




**Report from the
City Manager on the
Request to Provide
Information
regarding State of
the City**

RTC 24-1098


November 12, 2024



Background

- At the Oct. 22, 2024 City Council meeting, Councilmember Kevin Park requested to “investigate Mayor Lisa Gillmor for Councilmanic interference for unilaterally canceling the 2024 State of the City address without input from the City Council.”
- Instead, the City Manager was to return with a verbal report on the details regarding State of the City.

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About State of the City

- In Santa Clara, the State of the City address is an annual speech delivered by the Mayor.
- The event has historically been hosted either by the City or by another organization.
- The event has been held at different times of the year.
- City staff support the planning, logistics, and general outreach and promotion of the event in collaboration with the Mayor.

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June 2024:

- Staff began discussions regarding State of City planning regarding potential date, location, and overall program.
- Staff communicated with the Mayor to set up a meeting to plan and discuss details for the State of the City.
- Mayor Gillmor selected the Mission City Performing Arts Center selected as a potential location and September 18, 2024, was selected as possible date.
- Staff placed a hold on the City Council calendars.

July 2024:

- Staff followed up with Mayor Gillmor to confirm program details including the outline for the State of the City address and performers.
- July 24, 2024: Mayor Gillmor informed City staff she was considering a change of venue and potentially an organization to host the State of the City, as it has been in the past.

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August 28, 2024:

- Staff removed the calendar hold from the Outlook calendars for the City Council for September 18, 2024, at Mission City Performing Arts Center. **Note:** When an Outlook calendar appointment is removed, the system automatically includes the term "Canceled" when sending the email notification. At the time of the Outlook calendar removal, no information was provided on the rescheduled date. Therefore, staff did not place another hold on the City Council calendars.
- Since the removal of the "HOLD" on the calendars, staff has not been informed of an updated date or location for the State of the City.

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