

**The Almaden Senior Association
Minutes of the Association Meeting
July 1, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01AM by President Nancy Royal. There were 35 people present, including those on Zoom. She introduced the following guests: Councilmember George Casey; Tom Kemp, California Privacy Protection Agency; Lauren Babich, Field Representative for Assemblymember Gail Pellerin; Isabel Sanchez, representing County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga; and Richard Crowley, San Jose District 10 Senior Citizens Commissioner.

Nancy announced the following:

- ASA donated roses for Mother's Day and sunflowers for Father's Day
- We are again sponsoring the Iconics on Thursday, July 9th, at the Almaden Valley Summer Concert series at Greystone Park.
- We're planning a presentation with a library representative about senior resources and services our members may not know about.
- Next month's meeting will feature County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, as our special guest speaker.

The Minutes from last month's General Meeting were approved without change. The Minutes are posted on our ASA website, and included in our monthly email newsletter.

Treasurer Art Randall reported our June financial status: income \$1,950, expenses \$547, YTD cash flow positive at \$3,730.

Rich Sanders reported the Cache Creek Casino trip was a financial success and Patty Dworkin did a fine job as Responsible Adult. The next trip is to Graton Casino on September 15th. As to the Potomac trip, there have been no changes to the previous sold-out status.

Jeanne Sanders commented on the BBQ scheduled for July 11th; 41 tickets have been sold. The entertainment will be singer and guitarist Fred McCarty.

For the City, David Torres announced that senior registration will open up for Fall programming on Wednesday, July 22nd at 10 AM.

Councilmember George Casey commented on recent City Council activities, including reconciliation of the \$50million deficit; the Taxpayer Protection Act; and Ranked Choice Voting. He also described the planned July 3rd FIFA World Cup event at Almaden Lake; there will be 3 huge screens to televise the game, food trucks, music and bands.

Lauren Babich announced that she has taken a new position with the City Councilmember from Willow Glen.

Isabel Sanchez summarized a few issues resulting from County-level budget decisions, and advised us to prepare questions for the Supervisor's visit here next month.

Guest Speaker Tom Kent from the California Privacy Protection Agency (CPPA) introduced DROP, California's free data Delete Request and Opt-out Platform; DROP is a tool intended to give users the ability to delete personal data stored on the world-wide web and thereby eliminate its transfer, sale and use by data brokers. The presentation was well-received and the audience was encouraged to visit the website privacy.ca.gov/DROP for more information and to initiate the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary

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The Almaden Senior Association
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June 3, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:08AM by President Nancy Royal. There were 29 people present, including those on Zoom. She introduced the following guests: Alex Dersh, representing Councilmember George Casey; Lauren Babich, Field Representative for Assemblymember Gail Pellerin; Isabel Santos, representing County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga; and Richard Crowley, San Jose District 10 Senior Citizens Commissioner.

Nancy also gave an overview of future guest speaker plans.

The Minutes from last month's General Meeting were approved without change. The Minutes are posted on our ASA website, and included in our monthly email newsletter.

Treasurer Art Randall reported our May financial status: income \$6,375, expenses \$5,702, YTD cash flow positive at \$2,327.

David Torres spoke in place of Lesly Elizondo. On June 18th we will have our senior nutrition program Father's Day celebration; flowers provided by the ASA will be given out. The summer concert series is coming and a flyer is available with the dates and times.

Rich Sanders reported on planning for upcoming trips to Cache Creek Casino, and the USS Potomac cruise and lunch. A trip to Graton Casino is also coming in September.

Vice-President Jennifer Moore provided a progress report on the BBQ Event planned for July 11th. In addition to a generous menu there will be live entertainment.

Alex Dersh reported that:

- The Councilmember and his staff are pleased about the new neighborhood associations which have formed over recent months.
- The City budget is moving forward in the shadow of a \$50 million deficit.

Lauren Babich provided these updates:

- Assemblymember Pellerin is managing the passage of numerous Bills in the legislature, some controversial.
- She will be at the summer concert on July 16th.

Isabel Santos informed us that Governor Newsom's budget proposes to cut MediCal, which means the County has to absorb about a \$230 million shortfall.

Guest speaker Richard Crowley described how the Senior Commission supports seniors in our community through studies, reviews, evaluations, and making recommendations to the city council and PRNS on matters affecting older adults and elderly people throughout the city, including health, education, employment, housing, food, transportation, and recreation. He also provided detail on Commission operations and current status.

