

# Councilmember Kansen Chu

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Councilmember Chu attends the 20th Annual Moon Festival (Tet Trung-Thu) at Independence High School.



Councilmember Chu with Supervisor Ken Yeager at the Chamber Spirit of Santa Clara Valley Luncheon with San José Sharks.



Councilmember Chu & volunteers at the 2nd Annual Day in the Bay: A Multicultural Festival hosted by Supervisor Dave Cortese.

## Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu  
A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

The arrival of the Fall season marks the beginning of the holiday season. From Halloween to Thanksgiving, there are many upcoming festivities for families to enjoy in our community.

Come celebrate the fall harvest with me on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Berryessa Farmers Market. Please stop by the District 4 booth to pick up a free re-usable bag and share your ideas, questions, and concerns about your neighborhood with me and my staff.

In preparation for Halloween, I wanted to make sure that District 4 families are prepared for a festive and safe night of trick-or-treating fun! This year, my office will be sponsoring our first annual District 4 Spooky Halloween and Haunted House on Friday, October 21, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Berryessa Youth Center. Learn about Halloween safety tips, participate in the Children's costume contest, and take a stroll in the haunted house. Children will also receive a glow necklace, pumpkin, treats, and more!

With the holiday season upon us, it is also important for all of us to take time out from our busy schedules to reassess our priorities. It also gives us an opportunity to think of others and how we can find ways to help those less fortunate than ourselves. This year, my office is working in partnership with Hope Services to host the "Let's Give!" donations drive events. Your contributions will not only assist those with developmental disabilities but reduce landfill waste. Drop offs will take place on November 19th in the Piedmont Hills High School's Student Parking Lot and December 3rd at Brooktree Elementary School's Parking Lot. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help make a difference in our community.

On behalf of the District 4 Office, I would like to wish each of you a safe and joyous holiday season!

Best Regards,



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District 4 Website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4>

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## Noble Elementary School Wins Playground

Through the efforts of Noble Elementary School's PTA members, Telma Rangle and Season Barrentos, the school won a playground for the students from Old Navy and TerraCycle, the pioneering upcycling and recycling company. Telma kicked off a partnership with TerraCycle that taught over 600 students in all demographic and socioeconomic backgrounds how to recycle more than just bottles and cans. Over the summer, Telma went above and beyond to enter a contest with Old Navy and TerraCycle. The school was able to keep over 100,000 pieces of trash out of the landfill and won themselves a new playground! The best part is that the playground is made out of recycled flip flops. I was able to make it out to the Community Build of the playground on September 10, 2011 to witness the success. If you are ever in the neighborhood, stop by and check out the playground at Noble Elementary School! Congratulations Noble PTA!

*"This program is a great example of turning old, worn items like flip flops into a resource to benefit so many people," said Tom Szaky, TerraCycle CEO.*  
*"Along with Old Navy, we are really excited to provide this playground to Noble Elementary School."*



Playground made out of recycled flip flops.



Councilmember Kansen Chu & wife, Daisy Chu with Telma Rangle & Noble School Principal Bobbie Infelise at the Community Build.

## Redistricting Update

Every 10 years, after new population figures from the decennial census are released by the U.S. Census Bureau, San Jose establishes new City Council District boundaries. These boundaries determine which Council District represents each resident, and ensures equal representation for all San Jose residents.

On August 23, 2011, the City Council approved the recommendation of the 2011 Redistricting Advisory Commission. An ordinance establishing new City Council District boundaries will become effective on **October 13, 2011**.

I would like to take this time to thank Mike Flaughner, our District 4 Redistricting Advisory Commission Member, for his time and efforts. Mike's knowledge and understanding of the City's boundaries and resources has made him a good representative for District 4.

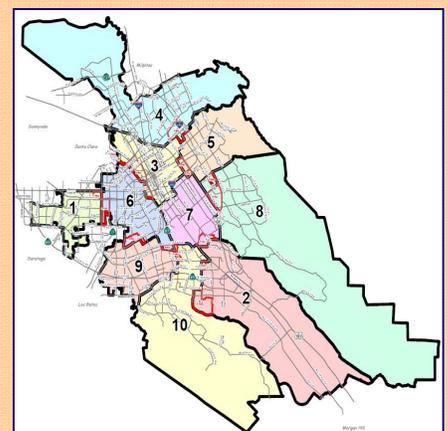
The commission recommended one boundary change for District 4. According to Census 2010, District 4 had the largest population (102,999 persons) of any District, and must contract to meet minimum legal requirements. Given District 4's geographic location adjacent to Council Districts 3 and 5 only, and otherwise mostly bounded by the cities of Santa Clara and Milpitas, redistricting options for boundary adjustments were somewhat limited. Throughout the redistricting process, numerous District 4 boundary change options were considered, including providing population to District 5 only, to District 3 only, and to a combination of Districts 3 and 5. However, the Commission ultimately opted for a solution that contracts District 4 by providing population to District 3 only.

