



Draft City Budget Released

ON MAY 11, the City of Sunnyvale released its draft budget for the Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2020. In municipal parlance, the draft document is referred to as the “recommended budget.”

As noted in the Early May edition of the Sunnyvale Report, the COVID-19 emergency has affected the City’s General Fund, most notably that Sales Tax and Hotel Tax receipts have fallen off sharply.

To balance the budget, the City is making many difficult decisions. These include deferring and reducing services, using reserve funds, and potentially reallocating costs.

The City Council will review and discuss the recommended budget at its all-day Budget Workshop on May 21.

Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, “To keep the General Fund budget balanced, we have to come up with \$22 million of reductions for the upcoming year starting July 1, 2020, \$8 million for the year starting July 2021, and then \$4 million for each year after that. We have some breathing room in

our reserves, but the big unknown right now is the duration and depth of the economic impact. We will be keeping a very close eye in the months ahead on our revenues.”

The draft budget document includes a list of proposed budget-balancing

reductions referred to as “Budget Supplement No. 2.” The cost-cutting list includes an \$8.1 million reduction in the City’s Workers Compensation reserve balance, a \$3.7 million hiring freeze and

a \$2.3 million reduction in the City’s procurement of various goods and services.

Sunnyvale residents are encouraged to download and review the FY 2020/21 Recommended Budget at: sunnyvale.ca.gov/government/budget.htm.

The City Manager’s letter of transmittal is on Page 3 and the full list of proposed spend reductions starts on page 251. Comments to City Council about the draft budget are welcome and should be emailed to: council@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



Sunnyvale Continues Service Adjustments During COVID-19

THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE continues to adjust services provided to residents in response to the COVID-19 emergency and the changing requirements of the County Health Officer's shelter-in-place order. The City's COVID-19 webpage is a one-stop resource for important information and is updated frequently: [sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/coronavirus.htm](https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/coronavirus.htm).

Recent changes to services include the following.

- **Sunnyvale residents in single-family homes** can set out up to two extra garbage bags and extra cardboard at your curb on garbage collection day. A separate truck comes by for those, so be sure to leave them out until collected.
- **The SMaRT Station reopened for most services on May 11**, including compost pickup, recycling drop-off and materials disposal. The CRV Buy-Back Center is closed but will reopen on June 1 for appointments only. To schedule an appointment, call the SMaRT Station at 408-752-8530. Appointments are not needed for any other service.
- **The skateparks at Fair Oaks and Lakewood parks are now open.** Both Sunnyvale Golf Course and Sunken Gardens Golf Course are also open



with safety protocols in place. To learn more, visit: www.sunnyvalegolfcourses.com

- **The City's annual slurry seal project has resumed after a brief delay.** The project is scheduled to wrap-up June 22. This important street maintenance program addresses 130 street



segments, covering 5.1 million square feet of roadway. A slurry seal applies a thin layer of oil mixed with additives to seal the entire surface and extend the life of the street. To see the slurry seal schedule, visit: [sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/street/default.htm](https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/property/street/default.htm).

- **The Sunnyvale Tennis Center reopened on May 15.** Lifetime Activities, the Center's operator, is following state and county guidelines. Tennis is limited to community singles play and pickleball singles, with a maximum of two people from the same household per court.
- **Certain walk signals have become automated in Sunnyvale between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.** Signage has been placed at the intersections which have been automated for pedestrians. At these intersections, there's no need to press the button to activate the crossing signal during the specified hours.



Sunnyvale Launches Program Supporting Small Businesses

ON MAY 7, the City of Sunnyvale announced the launch of Sunnyvale Cares, a \$3 million program to help small businesses in the City impacted financially by the COVID-19 emergency. Initial funding of \$600,000 was provided by the City of Sunnyvale, with additional funding provided by Google, LinkedIn, Intuitive Foundation and Jay Paul Company.



Commented Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, "Allocating \$600,000 to this program was an easy call to make, in support of Sunnyvale small businesses so heavily impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. I really appreciate the additional funding from our incredible corporate partners."

To learn more about the Sunnyvale Cares program, or to apply for funding visit: sunnyvale.ca.gov/svcares.

Inaugural Raising of POW-MIA Flag

Saturday, May 16 was Armed Forces Day and the first day in Sunnyvale's history that the POW-MIA flag was flown at City Hall. It was an honor to attend the inaugural flag raising with my Council colleague Mayor Larry Klein and City Manager Kent Steffens.



In March, the Sunnyvale Council unanimously passed a resolution directing City Staff to fly the POW-MIA flag each year on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day.



Sunnyvale Goats Back On the Job

TO REDUCE FIRE RISK at Sunnyvale's 94-acre landfill, each Spring the City hires a large herd of goats to chomp down the vegetation there.

The goats go about their business, eliminating the need for chemical herbicides and fertilizers and gas to operate machinery. Goats prefer the tough weeds growing at the landfill and love to eat thistles, pampas grass, and poison oak. They are supervised by one human, and one border collie.






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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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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

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