



PLANNING DIRECTOR HEARING AGENDA

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting: <https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/89012305097>

Hearing Officer

**John Tu, Division Manager
on behalf of**

**Christopher Burton, Director
Planning, Building and Code Enforcement**

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

1. CALL TO ORDER

Good morning, we are calling to order the Planning Director Hearing of **January 21, 2026**. My name is ***John Tu***, and I am the Hearing Officer for today's agenda on behalf of and delegated by the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Christopher Burton.

Please note the following:

The hearing procedure and order of input will be as follows:

1. I will identify each project as described on the agenda.
2. For those items on the Consent Calendar, I will ask if anyone wishes to speak on the item. If a separate discussion is warranted, I will move the item to the Public Hearing portion of the agenda. If a separate discussion is not needed, the item will remain on the Consent Calendar for approval.
3. For those items listed under Public Hearing, I will ask staff to provide a brief report.
4. The applicant or their representative who wishes to speak on the item will have up to five minutes to speak and should identify themselves by stating their name for the record.
5. After the applicant or their representative has spoken, any member of the public who wishes to speak on the item may provide testimony, up to two minutes per speaker, either for or against the project. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record.
6. Following comments from the public, the applicant may make additional remarks for up to five minutes.
7. I will then close the public hearing, and I may ask staff to answer questions, respond to comments made by the applicant or the public, or further discuss the item. I will take action on the item.

If you challenge these land use decisions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Planning Director's actions on agenda items will be final when the permit is signed and mailed, unless the permit or the environmental clearance determination is appealed. The Planning Director's actions on the permits are appealable in accordance with the requirements of Title 20 of the Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance). The Planning Director's actions on the environmental review for the permits under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) are separately appealable in accordance with the requirements of Title 21 of the Municipal Code (Environmental Clearance).

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AGENDA ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. DEFERRALS

Any item scheduled for hearing this morning for which deferral to a future meeting date is being requested will be moved to this portion of the agenda and considered on the matter of deferral. I will identify any items to be deferred and ask for comments from the audience. If you want to change any of the deferral dates or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, please use the 'raise hand' feature in Zoom or click *9 to raise a hand to speak. I will now open the public hearing. The following items are proposed for deferral.

The matter of Deferrals is now closed.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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 considered in one action unless an item is moved to the public hearing calendar for separate discussion by the Hearing Officer. The public may comment on the entire Consent Calendar and any items removed from the Consent Calendar by the Hearing Officer. If you wish to speak on one of these items, please use the 'raise hand' feature in Zoom or click *9 to raise a hand to speak.

- a. [SP24-044 & ER24-252](#). Special Use Permit to allow the expansion of a Legal Nonconforming 868-square-foot single-family house to 1,541 total square feet on an approximately 0.12-gross-acre site located at 525 Madera Avenue (Liu Shao Feng, Owner). Council District: 3. **CEQA:** Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 for Existing Facilities.

PROJECT MANAGER, RINA SHAH

Staff Recommendation: Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA. Approve a Special Use Permit.

- b. [T22-019 & ER22-132](#). Vesting Tentative Map to allow an existing approximately 0.58-gross-acre lot to be subdivided into three residential lots located at Palomino Drive (Harry Jones, Owner). Council District: 5. **CEQA:** Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15315 for Minor Land Divisions.

PROJECT MANAGER, RINA SHAH

Staff Recommendation: Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA. Approve a Vesting Tentative Map.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. [TR25-373](#). Live Tree Removal Permit to allow the removal of one Coast Live Oak tree, approximately 176 inches in circumference, located within the footprint of the driveway of a proposed new single-family house (per Building Permit File No. 2025-136541) in the R-1-8 Zoning District located at 1489 Saratoga Avenue. (0 Saratoga Avenue LLC, Owner). Council District: 1. **CEQA:** Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 for Existing Facilities. *Deferred from 1/14/26.*
PROJECT MANAGER, LAURA MEINERS

Staff Recommendation: Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA. Approve a Live Tree Removal Permit.

5. ADJOURNMENT

This concludes the Planning Director Hearing for January 21, 2026. Thank you.

PLANNING DIRECTOR AGENDA ON THE WEB:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/directorshearing>

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The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

1. Public Meeting Decorum:

- a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
- g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:

- a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions:
 - No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
 - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
 - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
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THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS (CONT'D)**

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- c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
- d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
- e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
- f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

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