This solution helps preserve the status quo in rough alignment of the existing District 4/District 5 boundary with the Berryessa Union School District in response to considerable public input. The recommendation to provide population to District 3 is designed to align with the eastern boundary of the adjacent Orchard School District, for a total population of 99,892 persons.

To view a large map of where boundary changes will take place and list of impacted streets from the redistricting process, please visit:  
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/redistricting/2011redistricting.asp>.



Community Build on September 10, 2011





## Neighborhood Groups

**Alviso Neighborhood Group Meets every 1st Thursday at 6PM at Alviso Library**  
Contact: Betty Brown  
betty@maileater.net

**Alviso Water Taskforce Meets every 2nd Wednesday at 6PM at the Alviso Library**  
www.alvisowater.org  
Contact: Alviso Taskforce  
alvisowater@gmail.com

**Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council Meets every 2nd Monday at 7PM at the Berryessa Community Ctr**  
Contact: Marc Liebman  
mbliebman@comcast.net

**River Oaks Neighborhood Association Meets every odd month**  
Location TBA  
Contact: Jean Marlowe  
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

**Townsend Park Neighborhood Association Meets twice yearly**  
Location TBA  
Contact: Lori Wallace  
lori\_wp@yahoo.com

**DO YOU RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAILS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU?**

Sign-up at  
www.sanjoseca.gov/district4



# Neighborhood Groups



*Councilmember Chu speaks at the Riverbend Mobilehome Resident Meeting on August 20, 2011.*

Recently, I have been receiving communication from District 4 residents regarding issues that impact their neighborhood. In order to address the issues in our neighborhood, we need to work together. One tool we can all utilize is the San Jose Police Department's Neighborhood Watch. Neighborhood Watch makes presentations to neighborhood groups by informing them how to discourage, deter and prevent crimes such as burglary, auto theft, car break-ins, and personal crimes which often occur in or near homes. Meetings are held Monday through Thursday evenings and last approximately two hours. At least 10 homes must be represented in order for the meeting

to take place. Most meetings are held in your home or at a neighborhood facility. To request a Neighborhood Watch in your area, please contact my office at (408) 535-4904, or email [district4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district4@sanjoseca.gov). We will work with you and your neighbors to set-up a meeting.

Knowing your neighbor and protecting your neighborhood is also important – thus, developing neighborhood associations with your neighbors will help keep our community safe. Neighborhood association is a group of community members who work together for changes and improvements such as neighborhood safety, beautification, social activities, and look out for each neighbor. Some meet monthly, some meet quarterly, and some communicate through online communications. Community and neighborhood safety begins with personal safety. Part of being safe is knowing what possible dangers or hazards there are and taking steps to prevent crime and protect yourself. If you are interested in forming a neighborhood association, please call Anh Tran at (408) 535-4904 or email [district4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district4@sanjoseca.gov). My office can provide resources and support to establish a neighborhood association in your area today!

## Start Shopping with Reusable Bags Now!



In December 2010, the City adopted a Single-Use Carryout Bag ordinance that bans single use plastic carryout bags; the ordinance will begin on **January 1, 2012** at which point consumers at all grocery and retail stores in San Jose will have the option to bring their own reusable bags or pay a minimum price for recycled-content paper bags. Consider the following to prepare for the ordinance:

A high-quality reusable bag has the potential to replace over 600 single-use plastic bags over its lifetime. Plastic

bags are one of the most common litter items found in creek cleanups. Paper bags are just as problematic taking 14 million trees each year in the United States to produce a year's supply for retail use. Shopping with reusable bags is a great way to take part in reducing litter and conserving natural resources. Consider the following to help you avoid the bag charge:

- Start shopping with a reusable bag now.
- Keep reusable bags by the door, in your car, or near car keys.
- Keep foldable bags in pockets, backpacks, or your purse.
- Give your friends and family a reusable bag and encourage them to start shopping with them today.

For additional resources and updates, visit [www.sjrecycles.org/bags](http://www.sjrecycles.org/bags). If you have questions, please e-mail [Bring-ur-Bag@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Bring-ur-Bag@sanjoseca.gov) or call (408) 534-BYOB(2962).

**Stop by the District 4 Booth at the Berryessa Farmers Market on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM to pick up a free reusable bag!**



## Berryessa 5K Walk - Taking Strides To Change Kids' Lives

This year, my office has partnered with Noble Elementary School to host the first annual Berryessa 5K Walk to promote physical fitness, academic excellence and community spirit. The course is in the heart of the Berryessa community, starting and finishing at the Berryessa Community Center on Sunday, October 9, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Funds raised from the Berryessa 5K Walk will benefit local Berryessa public school fitness and sports programs. In an effort to help raise money for our schools, I have pledged \$5 for each walker to support the school of his/her choice. To register for the race, please visit [www.noblepta.com](http://www.noblepta.com). Adult registration is \$20 and \$10 for children. For family (2adults/2children), registration is \$50. Registration fee includes a T-Shirt. For more information contact Manju Ramachandran at (415) 999-7859 or [manjerade@yahoo.com](mailto:manjerade@yahoo.com).



## Nominate an Outstanding District 4 Community Member

We are truly fortunate to have so many outstanding individuals in our community who dedicate their time to make District 4 a better place to live. I know there are so many remarkable volunteers who have positively contributed to the success of our community and want to make sure they are recognized for all their hard work and dedication. I ask for your help in nominating an outstanding individual, group of individuals, company, or organization that live, work, or volunteer in our community.

Nominees must describe how the individual or group has made a positive impact to the District 4 community. Please submit your nomination to our office by **December 16, 2011** by emailing [district4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district4@sanjoseca.gov).

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage residents to get more involved in their communities. I strongly believe that the involvement of residents is one of the most vital components to building a better community. I encourage residents to increase wider community involvement through participation in neighborhood groups as well as volunteer and civic engagement opportunities. We need your help and support in order to continue making the City of San Jose a great place to live, work, and play for all of our citizens. Together, we can make a difference in our neighborhoods, communities, and City.

## 6th Annual Santos Family Car Show Event



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Santos Family Car Show held on Saturday, September 3, 2011 at North First Street in Alviso was a huge success. The car show spotlighted Alviso restaurants Maria Elena's, Taco de Oro, Vahl's and Lunch with Tony at the beautiful Santa Clara County

Alviso Marina. The classic car show consisted of more than 200 custom cars from the 1957 Chevy's to the 1970's San José Police patrol car.

The car show was organized by the Santos Family and Co-Sponsored by Councilmember Kansen Chu. This was a great Labor Day treat for Alviso residents as well as to all the fanatics of custom cars.





## COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011**

**6:00PM-8:00PM**

**Starbucks  
670 River Oaks Parkway**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011**

**6:00PM-8:00PM**

**Noble House  
14630 Noble Avenue**

Since I have been elected to serve you in 2007, I have committed over 200 hours in community office hours to receive feedback and provide assistance to residents with over 200 cases. Over the past three years, I have enjoyed meeting with many of you and being able to assist you regarding City issues. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the community office hours so that I may be of assistance to you all. Please call the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to book an appointment.

*Dates and locations are subject to change. Please call for confirmed times and locations.*



**Councilmember Chu at the Ponderosa Woods Home Owners Association Meet and Greet.**



**Councilmember Chu and Boy Scout Troop 170 at the District 4 Safety Fair & Movie Night.**



**Supervisor George Shirakawa, Councilmember Chu, & wife Daisy Chu at the Veterans Supportive Services Agency Grand Opening.**

## SPOOKY HALLOWEEN & HAUNTED HOUSE IN DISTRICT 4



District 4 and the East Valley Family YMCA will be hosting its first Spooky Halloween and Haunted House event on Friday, October 21, 2011 at the Berryessa Youth Center on 1970 Morrill Avenue, San Jose, 95132 from **6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**. Come learn about Halloween safety tips and celebrate with games, prizes, snacks, and fun! It is free admission to the community. There will also be free glow sticks pumpkins and at the Pumpkin Patch.

The program of events is as follows:

- 6:00 PM: Haunted House Opens
- 6:30 - 7:30 PM: Children's Costume Contest (K-5, 6-12) with prizes!
- 7:30 - 9:00 PM: Submit Halloween Passport to pick up a free treat bag with a special surprise!

Please come join me at the first Halloween event in District 4! I hope to see everyone there!

For additional questions, please contact Anh Tran at (408) 535-4904 or [Anh.Tran@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Anh.Tran@sanjoseca.gov).



## City & Community Contacts

**City Hall Call Center**

**(408) 535-3500**

**Abandoned Vehicles**

**(408) 277-5305**

**Alviso Branch Library**

**(408) 263-3626**

**Alviso Youth Center**

**(408) 423-1706**

**Anti-Graffiti & Litter**

**(866) 249-0543**

**Berryessa Branch Library**

**(408) 808-3050**

**Berryessa Community &**

**Senior Center**

**(408) 251-6392**

**Berryessa Youth Center**

**(408) 715-6557**

**Code Enforcement**

**(408) 535-7770**

**Crime Prevention**

**(408) 277-4133**

**Garbage & Recycling**

**(408) 535-3500**

**Our City Forrest**

**(408) 998-7337**

**Parks & Recreation**

**(408) 535-3570**

**Sidewalk Repair**

**(408) 277-3158**

**Street Lights**

**(408) 277-5517**

**Street Sweeping**

**(408) 283-4800**

**Tree Trimming & Removal**

**(408) 277-2762**

# Meet Your District 4 Team

**Stephanie Fong, District Director**

[stephanie.fong@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:stephanie.fong@sanjoseca.gov)

### FOCUS AREAS

Land Use, Budget, Capital Improvement Projects, Intergovernmental Relations, Labor, Personnel, Intern Coordination, and Media Relations.

