



# City of San José

City of San José  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

## Agenda

### **Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole**

#### **Committee Members**

**David Cohen, Chair**

**Rosemary Kamei, Vice Chair**

**Pam Foley, Member**

**Bien Doan, Member**

**Domingo Candelas, Member**

#### **Committee Staff**

**Lee Wilcox, Assistant City Manager**

**Joy Rodriguez, Assistant City Clerk**

**Kevin Fisher, Assistant City Attorney**

**Rachelle Blattman, City Manager's Office**

---

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

**2:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

---

For live translations in over 50 languages, please go to <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/FAYU-7105>

#### **How to observe the Meeting (no public comment):**

- 1) Cable Channel 26,
  - 2) <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/news-stories/watch-a-meeting>, or
  - 3) <https://www.youtube.com/CityofSanJoseCalifornia>
  - 4) By phone 888 475 4499. Webinar ID: 952 0837 7482. Alternative phone numbers are: US: +1 (213) 338-8477 or +1 (408) 638-0968 or (877) 853-5257 (Toll Free)
  - 5) By online <https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/95208377482>
- Use a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 16+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.

#### **How to submit written Public Comment for items on the agenda:**

- 1) By email to [city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov) by 8:00 a.m. the day of the meeting.

#### **How to provide spoken Public Comment during the Committee Meeting:**

Fill out a Yellow Speaker's Card and submit it to boxes at the bottom of the Chambers.

## A. City Council (City Clerk)

### 1. Review Final Agenda

[ROGC  
25-361](#)

Review November 25, 2025 Final Agenda - Cancelled.

### 2. Review Draft Agenda

[ROGC  
25-362](#)

Review December 2, 2025 Draft Agenda.

a. Add New Items to Draft Agenda

b. Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)

c. Review of Notice of Waiver Requirements for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)

Agenda to be posted on the day of the meeting.

*Notice to the public: There will be no separate discussion of individual Consent Calendar items as they are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the Committee requests debate, separate vote or recusal on a particular item, that item may be removed from the Consent Calendar by the Chair and considered separately. The public may comment on the entire Consent Calendar and any items removed from the Consent Calendar by the Chair.*

## B. Consent Calendar

1. [ROGC  
25-363](#)

The Public Record for November 6, 2025 - November 13, 2025. (City Clerk)

### **Recommendation:**

Receive and file the Public Record for November 6, 2025 - November 13, 2025.

**Attachments** [The Public Record](#)

2. [ROGC](#)  
[25-368](#) Approval of Proclamation for the Holiday Children Book Drive and the Holiday Children Book Drive Sponsored by Council District 1 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Kamei)

**Recommendation:**

1. Approve the Proclamation for the Holiday Children Book Drive scheduled on December 4, 2025 and the Holiday Children Book Drive scheduled on December 4-18, 2025 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event in collaboration with the Fire Department.
3. Place the item on the December 2, 2025 City Council Agenda for action.

**Attachments** [Memorandum from Kamei](#)

3. [ROGC](#)  
[25-369](#) Approval of Various Events Sponsored by Council District 9 as City Council Sponsored Special Events to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Events. (Foley)

**Recommendation:**

1. Approve the Tower Lighting for the National Women's Soccer League Championship Welcome scheduled on November 20-22, 2025 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve the World AIDS Day Flag Raising scheduled on December 2, 2025, World AIDS Day Tower and Rotunda Lighting scheduled for December 1-4, 2025, and World AIDS Day Quilt Display in the Rotunda on December 1-2, 2025, as City Council sponsored Special Events and approve the expenditure of funds.
3. Approve the Music in the Valley Festival scheduled on May 2, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
4. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the events.
5. Place the item on the December 2, 2025 City Council Agenda for action.

**Attachments** [Memorandum from Foley](#)

### **C. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals**

1. [ROGC 25-370](#) Historic Preservation Ordinance Reform. (Mahan, Foley, Tordillos, Mulcahy, and Cohen)

**Recommendation:**

1. Direct the City Manager to return to City Council by March 2026 with options and analysis for the following:
  - a) Establish an enhanced outreach program for property owners of properties on the Historic Resources Inventory to inform them of relevant historic preservation regulations, including the San José Historic Preservation Ordinance.
  - b) Establish an amnesty program for unpermitted construction on structures in the historic resources inventory that do not create health and safety hazards.
  - c) Provide a legal framework for certain structures on the historic inventory to be demolished or removed from the inventory where substandard structures exist and/or where the historic features of the structure are no longer evident.
  - d) Modernize historic preservation regulations to allow for installation of windows and other building elements that support the City's climate, wildfire, safety, and energy efficiency goals.
2. Conduct analysis on the above in consultation with stakeholders including the Developers Roundtable, the Japantown Community Congress, and the Preservation Action Council of San Jose (PacSJ).

**Attachments** [Memorandum from Mayor, Foley, Tordillos, Mulcahy, Cohen](#)

**D. Open Forum**

*Members of the Public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.*

**E. Adjournment**

The Code of Conduct (<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/12901/636670004966630000>) is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

The City of San José is committed to open and honest government and strives to consistently meet the community's expectations by providing excellent services, in a positive and timely manner, and in the full view of the public. The City Code of Ethics may be viewed online.

The Levine Act requires a Party in a Proceeding before the City of San José that involves any action related to their contract, license, permit, or use entitlement to disclose any campaign contributions to City elected or appointed officials totaling more than \$500 within the 12 months prior to the City decision. A Participant to a Proceeding may voluntarily report a campaign contribution. Please visit <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/appointees/city-clerk/levine-act> for updated forms and information.

All public records relating to an open session item on this agenda, which are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act, that are distributed to a majority of the legislative body will be available for public inspection at San José City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, 14th Floor, San José, CA 95113 at the same time that the public records are distributed or made available to the legislative body.

To request an accommodation or alternative format for City-sponsored meetings, events or printed materials, please call the Office of the City Clerk 408-535-1260 as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the meeting/event.

Access the video, the agenda and related reports for this meeting by visiting the City's website.