serve a full term ending June 30, 2030.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Gonzalez, Councilmember Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Cox, and Mayor Gillmor

Mayor Gillmor called for a recess at 7:30 PM and reconvened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

5. [26-673](#) Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve Two Full Terms Ending June 30, 2030

Recommendation: Appoint Two Applicants to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve Two Full Terms Each Ending June 30, 2030.

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

Council conducted in-person and virtual interviews to appoint two Commissioner to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to serve two full terms each ending June 30, 2030.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Councilmember Chahal, seconded by Councilmember Hardy, to (1) appoint Ruhina Surendran to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to serve a full term ending June 30, 2030; and (2) appoint Kumar Viswanathan to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to serve a full term ending June 30, 2030.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Gonzalez, Councilmember Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Cox, and Mayor Gillmor

6. [26-674](#) Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030

- Recommendation:**
1. Appoint one Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030; 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 and virtual interviews to appoint one Commissioner to the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve one full term ending June 30, 2030.

Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilmember Chahal to (1) appoint Sukrit Ganesh to the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve a full term ending June 30, 2030; and (2) establish eligibility list with Tyrrell Nelson for an automatic appointment should a vacancy occur within the next six months.

- Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Gonzalez, Councilmember Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Cox, and Mayor Gillmor

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 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.

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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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