### COMMITTEES

Rules and Open Government



**Margie Espinoza, Executive Assistant**

[margie.espinoza@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:margie.espinoza@sanjoseca.gov)

### FOCUS AREAS

Councilmember Scheduling, Office Administration, Constituent Services, and Event Planning.

**Sheila Ngo, Policy Analyst**

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### FOCUS AREAS

North San José Neighborhood, Land Use, Environmental Policy, Airport, Economic Development, Newsletter, Social Media, and Constituent Services.

### COMMITTEES

Community and Economic Development; Transportation and Environment; Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support



**Rosa Santiago, Council Assistant**

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### FOCUS AREAS

Alviso Neighborhood, Parks & Recreation, Trails, Community Centers, Libraries, Schools, Public Safety, Constituent Services, Event Planning, and Neighborhood Watch.

### COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services and Education; Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support

**Anh Tran, Council Assistant**

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### FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Transportation, Housing, Environment, Mobilehome Communities, Code Enforcement, and Constituent Services.

### COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services and Education; Transportation and Environment





## DISTRICT 4 EVENTS

For up-to-date event information, visit [sanjoseca.gov/district4](http://sanjoseca.gov/district4) and email [district4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district4@sanjoseca.gov) to receive e-Notices.

### OCTOBER

**8 FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING**  
8:30AM-1:00PM

Cherrywood Elementary School  
2550 Greengate Drive

Contact Rosa Santiago at (408) 535-4904 for more info.

**9 FIRST ANNUAL BERRYESSA 5K WALK**  
8:00AM-12:00PM  
Berryessa Community Center  
3050 Berryessa Road

**10 COLUMBUS DAY**  
City Hall Closed



**12 ALVISO WATER TASKFORCE MEETING**  
Monthly Community Meeting  
6:00PM-7:30PM  
Alviso Branch Library,  
Community Room  
5050 North First Street

**15 COUNCILMEMBER CHU at the BERRYESSA FARMERS MARKET**  
9:00AM-12:00PM  
Berryessa Union School District  
1376 Piedmont Road

**16 VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE on PUBLIC SAFETY**  
10:30am-1:00PM  
ESUHSD Boardroom  
830 North Capitol Avenue  
Contact Anh Tran at (408) 535-4904.

**21 SPOOKY HALLOWEEN & HAUNTED HOUSE**  
6:00PM-9:00PM  
Berryessa Youth Center  
1970 Morrill Avenue  
Contact Anh Tran at (408) 535-4904.



**26 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORUM**  
6:00PM-8:30pm  
San Jose City Hall, Wing Room 120  
200 E. Santa Clara Street  
Contact Rosa Santiago at (408) 535-4904.

**4 SEMINAR about NON-PROFITS & HOW THEY CAN THRIVE in the ECONOMY**  
9:00AM-1:00PM  
Berryessa Branch Library  
3355 Noble Avenue

**11 VETERANS DAY**  
City Hall Closed



### NOVEMBER

**19 "LET'S GIVE!" DONATIONS DRIVE in DISTRICT 4**  
9:00AM-12PM  
Piedmont Hills High School  
Parking Lot  
1377 Piedmont Road  
Contact Sheila Ngo at (408) 535-4904 for more info.

**24 - 25**

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**  
City Hall Closed on  
November 25 and  
November 26



Councilmembers Chu & Campos and Mayor Reed present a commendation to Crime Prevention during City Council.



Councilmember Chu attends the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Alviso Educational Center.



Retired San Jose Firefighters & Police Officers with Councilmember Chu & wife, Daisy Chu at the Safety Resource Fair & Movie Night.

**Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.**

# VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



## Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

**(408) 929-9453 • [www.wcsv.org](http://www.wcsv.org)**

## Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San José residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!



**(408) 793-4190 • [www.sjadoptapark.org](http://www.sjadoptapark.org)**

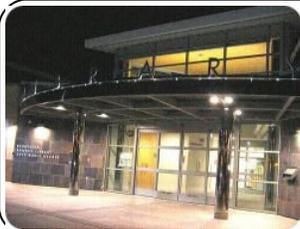
**Celebrating 25 Years**

## Santa Visits Alviso



Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

**[rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us](mailto:rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us) • [www.alvisosanta.com](http://www.alvisosanta.com)**



## Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

**Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626**  
**Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181**



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