



## District 9 Leadership Group (D9LG)

### General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 9th, 7:00 –9:00 PM  
 (Draft for approval at the 10/8/25 General Meeting)

**In-Person at:**

The Watermark at Almaden  
 4610 Almaden Exp, San Jose, CA 95118  
 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Main Auditorium

**Board Members:**

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

Time	Item	Presenter(s)
7:00 – 7:05	Welcome  17 total attendees including all board members	Bobbi Atak
7:05 – 7:08	Agenda & Minutes Motion to Approve April 9th General Meeting Minutes  Approved – Bobbi Atak/Cole Cameron/unanimous	David Noel
7:08 – 7:23	District 9 Council Office Update  Current D9 Developments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1999 Camden Ave – redevelopment of Carls Jr. as an SB 35 project approved this year</li> <li>• 1869 Camden Ave – adding drive through at McDonalds</li> <li>• 1975 Cambrianna – Senior homes and Silverado memory care</li> <li>• 1371 Kooser Rd (Chuck E. Cheese) – SB35 100% affordable homes scheduled to break ground in August</li> <li>• Bristol hotel conversion to shelter for homeless women and children</li> <li>• Cherry Ave Emergency Interim Housing opening soon</li> </ul> Council District 3: Anthony Tordillos was elected via April primary and June runoff to fill the vacancy  City Budget: D9 improvements in this budget year include Paul Moore Park, Kirk Park and two enhanced crosswalks  D9 office funded dumpster days are transitioning to digital-only notifications, so be sure to join the D9 mailing list via	Kyle Laveroni

	<p><a href="https://mailchi.mp/sanjoseca.gov/d9-newsletter-signup">https://mailchi.mp/sanjoseca.gov/d9-newsletter-signup</a> or call (408) 535-4909.</p> <p>The D9 office is seeking constituent letters of support for SB753 to allow the city to deliver abandoned shopping carts directly to stores with cost recovery instead of the current impound system.</p>	
7:23 – 7:35	<p><b>SJPD D9 Crime Stats</b></p> <p>Capt Payne introduced Lt. John Wedge who is the new Southern Division midnight shift commander.</p> <p>D9 crime stats for the prior 90 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 homicides</li> <li>• 10 sexual assault reports (no stranger rapes)</li> <li>• 38 aggravated assaults</li> <li>• 5 robberies (3 commercial and 2 residential?)</li> <li>• 16 commercial burglaries</li> <li>• 91 vehicle burglaries, 90% checking doors, fairly evenly spread throughout district</li> <li>• 32 minor injury accidents</li> </ul> <p>A speed trailer will be posted on Foxworthy between Ross and Meridian.</p> <p>Southern Division officers are proactively addressing laws with electric bikes in response to concerns raised at our last general meeting.</p> <p>There was an officer involved shooting near Coleman &amp; Almaden associated with a mentally ill person with a firearm. However a week prior, there was a similar situation with the same officers which was resolved with nobody shot.</p>	Capt. Steven Payne Jr.
7:35 – 7:50	<p><b>Office of the San Jose Independent Police Auditor</b></p> <p>Catherine is an analyst who reports to IPA Eddie Aubrey. The IPA office investigates police misconduct independently from the SJPD Internal Affairs dept. The IPA audits all investigations performed by Internal Affairs.</p> <p>We have a young police force, and most complaints involve officers on the force less than four years. Officers must comply with an 800 page duty manual plus state and federal laws.</p> <p>The IPA can take complaints directly from residents, and then forward the complaint to Internal Affairs for investigation. The IPA verifies the IA report and reports whether they agree or disagree with the findings. Both the IPA and IA can explain the results to the resident who filed the complaint.</p>	Catherine McBain

