

City of Santa Clara
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Law Day is “a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law,” as stated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who established the first nationwide commemoration in 1958; and
- WHEREAS,** the First Amendment to the United States Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the rights established in the First Amendment to apply to state governments; and
- WHEREAS,** the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression: this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers”; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2024 Law Day theme, “Voices of Democracy” recognizes that free expression and open elections are necessary for democracy and encourages individuals to participate in the 2024 elections by deepening their understanding of the electoral process; discussing issues in honest and civil ways; turning out to vote; and helping the country move forward after free and fair elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim May 1st, 2024 as

Law Day

in the City of Santa Clara and call upon all residents to use this occasion to acknowledge the importance of our legal and judicial systems and preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 23rd day of April 2024.

LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara