



**CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS**

December 18, 2023

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WINTER STORM READINESS REMINDERS



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This week's rainy weather is a good reminder to be storm ready and track weather forecasts as community impacts can occur due to heavy rain and high winds, and weather conditions can change with little warning.

Sign- up for emergency alerts *at AlertSCC.com. The test of our emergency notification system on Thursday confirmed it is reaching those that have signed up, and new sign-ups increased slightly.*

Report issues, gain updates during storm events, and learn where to get sandbags *at www.cityofpaloalto.org/StormUpdate*

Noting the power outage this morning, **bookmark and gain power outage information** *at www.cityofpaloalto.org/OutageMap*



www.cityofpaloalto.org/StormUpdate

JAN. 1 REMINDERS: BUSINESS TAX, MINIMUM WAGE



With the passage of Measure K, the City is implementing a new business tax. Notifications to businesses have already been sent and are continuing. The first payment is due January 1, 2024.

Learn more at www.cityofpaloalto.org/BusinessTax

On January 1, 2024 the new minimum wage in the City of Palo Alto will be \$17.80, and applies to all employees who work at least two (2) hours per week within Palo Alto. Employers must post the official Palo Alto Wage Bulletin in workplace informing employees of current minimum wage rate and their rights.

Find minimum wage resources at www.cityofpaloalto.org/MinimumWage



COUNCIL PRIORITIES SETTING FOR 2024



- Each year the City Council reviews and selects annual priorities at their Council Retreat, set for Monday, January 29.
- An online survey is available to share feedback on what priorities you would like to see the City Council adopt for 2024.
- *Survey closes January 2.*

Learn more and submit input at www.cityofpaloalto.org/CouncilPriorities

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT JANUARY 2024



Learn about upcoming projects, share your feedback, and connect with neighbors. Community Meetings & Workshops this January include:

Wednesday, January 17 – Recreation Wellness Center Proposal at Mitchell Park Community Center, (hybrid) 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24 – San Antonio Road Corridor Visioning Workshop at Mitchell Park Community Center (in person only), 6 – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Workshop (virtual only), 5:30 – 7 p.m.



Visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/Engage for these and more ways to be involved.

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NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS



2024

January 8:

- Annual Reorganization

January 16: *Tuesday Special Council Meeting*

- Tree Ordinance Review
- Tesla Utilities Agreement

January 22:

- 2025-2033 Long-Range Financial Forecast
- Annual Legislative Guidelines & Legislative Platform

January 29: *Special Session*

- City Council Priorities Setting

February 2024:

- FY 2024 Mid-Year Budget Review

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, there is no City Council meeting on January 15

SHARE INPUT & STAY INFORMED

City Manager Comments Survey:

Cityofpaloalto.org/citymanagerupdates



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City Calendar of Events and Meetings:

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