



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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## City Manager Message



Greetings,

Summer has arrived! It's amazing to think we're already halfway through the year. We're excited to kick off the season with a variety of fun-filled events and much more.

This month, you will read about the City's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget, which was recently approved by the City Council. This balanced budget of \$595.3 million includes a General Fund operating budget of \$274.1 million, \$81.2 million allocated to the Capital Improvement Program, and dedicated funds from Measure A (\$43.5 million) and Measure P (\$18.8 million). These funds contribute to key initiatives and projects for the betterment of our city. The combined funding expands homeless services, increases Parks and Recreation programming, and enhances public safety by adding fire personnel for a new Bayfront fire station. Additionally, it includes funding to open and operate Casa Casillas, which will be a new community space dedicated to art. This balanced budget reflects the great strides we have made toward financial stability.

Regarding Measure P, we've initiated a resident survey in both English and Spanish to collect input on infrastructure funding priorities. A survey mailer was sent on May 28 to all homes, condos, and apartments. Residents can either return the survey by mail or visit [www.chulavistaca.gov/renewingmeasurep](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/renewingmeasurep) to complete it online. Your feedback is vital for us to allocate resources effectively.

We are starting our summer events with the Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on Wednesday, June 5, celebrating diversity, inclusion, and the vibrant spirit of the LGBTQ+ community. Following this, on Monday, June 17, we will hold the Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony, which commemorates the end of slavery and honors African American resilience and achievement. Both ceremonies will include inspiring speeches from community leaders and symbolic flag raisings.

Join us as we celebrate 101 years of animal services with a "paw-ty"! Chula Vista Animal Services will be hosting a free adoption event on Saturday, June 29. Our goal is to find forever homes for

at least 101 adoptable pets at the shelter. Read more about this special event in this month's edition.

Lastly, mark your calendars for Chula Vista 4th Fest, our free July 4th fireworks show at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center. Tune in to Amor 102.9 for the first-ever bilingual broadcast exclusively for Chula Vista 4th Fest.

Enjoy this month's edition. As always, please [contact me](#) if you have any questions or comments.

~Maria V. Kachadoorian, City Manager