



# Sunnyvale Enacts Budget-Balancing Spend Reductions

**S**UNNYVALE CITY COUNCIL held an all-day meeting on May 24 to discuss the draft budget for the City's 2020-21 fiscal year, which starts on July 1. At the meeting, Council approved a number of spend reductions so as to maintain a balanced budget in light of rapidly declining sales tax and hotel tax revenues. The revenue shortfalls are largely attributable to the necessary shelter-in-place requirements arising from the COVID-19 emergency.

In all, the Council approved \$24.2 million of General Fund spend reductions from the upcoming budget year.

A number of the reductions are expected to result in reduced levels of service provided by the City to its residents and businesses, either directly or indirectly.

Most notably, the City froze the hiring of 22 vacant positions, including five in the Department of Public Safety. In addition, sidewalk repairs and tree-trimming activities were put on

Worker's Compensation claims against the City. A number of claims had recently been resolved, enabling the City to release the reserves back to the General Fund.

Sunnyvale City Councilmember Russ Melton commented, "First and foremost, I am very happy that we made it through these reductions without having to impact any of our employees. But let's face it, the hiring freeze means we won't have additional resources coming on board as we had planned, and that will be tough. I ask Sunnyvale residents to be understanding as we all adjust."

Continued Melton, "It was incredibly fortuitous that a year ago, Staff had taken a strong focus of clearing a backlog of Worker's Compensation claims. That \$8.1 million kept us from having to make some really tough decisions. But we're not out of the woods yet.

"What makes me nervous is three months from now, when we get fresh data on property taxes, sales taxes and

### Reductions Impacting Service Levels (\$M)

Hiring freeze for vacant positionse.....	3.7
No CPI increase for goods and services .....	2.3
One-year hiatus on sidewalk repairs.....	1.7
Reductions in casual (summer) staffing.....	0.9
Reduce tree trimming contract for one year.....	0.6
Other reductions .....	1.1

### Reductions Not Impacting Service Levels (\$M)

Reduce Worker's Compensation reserve .....	8.1
Fund 75% of employee leave liability instead of full funding .....	2.7
Reallocate costs of litter program and streetsweeping to solid waste fund .....	1.6
Other Reductions .....	1.4

hiatus for one year.

Other spend reductions will not result in a service level impact to residents. Nearly a third of the General Fund savings are coming from an \$8.1 million release of cash reserves that had been taken as a contingency for

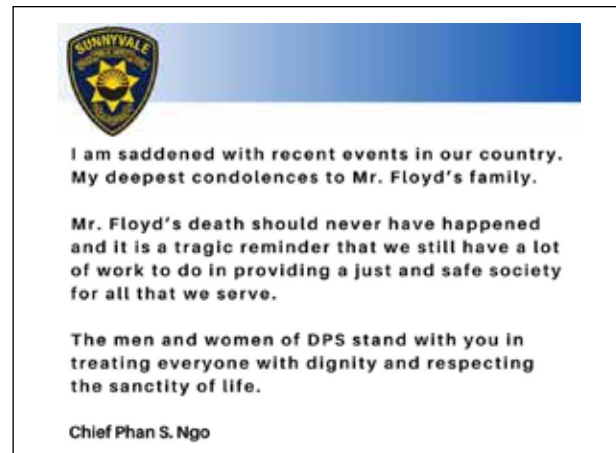
hotel taxes. Hopefully we see a rebound, and no further reductions will be necessary.”

City Staff will be providing regular updates to Council and the community over the next several months as new data comes in.

## Sunnyvale DPS Chief Issues Statement

**O**N SATURDAY, MAY 30, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Chief Phan S. Ngo issued a statement in regard to recent events. Along with Chief Ngo’s message, the Department of Public Safety further stated, “We strive to serve and protect our diverse community with respect, we work hard to build trusting and lasting relationships with our community. We condemn actions of those like Derek Chauvin and we stand with all who are seeking justice for George Floyd.”

Added Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, “Hatred and racism have no place in Sunnyvale. In Sunnyvale, we value our individual experiences, and support and protect people of any race, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, ability, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity. In this, Sunnyvale will continue to thrive as a culturally di-



verse community where all are welcome, safe and acknowledged. These words are from Sunnyvale’s Statement on Our City’s Values and Public Service and I support them completely.”

The Statement on Our City’s Values and Public Service can be read in its entirety at [sunnyvale.ca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=24954](https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=24954)

## City Announces Pride Flag Raising and Car Parade

**T**HE CITY OF SUNNYVALE announced that it will raise the Pride flag on Monday, June 1 to recognize June as LGBTQ Pride Month. The flag raising will take place at 8:00 A.M. with remarks from Sunnyvale Mayor Larry Klein, to be followed by a car parade around the City Hall complex. Additional details are posted on the City’s social media sites. Residents are reminded to comply with the Santa Clara County order regarding car parades, which have been recently deemed permissible by the County Health Officer.






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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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San Francisco Office 415-981-9369

United States Representative **Ro Khanna**  
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