	<p>The IPA provides youth education regarding rights and responsibilities when being stopped by police.</p>	
7:50 – 8:05	<p><b>San Jose Fire Department – Wild Fire Preparedness</b></p> <p>(Reference slide deck presentation) The main focus is on the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) where human development meets undeveloped wildland. SJFD maintains an interactive Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) map on their website defining fire risk across the city.</p> <p>Reduce fire risk according to defensible space zones, which are buffers between your structure and the grass, trees, shrubs and wildland areas that surround it. The first 5 feet from your building, decks and other structures are considered the ember resistant zone. The first 30 feet are considered the lean, clean and green zone. Between 30 and 100 feet from your structures or up to your property line, are the reduce fuel zone. Homes in high fire risk areas have been flyered state wide.</p> <p>Download the free Genasys Protect Evacuation Tool app onto your phone to receive hyper-localized alerts for evacuation orders, warnings, advisories, shelter-in-place notices and repopulation updates for your specific location without irrelevant alerts for other areas.</p> <p>New construction and additions within the SJFD WUI must now comply with WUI materials and construction methods per Assembly Bill 38: Defensible Space and Inspection. For info see SJFD.org or stop by any fire station any time.</p>	<p>Fire Prevention Inspector</p> <p>Deputy Fire Marshall Brandon Mimms</p>
8:05 – 8:20	<p><b>County District 1 Office Update &amp; D9LG Grant</b></p> <p>Cristian congratulated D9LG for being awarded a \$5,000 Inventory Item grant from Supervisor Sylvia Arenas.</p> <p>County Parks has a new chief Allie Henry, who is the first female chief.</p> <p>Cristian encouraged neighborhood associations to notify the sheriff’s office and Supervisor Arenas’ office of their National Night Out events, in addition to SJPD.</p> <p>Report county expressway concerns to Supervisor Arenas’ office as the expressways are under county jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Cristian Cornejo</p>
8:20 – 8:25	<p><b>CERT</b></p> <p>Cole is a CERT senior instructor. He encourages everyone to</p>	<p>Cole Cameron</p>

	<p>get to know their immediate neighbors, as you'll support each other during the first hours of a disaster.</p> <p>Start building up your emergency supplies. See the CERT meeting handouts for 4 simple \$20 lists to get started. It's better to make your own kit than to purchase a pre-made kit since the pre-made kits are mostly water with minimal supplies.</p> <p>Cole is sharing 50 free block party kits with emergency preparedness info for National Night Out events.</p>	
8:25 – 8:35	<p>San Jose Evergreen Community College District - Facilities Master Plan</p> <p>Sam provided a high level overview of the facilities master plan process for San Jose and Evergreen Community Colleges. For more info, visit <a href="http://sjeccd.edu">sjeccd.edu</a>, then select Departments → Facilities → Master Plan Task Force. The last master plan was done in 2016. Evergreen is turning 50 years old in September. The master plan proposes a mix of rebuilding, remodeling, demolishing and relocating facilities. There is a new building at SJCC that will have a grand opening soon. They are also looking at student housing, and a safe place for students to sleep in their cars. There are four bonds. SJECED is one of the first districts to use bonds. A small amount of taxes provides a large benefit.</p>	Sam Ho
8:35 – 8:40	<p>New Business:</p> <p>New Board Member</p> <p>The Board appointed Viviana Garcia-Barnwell to fill a Director at Large vacancy at the June 11th board meeting.</p> <p>Financial Report</p> <p>The current bank balance is \$3,405.00, which includes \$638.71 of unused BeautifySJ Cycle 6 grant funds which will be returned to the City of San Jose.</p> <p>We won a \$5,000 Inventory Item grant from County Supervisor Sylvia Arenas.</p>	Mitchell Ehrlich
8:40 – 8:44	<p>Neighborhood Leaders Update</p> <p>Brian Grayson reported that Pinehurst participated in the Thousand Oaks Fourth of July parade with bicycles</p> <p>Sam reported that Thousand Oaks held their annual Fourth of July Parade.</p>	Neighborhood Leaders

	<p>Cole Cameron had a table at the local farmer's market promoting Cambrian Community Council</p> <p>Dave Noel reported that Erikson Neighborhood Association held a Fourth of July parade and picnic, was planning a National Night Out Ice Cream Social, and had a project in progress to paint neighborhood curb addresses.</p>	
8:44 – 8:45	Adjournment – Adjourned at 8:54pm	David Noel

**References:**

- Wildfire Preparedness slide deck
- San Jose Evergreen Community College District Facilities Master Plan Virtual Open House slide deck
- CERT handouts

**Next D9LG General Meetings: 2nd Weds, 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm – Oct 8th & Jan 14th**

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