



Neighborhood University Relations Committee

**Item # 3
Updates from
October 20, 2025
NURC meeting**

March 2, 2026



Follow Up Items

- October 20, 2025 NURC meeting, members of the public and Committee members raised questions which were not able to be fully addressed at the meeting.



Email Address for NURC

- A dedicated email address is now active and posted on the NURC webpage ([Neighborhood-University Relations Committee \(NURC\) | City of Santa Clara](#)). Inquiries sent to this address will be received by staff, who will review and direct relevant message appropriate for follow-up.
- Staff is working with IT to incorporate the NURC members so they are also recipients of the email inquiries.
- In the event the address changes from what was recently established, the email address will be shared at the next NURC meeting.



Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

- **Has the City reviewed Benton Street & Alviso Street intersection?**

A: Public Works Traffic Division has reviewed this intersection and recommends pedestrian safety enhancements. Public Works will collaborate with Santa Clara University on this directly. It potentially will need a funding contribution from the University.



Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

- **Has the City reviewed Poplar Street & Alviso Street intersection, including consideration of a 4-way stop, and speed bumps due to ongoing concerns about speeding?**

A:Public Works Traffic Division has confirmed that they are in the process of collecting traffic data for the evaluation.

Public Works believes the concerns were raised about Poplar Street specifically; however they welcome any additional clarification if there were speeding concerns related to Alviso Street as well.



Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

- **Can red curb painting be expanded at all neighborhoods intersections off Alviso Street to prevent obstructing visibility of traffic?**

A:Statewide Daylighting law (AB413) is applicable and intersections immediately adjacent to SCU have been addressed with red curb at locations with marked crosswalks and higher pedestrian activity.

Regarding Alviso Street in particular, Public Works Traffic Division has noted that there is substantial red curb that already exists but will confirm compliance with AB413. Since Alviso is a long corridor, any insight from the community on particular segment(s) of concerns would be useful.



Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

- **Can red curb painting be expanded at all neighborhoods intersections off Alviso Street to prevent obstructing visibility of traffic?**

A:. The Public Works Traffic Division has also shared that AB 413 restrictions apply regardless of the presence of red curb markings or “No Parking” signs. Staff will coordinate with the Police Department (PD) on enforcement, and residents are encouraged to contact the PD Communications Center at (408) 615-5580 to report real-time violations.



Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

- **Have existing crosswalks been evaluated for safety improvements in the neighborhood?**

A: More precise feedback is specifically requested.

As noted earlier, Public Works Traffic Division has been working to assess and identify improvements for Benton Street/Alviso Street intersection.



Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

- To share additional information as requested, contact **Public Works Traffic Division lead:**

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Police & SCU Follow up

- How does the Police Department equip Officers to handle public complaints?
- How does the Police Department enforce parking, with specific areas of concern including Alviso Street, Benton Street, Fremont Street, Harrison Street, and the neighborhood streets adjacent to Santa Clara University overall?
- How does Santa Clara University approach off-campus housing and handles conduct by students who live off campus?

A: Responses to be addressed by PD & SCU in next Agenda Item



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NURC Background

- **Established in 1990** to review student housing issues (formerly Student Housing Committee)
- **June 2006, Council combined the Santa Clara University/City Liaison Committee and the NURC.** NURC has been a forum for on-going communication and problem solving among City officials, neighborhoods, property owners and Santa Clara University (SCU) officials and students.
- **June 23, 2009,** NURC established a schedule of 3 meetings per year (October /November, February and April/May) to allow for more time for dialogue.



Approved Restructure

The Restructure of NURC Committee includes seven members:

- Two City Council members (versus the three members) – appointed by Council
- Two SCU representatives - selected by SCU
- One SCU student – selected by SCU
- One neighborhood representative Old Quad Neighborhood
- One property owner/landlord representative



Appointed by
Council, 4-yr
term



Recruitment,
City Council
appointment,
4-yr term



Appointed Committee Members

- Suds Jain, Santa Clara City Councilmember (Chair)
- Raj Chahal, Santa Clara City Councilmember
- Albert Gonzalez, Santa Clara City Councilmember (Alternate)

- Sean Collins, Assistant Vice President for University Operations, SCU staff
- Steve Ross, Assistant Dean of Students - Dean of Students Office, SCU staff
- Shea Mulqueeny, Senior, Community Development Vice President - Associated Student Government, SCU student
- Shanfang “Jennifer” Zheng, Old Quad Resident
- Collin Forgey, Property Owner/Landlord representative