The final portion of the meeting was given to recognizing the many volunteers who do so much to support our Center, and our Association in particular, focusing on those who support the Trips and Events activities. Special thanks were given to Ann O'Neil, Patty Dvorkin, Cynthia Cooper, Donna Smith, and Cathy Michelin. We could not do what we do without all of you. Thank you very much.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary, 03 June 2026.

The Almaden Senior Association
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May 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal. There were 29 people present, including those on Zoom. She made the following announcements:

- The June meeting will be in Room 1 on the second floor.
- We're working to reschedule Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, possibly in August.
- We're arranging for Karen Aguirre and someone from the library to give us a presentation on special resources that seniors may not know about that the Library and the Center offer.

The Minutes from last month's General Meeting were approved without change. The Minutes are posted on our ASA website, and included in our monthly email newsletter.

Treasurer Art Randall reported our April financial status: income \$5,335, expenses \$5144, YTD cash flow positive at \$1655.

Rich Sanders reported on two trips running right now: Cache Creek Casino, June 16th, and a cruise on the USS Potomac, July 23rd.

Jennifer Moore gave a report on upcoming events. The Spring Takes Flight luncheon, May 9th, has sold 74 tickets.

Lesly Elizondo said that David Torres will be overseeing the senior programming starting next Friday, until she returns from maternity leave in October. She also reported that the Hawaiian Luau was a great success and thanked the Senior Association for our donation.

Alex Dersh, reporting on behalf of Councilmember Casey, reported on three topics: status of overall City budget deliberations and specific budget asks at the district level; the General Plan update (done every 8 years); and the citizens' initiative for a November ballot measure for a half-cent sales tax to fund public transit agencies.

Isabel Sanchez updated on the county's budget recommendations; the proposal is to increase spending to about \$14 billion. There are cuts to be made and the budget will be adopted June 23rd.

Guest Speaker Lieutenant Mike Bui, currently Southern Division Patrol Day Chief, talked about a six-year effort of redistricting planning that is being rolled out this year. This will provide for a more efficient deployment of manpower and better coverage of crime zones throughout the city.

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The Almaden Senior Association
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April 1, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal. There were approximately 25 people present. She made the following announcements:

- April showers bring May flowers.
- We're going to reschedule next month's special guest speaker, County supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, for August or September.

The Minutes from last month's General Meeting were approved without change; they are posted on our ASA website, and included in our monthly email newsletter.

Treasurer Art Randall presented the monthly financial report. Our income for March totaled \$3,540 vs expenditures of \$4,681.94. Our net cash flow, Year to Date, is \$1,484 positive.

Trips Committee Chair Rich Sanders reported that tickets are being sold for the Tuesday, April 21st trip to Alcatraz Island and a trip to Cache Creek Casino is also underway for June 16th.

Vice-President Jennifer Moore reported on the St. Patrick's Day luncheon, and the next event coming up on Saturday, May 9th, which will be a spring themed luncheon with a performance by the Happy Birds.

Senior Specialist Lesly Elizondo reported on activities coming in April at the Center. On May 1st, in celebration of Older Americans Month, we will be having a Hawaiian luau.

Center Supervisor Karen Aguirre commented on the upcoming registration process for April 29th. She emphasized that registration can be accomplished at both Willow Glen and Cypress Centers.

Councilmember George Casey updated as follows:

- The Mayor's budget was passed on March 17th; there's a \$56 million deficit to be reckoned with.
- Casey is sponsoring initiatives for
 - 50 subsidized housing units for police officers, and
 - A down payment assistance program for police officers.
- Council voted against divestment and business-exclusion initiatives being put forward by some community activists.

Lauren Babich handed out Assemblymember Gail Pellerin's 2026 Bill Package which contains 18 legislative proposals.

Guest Speaker Sue Monahan returned to follow up on an earlier presentation about talking to your grandkids about college. This discussion focused on what to do "now that the application results are in" (i.e. the letter came and their hearts are broken). What are their choices and what are their options?

Lastly, Nancy briefly summarized the results of a recent self-assessment of risks undertaken by the Board. We decided to make Documentation a second goal for this year.

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March 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal. There were approximately 50 people present. She made the following announcements:

- The annual audit of Association finances has been completed; findings and recommendations were provided to the Board.
- Vice-President Jennifer Moore has become Chair of our Events committee.
- Sue Monahan, a former administrator at Mission College, will return as guest speaker in April.
- County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga will be back in May.
- The risk assessment of Association operations continues.

