



COUNCILMEMBER RUSS MELTON'S
Sunnyvale Report



EARLY FEBRUARY 2020

Sunnyvale Voters to Have Greater Flexibility, Convenience

THE MARCH 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election will soon be here and voters in Sunnyvale, and across Santa Clara County, will have more ways than ever before to cast their ballots.

In 2016, the California Legislature passed the Voter's Choice Act, giving voters more options in when, where and how to vote. The VCA is being implemented by the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters for the upcoming election.

Starting with the March Presidential Primary Election, every registered voter

will receive a Vote By Mail ballot starting 29 days before Election Day. Voters can then vote at any of over 100 Vote Centers in Santa Clara County. About 22 of the Vote Centers will open for eleven days, including Election Day, while the remaining will be open for four days, including Election Day. The Vote Centers will offer more space, additional services and new enhanced voting equipment.

For the latest information, visit the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters at www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/

CHOOSE HOW YOU VOTE

With the implementation of a new Vote Center election model, voters now have **more days** and **more ways** to vote:

VOTE BY MAIL

ways to **return** your VBM ballot:



VOTE IN PERSON

services provided at Vote Centers:



There are expected to be seven Vote Centers in Sunnyvale:

- **Braly Park**—Park Building
- **Sunnyvale Community Center**—Community Room
- **Sunnyvale Middle School**—Library
- **Washington Park**—Multipurpose Room
- **Fair Oaks Park**—Park Building
- **Columbia Middle School**—Library
- **Plaza Del Rey Mobile Home Park**—Main Clubhouse

It was a real honor to attend the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Joint Fire Academy graduation ceremony on January 31. Heartiest congratulations to the 17 graduates from five participating agencies and a special commendation to the four Sunnyvale graduates!



Pedestrian Safety Improvements Implemented on El Camino Real at Poplar and Helen Avenues

CALTRANS has implemented new signage at all four corners of the intersection of El Camino Real and Poplar Avenue, reminding drivers of their responsibility to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk when turning right. Separately, a new HAWK Beacon installed last year by CalTrans at El Camino Real and Helen Avenue has been “powerized” by PG&E

and is in operation. HAWK stands for High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk. Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, “The acronym is a bit of a stretch but the purpose of the HAWK Beacon is clear: Help pedestrians safely cross El Camino at Helen. I appreciate our partners at CalTrans and PG&E getting the system up and running.”

(L) Sunnyvale middle school students approach the southeast corner of El Camino Real and Poplar Avenue. (R) A Sunnyvale pedestrian makes use of the HAWK Beacon at El Camino Real and Helen Avenue.



Sunnyvale Gun Buyback Event to be Held February 29

THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY District Attorney’s Office and the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety are hosting a Gun Buyback on Saturday, February 29, 2020. The event is being held at the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church at 728 W. Fremont Ave. in Sunnyvale from 8 a.m. to noon.

The purpose of the gun buyback event is to reduce the availability of unwanted, unsafe, and illegal guns by providing an opportunity for the safe and anonymous disposal of firearms.

Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ

Melton, “Gun buybacks increase the public safety by providing a safe and convenient way to dispose of unsafe and unwanted firearms. I’m proud to have supported an allocation of \$40 thousand from the Sunnyvale budget to fund this event.”

Each participant will receive \$100 per handgun and \$200 per assault rifle up to a maximum of \$400. There is no limit to the number of guns an individual may surrender for safe disposal. All guns must be unloaded and stored in the trunk of partic-

ipants’ car. Buybacks will be first-come, first-serve.

ANONYMOUS GUN BUYBACK

Turn in your guns and get cash, no questions asked.

\$100
PER HANDGUN, RIFLE, AND SHOTGUN*

\$200
PER ASSAULT RIFLE*
*No limit on guns. Maximum \$400 total.

