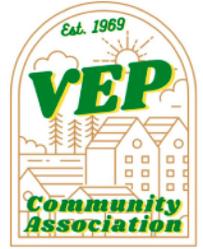




VEP NEWS



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Upcoming Events

District 2 Leadership Council lunch with the District 2 Office

October 16, 2025 12pm

Join District 2 Leadership Council for lunch with the District 2 Office on Thursday, October 16th starting at 12 PM at Bossman’s Pizza located at 418 W Capitol Expy, San Jose, CA 95136. We’ll get an update on the latest in District 2 while having the opportunity to share our priorities and concerns.

VEP Member Meeting

November 19, 2025 7pm–8pm

VEP member meeting
Vista Park Community Room
475 Hyde Park Dr



Dave Fadness Cleanup Day: A Resounding Success

Dave Fadness Cleanup Day was a tremendous success, with over 100 volunteers joining forces to revitalize Beautiful Vista Park. The turnout was truly inspiring—residents came from across San Jose, including Fremont, Campbell, and Willow Glen. We had District 2 Council member Pamela Campos as well as Matthew Quevedo, representing the office of Mayor Matt Mahan. We were also joined by enthusiastic high school students and dedicated VEP members from our neighborhood.

The results speak for themselves: over two truckloads of pine needles were hauled away, benches were freshly painted, and countless weeds were pulled. This mammoth effort showcased the pride and care our community has for this great city. Dave Fadness would be incredibly proud.

Heartfelt Thanks to Our Supporters

A special thank you to everyone who made this day possible:

- **John Leipelt** for serving the best pancake and sausage breakfast in San Jose
- **Wanda Wong** for providing delicious fresh fruit

President's Corner

Hello VEP Neighbors,

I attended the City's 3rd Annual Neighborhood's Conference on Saturday, October 4th on behalf of the VEP. In addition to hearing from the Mayor and City personnel on the state of the City, I also had the opportunity to network with other neighborhood leaders, our County Supervisors and City officials.

I was also able to attend several of the breakout sessions and learned what additional resources are available to us as neighborhood associations as well as how we can have more of an impact in advocating for our neighborhoods with the City.

I will provide a full readout and next steps in our next meeting in November. I encourage all of you to attend our meeting in November. We are working on securing special guests and will be nominating and electing the Board for the 2026 calendar year. We will also be making some decisions and voting on the financial proposals we shared during the September meeting.

Thank you!

- **VMU Adopt-A-Park** for supplying ice water to keep our hardworking volunteers refreshed
- **Starbucks at Capitol Expressway and Snell** for their generous coffee donation
- **Tara Dang** for your amazing support throughout the event

To all our volunteers: thank you for rising to the challenge and showing what our community can accomplish together!



VEP Member Meeting Minutes

President Alain Mowad

- Reviewed Meeting Agenda & Introduced guest speakers:
- Officer Ross Lee - CIO CHP
- National Night OUT
- Changes in VEP Directors
- Parveen Gill - Proposed Treasurer
- Jayshree Reddy - Proposed VP of Events & Beautification
- Marc McGeever - Stepping down
- Brian Ferry - Stepping down

GUEST SPEAKER: CHP Officer Ross Lee

- "Age Well, Drive Smart": Two hour class for defensive driving (ages 65+)
- Proposes scheduling a class for VEP Members
- Also has classes for new drivers "Start Smart"
- VEP will survey interest
- Contact: RossLee@chp.ca.gov

National Night Out

- Successful event, lots of participation & great entertainment
- Food provided by Chik fil A & Bossman
- CHP and volunteers were present with giveaways
- Lots of neighbor interaction, enjoying entertainment all the way til 845pm

Dave Fadness Beautification

Sept 13

- Partnered w City of SJ, with the help of Tara VEP MEMBER MEETING September 24, 2025
- Over 100 volunteers showed up to help
- Vista Park received a much needed clean up & makeover

VEP Finances

- Fewer memberships, resulting in depleting budget
- VEP Board proposes discontinuing Scholarship Awards, very little interest & no participation from Andrew Hill High
- VEP Board proposes removing membership fee since we have access to SJ City

Grants

- VEP has been applying for SJ City Grants for specific events such as beautification, National Night Out, tree planting... (although there are many limitations)
- Currently working closely with Tara, from Together SJ, for city resources & support
- Still looking for volunteer to support VEP's social media presence
- VEP needs to invest in a new projector and white screen for future member meetings
- Remove PO Box,

Speaker David Noel

Erikson Neighborhood Association President

- Emergency housing opening October 30th on Sanchez (approx 120 units)
- Dignity Moves, SJ City, Construction companies working in tandem to support residence
- October 24th: Volunteers needed for free work days to decorate and set up units
- Looking for welcome baskets fillers: soap, welcome notes, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant..
- NO Encampment Zone in effect along riverbanks (Blossom Hill to Branham)