



District 9 Leadership Group (D9LG)

General Zoom Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Jan 8th, 2024; 7:00 –9:00 PM

(Approved by members on 4/9/25)

In-Person at:

The Watermark at Almaden

4610 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

4th Floor, Skyway Lounge

(Enter from Almaden Expy and park in underground parking lot)

Light refreshments compliments of The Watermark

Board Members:

Barbara (Bobbi) Pena Atak (*Chair*), **Sam Ho** (*Vice Chair*), **Open Seat** (*Treasurer*), **David Noel** (*Secretary*),
Cole Cameron (*Director at Large*), **Open Seat** (*Director at Large*),
Kyle Laveroni (*D9 City Councilmember Pam Foley's Liaison, non-voting*)

Time	Item	Presenter(s)
7:00 – 7:05	Welcome to The Watermark at Almaden <i>Approximately 27 attendees</i>	Bobbi Atak
7:05 – 7:08	Agenda & Minutes Motion to Approve Oct 9th General Meeting Minutes <i>Approved – Sam Ho/Bobbi Atak/unanimous</i>	David Noel
7:08 – 7:15	ComedySportz CEO Jeff Kramer provided an overview of his improvisational comedy competition shows located at 5440-D Thornwood Dr, San Jose, behind Oakridge Mall. Contact Jeff at jeff@cszsanjose.com to learn more about group night discounts for your neighborhood on Friday and Saturday nights. He also offers improv classes. See handout.	Jeff Kramer
7:15 – 7:35	District 9 Council Office Update City Councilmember Pam Foley was just promoted to Vice Mayor. She will be continuing with her same committee assignments in addition to her added duties. District 3 will hold a special election to fill their council vacancy, and an interim will be appointed to fill the seat until a winner is elected. Good Samaritan Hospital's earthquake rebuild project was unanimously approved by city council. They agreed to provide \$3M of community benefits, including \$2M for	Pam Foley

	<p>affordable housing, of which \$1M will be for the Cherry Ave Emergency Interim Housing development. Pam thanked Kyle Laveroni on her staff for conducting the community benefits negotiations.</p> <p>Music in the Valley will be held Sat May 10th from 11am to 6pm. It will be larger this year and is moving to Cambrian Park Plaza. It will feature both D9 middle and high school student bands and professionals.</p> <p>The Vision Zero action plan is moving to the Transportation and Environment Committee, which Pam is a member of. She is hoping they can continue to be successful at getting federal grants.</p>	
7:35 – 8:00	<p>San Jose City Housing Dept</p> <p>San Jose Housing Director Erik Solivan reported that construction would be starting shortly on the Cherry Ave Emergency Interim Housing. Approximately 8 unhoused people will be moved to another site away from the construction zone. It will have 138 beds with modular connected dual units that can accommodate some families. It will have the same builder as the Via Del Oro site. People will likely be allowed to stay there up to about two years due to the lack of available permanent supportive housing (PSH)</p> <p>600 interim housing units are online, with 500 more coming by December 2025, including leased hotels. A project called El Cathedral of Faith will provide low income housing at a church site near the El Paseo project. The Branham/Monterey Emergency Interim Housing project was set to open shortly.</p> <p>The Housing department website is being re-formed and adding dashboards.</p> <p>Valley Water Board Director Jim Beall brought a few handouts on the new Water Resources Protection Zone ordinance. He also mentioned that community grants up to \$10,000 are available for projects that focus on water conservation, flood protection or environmental stewardship. For info, search online for the Valley Water mini-grant program. A project is in the works to enlarge the Pacheco Pass reservoir.</p>	Erik Soliván
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8:00 – 8:08	<p>SJPD Crime Stats</p> <p>Captain Steve Donohue provided an overview of District 9 crime stats. There was a cluster of burglaries near Hillsdale and Meridian. There was also a commercial cluster near Bass Pro Shop. SJPD caught a prolific thief at that location. There were 18 aggravated assaults. Also there were 5 accidents on Camden between Hwy 85 and Hillsdale.</p> <p>We now have 474 automated license plate reader cameras working across the city. 15 Home Owners Associations have bought around 44 total as well. As a result, a barrage of stolen vehicles have been recovered. There were 341 hotlist hits in 30 days. SJPD is now looking into getting access to Department of Transportation traffic cameras, of which there are around 500</p>	Captain Donohue
8:08 – 8:15	<p>San Jose Police Dept Crime Prevention Unit</p> <p>Marissa Garcia provided a couple handouts including one listing available training presentations that the Crime Prevention Unit can give to community members. Examples are Neighborhood Watch, personal safety for students, adults and seniors, identity theft, drug awareness, gang awareness, internet safety, bullying and cyber bullying an teen dating violence prevention. Contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133. Presentations typically last 60-90 minutes.</p>	Marissa Garcia
8:15 – 8:25	<p>Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)</p> <p>Cole Cameron provided emergency preparedness tips in light of the recent devastating fires in Southern California. He has prepared four \$20 go-bag shopping lists, with many items available at Dollar Stores. Having multiple options is important, such as having supplies in multiple locations. Be sure to include fresh medicines, key documents on a memory stick or in the cloud. Hub networks can connect supplies with those in need. We have 90 people trained in CERT in District 9 (20 hour free class), but need a lot more.</p>	Cole Cameron
	<p>David Ngo from County Supervisor Sylvia Arenas's office noted that we now have a women led majority on the Board of Supervisors, with the two newest recently-elected Supervisors.</p> <p>The homeless Point In Time (PIT) count was coming soon, and they are seeking volunteers.</p> <p>The Office of Supporting Housing is being elevated to a full department and will have more funding.</p>	David Ngo

	The TRUST Hotline now has a new direct phone number in addition to 988 to get non-emergency mental health help faster. The new number is (408) 596-7290. The City of San Jose gave the county \$450,000 to support the TRUST program.	
8:25 – 8:30	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>Bobbi Atak provided a brief D9LG financial update. We were awarded a \$2,500.00 BeautifySJ Cycle 7 grant. We had a vacancy on the board for a treasurer, which has since been filled.</p>	Bobbi Atak
8:30 – 8:40	<p>Neighborhood Leaders Update</p> <p>Leaders and residents from Tatra, Erikson, Thousand Oaks, Valley View/Reed, Willow Creek, Cambrian Community Council and Hacienda provided updates on their respective neighborhoods and associations.</p>	Neighborhood Leaders
8:40 – 8:44	Open Forum	All
8:44 – 8:45	Adjournment	

Next D9LG General Meeting April 9th, 7pm (Details To Be Announced):

For the latest updates on D9LG visit: www.D9LG.org

(See attached meeting handouts)