



State of the City Address



Mayor Donna Rutherford delivered the annual State of the City Address on Wednesday, November 16, where we celebrated the City's many accomplishments during Mayor Rutherford's tenure and the vision of the City of East Palo Alto moving forward. You can watch the video [here](#) or visit our Agendas & Minutes at www.cityofepa.org.

City Council Reorganization

Since we are still awaiting the County's certified election results, this year's City Council Reorganization Ceremony will occur on **Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers (2415 University Avenue). At this special meeting, the Council will select the new Mayor and Vice Mayor to serve for one year. All are welcome to attend.

Police Department Toy Drive

Every year at Christmas the East Palo Alto Police Department distributes toys to needy families and their children. Your donation of new toys, monetary donations or gift cards would greatly assist in these efforts.

This year's Toy Drive will be December 17 at 2415 University Avenue in East Palo Alto at 9:00 a.m. until all the toys have been given out.

Please deliver toys and/or monetary contributions to:
141 Demeter St. East Palo Alto, CA 94303. Checks can be made out to "The East Palo Alto PD POA." For more information, please contact Vickie Porter at (650) 853-3163.



Election Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the November 8 elections! The City of East Palo Alto had three Measures (P, J, and O), as well as three City Council seats to vote on the ballot.

Although the results are not yet certified by the San Mateo County, the preliminary results show that Councilmember Romero, Councilmember Gauthier, and Vice-Mayor Moody were reelected to serve on the City Council.

Measure P needed only a majority approval, but preliminary results showed that it received an 84.54% voter approval. Measure P would raise approximately \$1.8 million and would help provide funding to maintain neighborhood law enforcement programs to help reduce crime such as theft, burglary, violent gangs and drug related crimes. Maintaining neighborhood police patrols helps keep our neighborhoods safe and maintain quality of life in East Palo Alto. The success of Measure P shows that our residents believe that locally controlled funding is necessary to address unfunded street and road repair, improve drinking water quality and maintain neighborhood police patrols among other essential city services. We look forward to working with the community to maintain financial stability and accountability, as Measure P is subject to and the voters approved.

Measure O needed only a majority approval, but preliminary results showed it received a 79.19% voter approval. Measure O would generate approximately \$600,000 in funding for the City to help fund programs for affordable housing and alleviation of displacement and homelessness. The Measure O Business License Tax cannot be passed on to tenants. It does not apply to any units during the first 10 years after a certificate of occupancy is issued. Anyone leasing less than five units, or nonprofit operators of affordable housing, Section 8 units, or below market rate units with deed restrictions are exempt. Hardship exemptions may be granted.

Measure J needed only a majority approval, but preliminary results showed that it received a 79.19% voter approval. Measure J would clarify and improve the 2010 Rent Stabilization Ordinance by, Defining "maximum allowable rent" (which is not defined in the current ordinance) and clarifying how it is calculated, Revising the registration fee pass-through methodology and terminology, Limits yearly rent increases to 80% of the percentage increase in the CPI. The overall rent increase, including the CPI-based rent adjustment and banked rent increases, may not exceed 10% in any twelve month period.

For more information about Measures P, J, and O, please visit www.cityofepa.org/index.aspx?nid=627.

Town Hall with Congresswoman Speier



Congresswoman Jackie Speier will hold a town hall meeting on the subject of immigration at **St. Francis of Assisi on December 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The Congresswoman will make remarks, offer information, and hear from residents about their concerns. All are welcome to attend.

Lookmobile Grand Opening

You're invited to the East Palo Alto **Library's Lookmobile Grand Opening on Saturday, December 10, at 11:00 a.m.**

Join the celebration of the unveiling of the new mobile library! The Lookmobile is designed to activate outdoor spaces and increase hands-on learning opportunities in our communities. You are invited to step inside and explore new ways of seeing your surroundings through interactive exhibits, fun experiments, and reflective activities.



East Palo Alto MarketPlace

Come shop locally on December 3, at the Cesar Chavez Elementary School, and support Small Business owners of Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center and the local community. Have an impact with your holiday shopping this year.

The market is organized by Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center in collaboration with The East Palo Alto/Belle Haven Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the City of East Palo Alto.

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center is a non profit small business development center, providing access to the training, resources and ongoing support all entrepreneurs need to succeed. For more information please call (650) 321-2193.



The City is proud of its diversity, including many immigrant families

In 2007, the City Council of East Palo Alto directed the City Manager to direct all city departments and staff, including the Police Department to refrain from acting as "agents" of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office in any program or operation that targets individuals based solely on their immigration status. The East Palo Alto community has a history of speaking out in defense of civil and Human rights and for the protection of those most vulnerable in society.

Residents should feel free to use and access any and all City services without fear of any City employee acting as "agent" of ICE. See [Resolution 2673](#) posted on the front page of the City's website at www.cityofepa.org on the front page.

Beat Meetings



The Beat Meetings for the month of December are listed below. We encourage you to be a part of these important community meetings.

Beat Two

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2016

Time: 06:30 pm - 08:00 pm

Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program (2411 Pulgas Ave.)

Beat Three

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016

Time: 06:30 pm - 08:00 pm

Location: Peninsula Park Apartments (1977 Tate St.)

Beat One & Beat Four

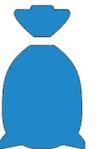
The Beat One & Four meeting has been cancelled due to the holiday toy drive. (We are in the room they store the toys in)

Police Department Newsletter

Check out the latest Police Department Crime Prevention Newsletter, which includes important tips about vehicle theft, and a safe Holiday Season: www.cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/2966.

Sandbags

Protect your property from potential flooding by picking up free sandbags. Sandbags will be available for pickup at the City's Maintenance Yard at 150 Tara Road



Happy Holidays!

On behalf of the City of East Palo Alto we want to wish you a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Please note that **City offices will be closed on Monday, December 26** for the Christmas Holiday, and on **Monday, January 2** for New Year's Day.