SATURDAY, FEB. 29, 2020, 8 A.M. TO NOON
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church Parking Lot
728 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale

WEAPONS MUST BE FUNCTIONAL
TRANSPORT UNLOADED WEAPONS IN TRUNK OF CAR
This Event is Sponsored by North County Agencies and Community Partners.

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Public and Official. We reserve the right to seek each gun to an individual, regardless of the number of guns surrendered.

Provide Your Input on the Roadway Safety Plan

THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE is developing a Roadway Safety Plan (RSP) to identify traffic safety challenges and find possible improvements. Once completed, the plan will be used to identify funding sources to begin the recommended improvements. This project will support the goals established by the

Vision Zero Plan.

The RSP contemplates improvements at 20 roadway segments in Sunnyvale, including the intersection of Fremont Avenue and Eleanor Way (pictured). To learn more about the RSP and provide input, visit <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/rsp/default.htm>.

J Fremont Avenue & Eleanor Way



Preliminary Concept Improvement Layouts - Detailed Engineering Design and Analysis Required.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

On January 14, Sunnyvale City Council approved an agreement with two local school districts to design and construct a new Sunnyvale library at Lakewood Park. The branch library is expected to open in late 2023 or early 2024 with an estimated cost of \$28.3 million.

Also on January 14, Sunnyvale Council awarded a construction contract for the rehabilitation of Fair Oaks Bridge, which crosses over the CalTrain tracks from Evelyn Avenue to Kifer Road. Construction is expected to begin in February or March 2020 and go for approximately 18 months. To learn more, visit www.fairoaksbridge.com.

On Friday, January 10, the Department of Public Safety conducted a pedestrian decoy operation at the intersection of El Camino Real and Helen Avenue. The operation was

specifically designed to enforce pedestrian safety laws. More than 30 citations were issued along with numerous visual and verbal warnings. Several more pedestrian decoy operations are planned throughout Sunnyvale in the months ahead to focus on traffic enforcement and pedestrian safety.

Sunnyvale residents are reporting instances of illegal dumping of trash.

To report illegal dumping in progress, residents may call the Department of Public Safety non-emergency dispatch number at 408-730-7180. To report junk, debris, trash, furniture, etc. in the public right-of-way, residents may call the Utility Division at 408-730-7400 or report through Access Sunnyvale. The dumping or accumulating of debris is prohibited under Sunnyvale Municipal Code Section 8.04.060.




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B I O G R A P H Y

GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

- Sunnyvale City Councilmember, 2017-Present
- Sunnyvale Vice Mayor, 2019
- Sunnyvale Planning Commissioner, 2012-2017; Commission Chair, 2014-2016

EDUCATION

- Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Santa Clara University
- Bachelor of Science (BS), Business Administration, California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Executive Vice President / Chief Operations Officer, National 1st Credit Union, 2009-2011
- Senior Finance Manager, National Semiconductor Corporation, 1995-2009
- Honorably Discharged from United States Navy

PERSONAL

- Sunnyvale resident since 2000
- Native Bay Area resident
- Married; two children in Sunnyvale public schools

Sunnyvale Contact Information

Non-Emergency
Police & Fire 408-730-7100

Abandoned Cars 408-730-7706

Graffiti/
Shopping Carts 408-730-7680

Job Center (NOVA) 408-730-7232

Sewer/
Water/Utilities 408-730-7400

Street Lights/
Sidewalks..... 408-730-7415

Street Trees/Parks 408-730-7506

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Your Federal Elected Representatives

United States Senator **Dianne Feinstein**
San Francisco Office 415-393-0707

United States Senator **Kamala Harris**
San Francisco Office 415-981-9369

United States Representative **Ro Khanna**
Santa Clara Office 408-436-2720

Your State Elected Representatives

California State Senator **Jerry Hill**
San Mateo Office 650-212-3313

Calif. State Assemblymember **Marc Berman**
Los Altos Office 650-691-2121

Your County Elected Representatives

Santa Clara County Supervisor
Joe Simitian 408-299-5050

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Dave Cortese 408-299-5030