The Minutes from last month's General Meeting were approved without change. The Minutes are posted on our ASA website, and included in our monthly email newsletter.

Treasurer Art Randall presented the monthly financial report and discussed the results of the annual audit. He summarized operational changes necessary to improve the way we handle money.

Rich Sanders, Chair of our Trips committee, showed the trip calendar for this year.

Jennifer Moore gave a report on upcoming events. She highlighted the St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Saturday, March 14th.

Lesly Elizondo and Karen Aguirre updated forthcoming Center activities sponsored by the City.

D 10 Councilmember George Casey briefly summarized several current issues:

- School closures: both Simons and Williams are safe.
- The City is facing an estimated deficit of \$56 million for 2026.
- License plate cameras are coming up for debate.
- Some individuals are advocating for City investment policy to be politicized.

The Councilmember also took a number of questions from the audience.

Guest speaker Alex Cadenas is an outreach and education specialist who serves as an Information Officer for the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. He talked about how we can protect ourselves from frauds and scams that are rampant in the digital world.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary, March 5, 2026.

The Almaden Senior Association
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February 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal. She commented on upcoming trips and events for 2026 and announced that this year we intend to donate a total of \$2,000 to the Community Center to sponsor senior events and the summer concert series.

The Minutes from last month's General Meeting were approved without change. The Minutes are posted on the ASA website, and were included in our monthly email newsletter. The Treasurer's Report was also presented and approved without change.

Rich Sanders reported on Trip plans; he provided a calendar graphic and summarized the status of everything now in the works.

Jeanne Sanders reported the success of the Soup Party held on January 24th.

Vice-President Jennifer Moore updated us on next month's St. Patrick's Day party, which will feature a catered lunch plus Irish dancers. Tickets will go on sale late in February.

Councilmember George Casey reported as follows:

- The City's budget situation for this year shows an expected deficit in the range between 50 to 65 million dollars.
- Fourteen new neighborhood associations have been formed in District 10 since he's come into office.
- School closures are becoming an issue; there is concern that Williams Elementary may be on the chopping block.

Special Guest Speaker Matthew Quevedo, deputy chief of staff of neighborhood outreach for Mayor Matt Mahan, spoke on a number of issues, including: the Mayor's decision-making process, the current budget situation, the role of the City Manager, homeless encampments, some San Jose history, the Harry Road development and builder's remedy, and the Governor's race.

President Nancy Royal concluded the Agenda with a discussion of risk management and strategic planning, and outlined activities the Board will be undertaking in 2026 to reduce business risks faced by the Association, and to improve the effectiveness of operations.

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The Almaden Senior Association
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January 7, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal. There was a total of 26 attendees, including Councilmember George Casey; Lauren Babich, representing Assemblymember Gail Pellerin; Isabel Sanchez, representing Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga; and Alyssa Marquez Garcia, regional manager for Congressman Jimmy Panetta. President Royal announced that Supervisor Abe Koga will once again be our guest at our May 6th General Meeting.

The Minutes from last month's General Meeting were approved without change. The Minutes are posted on the ASA website, and were included in our monthly email newsletter. The Treasurer's Report was also presented and approved without change.

The Trip Committee reported the following:

- Tickets for a March 5th trip to the Steinbeck Center in Salinas will go on sale this Friday.
- An Events and Trips calendar for 2026 is in preparation (a preliminary draft was shown).

The Events Committee announced that:

- Family Giving Tree project was a success.
- Two trees at Christmas in the Park were sponsored (one by ASA, one by members Bill Hubka and Martie Degutis) and decorated by ASA volunteers.
- The annual Soup Party is scheduled for January 24th.

Community Center Supervisor Karen Aguirre reported that:

- Lighting has been replaced in the gym.
- On the 29th, starting this month, we're going to have monthly social dances.
- Regular programming continues as usual during January.

Councilmember George Casey reported that San Jose is entering another tough budget cycle, with a projected deficit of \$20 million to be worked out. He took questions from the floor. Commissioner Rich Crowley added some perspectives generated through the San Jose Senior Commission.

Lauren Babich gave a status and update of Assemblymember Gail Pellerin's current activities and plans.

Alyssa Marquez Garcia spoke briefly to update us on the Almaden Valley post office. Final resolution on rebuilding or relocating the post office is a ways off so the Congressman is exploring interim, temporary fixes to restore services.

Isabel Sanchez provided information on several current items on Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga's calendar.

President Nancy Royal concluded the Agenda with an outline of plans for the annual audit; a three person committee will be formed to conduct the audit.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM.
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