



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Neighborhood-University Relations Committee

02/24/2025

3:00 PM

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

Special Meeting

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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 undersigned calls for a Special Meeting of the Neighborhood-University Relations Committee (NURC), to commence and convene on February 24, 2025 at 3:00 pm for a Special Meeting at Santa Clara City Hall Cafeteria , 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, California, and via Zoom to consider the following matter(s) and to potentially take action with respect to them.

The City of Santa Clara is conducting Neighborhood University Relations Committee meetings in a hybrid manner (in-person and continues to have methods for the public to participate remotely).

• Via Zoom:

- o <https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/82990496428> or
- o Phone: 1(669) 900-6833

Public Comments prior to meeting may be submitted via email to PlanningPublicComment@SantaClaraCA.gov no later than noon on the day of the meeting; (Comments received after 12:00 PM on the day of the meeting will be made part of the public record but will not be read out loud during the meeting) and also before and during the meeting via eComment. Clearly indicate the project address, meeting body, and meeting date in the email.

Agendas, Staff Reports and associated documents for Neighborhood University Relations Committee items may be viewed on the City's website at <https://santaclara.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Councilmember Jain called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Staff in Attendance:

City Manager Jovan Grogan
Director of Economic Development & Sustainability Reena Brilliot
Director of Community Development Afshan Hamid
Planning Manager Lesley Xavier
Police Sergeant RJ Otico
Police Officer Adam Baker
Alternate Albert Gonzalez

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-269](#) NURC Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the NURC Meeting Minutes of the December 2, 2024 Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Chahal, seconded by Councilmember Jain, to approve the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

2.A Planning Division Update: Community Development Department Presentation on Code Enforcement Activity

Planning Manager, Lesley Xavier, provided the staff presentation on the long-range plans for the El Camino Real Specific Plan, and Santa Clara Station Area Plan. She spoke on code enforcement proactive efforts and violation statistics.

2.B Santa Clara University Update: Santa Clara University Presentation

Santa Clara University Assistant Dean for Off Campus Student Life, Steve Ross, presented on important upcoming dates, the spring break recess, and the O.C.H.O. (off campus housing orientation) event currently underway.

2.C Santa Clara Police Update: Policy Department Presentation

Santa Clara Police Department, Sergeant RJ Otico, presented updates on the current activity in the university area, and the proactive steps taken. He spoke on strict enforcement to noise complaints, common violation types, blue tag process and fines, and current S.C.U. (Santa Clara University) zone statistics. **Sergeant Otico** defined the enforcement examples such as complaint driven response, and how the violations are recorded and enforced for repeat offenders. He explained the collaboration efforts between the police department and property owners, and the continued efforts to work with students to mitigate issues.

Councilmember Jain requested clarification on the blue tag fine amounts, and whether the amounts are high enough.

Councilmember Chahal inquired about the length of time for the blue tags to remain on properties.

Public Speaker:

Santa Clara resident

2.D [25-144](#)

Discussion and Direction on Possible Restructuring of the
Neighborhood University Relations Committee

Recommendation: Recommend that the City Council take action to restructure the
Neighborhood University Relations Committee to consist of seven
Committee members, to be comprised of two City Councilmembers;
two members of Santa Clara University staff (appointed by the
University); and one neighborhood resident; one property owner
representative; and one student (appointed by the City Council).

**Director of Economic Development and Sustainability, Reena
Brilliot**, provided a staff presentation on the N.U.R.C. (Neighborhood
University Relations Committee) background, when it was established,
the purpose, the current structure, and the potential restructuring.

Councilmember Chahal inquired about the selection of the S.C.U.
(Santa Clara University) student representative and proposed having a
student alternative.

Councilmember Jain inquired about the potential for a conflict of
interest between S.C.U. staff and the S.C.U. student representative.

Public Speakers:

Matthew Duncan

Mark Kelsey

Santa Clara Resident

**A motion was made by Councilmember Chahal, seconded by
Councilmember Jain, to approve staff recommendation that the
City Council take action to restructure the Neighborhood
University Relations Committee, to consist of seven (7)
Committee members, which will be comprised of: two (2) City
Council members, two (2) members of Santa Clara University
staff (appointed by the university), one (1) neighborhood
resident, one (1) property owner representative, and one (1)
student (appointed by the City Council).**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE LIAISON

1. Announcements/Other Items

ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jain, to adjourn the meeting
at 4:11 p.m.**

The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, May 19, 2025 at 6 p.m.

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If a member of the public submits a speaker card for any agenda items, their name will appear in the Minutes. If no speaker card is submitted, the Minutes will reflect "Public Speaker."

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