The Almaden Senior Association
Minutes of the Association Meeting
October 7, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:06AM by President Nancy Royal. There were approximately 30 people present, including those on Zoom. She introduced Councilmember George Casey, guest speakers Almaden Library Manager Paul Wilson and Community Center Supervisor Karen Aguirre, and Vibhas Simha, representing California State Assemblymember Gail Pellerin. Also present was Rich Crowley, Senior Commissioner for District 10.

The Minutes from last month's General Meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer Art Randall reported for the month of September our revenues were $6,675, expenditures $9,379, and YTD positive cash flow of $1,663.

Rich Sanders reported on Senior Association trips and events.

- The trip to Old Sacramento, planned for Thursday, October 22, is sold out.
- Our next event will be the Soup Party on January 23, 2027.

Supervisor Karen Aguirre reminded us that next Saturday, from 11:00AM to 4:00PM, is our 20th anniversary celebration, held concurrently with the Harvest Festival.

Councilmember Casey provided two updates:

- His initiative to create neighborhood associations is coming along very well; one objective of this initiative is emergency preparedness, and communications are vital to that readiness.
  To meet this need the Councilmember is attempting to buy new CB radios for each one of the neighborhood associations to maintain communications in an emergency.
- He is reaching out to the Hoffman-Via Monte neighborhood to establish an after-school program for young folks, focusing on teaching life skills.
  It will include identifying 10 Hoffman Fellows who will visit city hall, have the opportunity to meet with different trade groups to explore career paths, and, if going to college is their path, visit San Jose State and Santa Clara Universities and connect them with a mentorship program.

The Guest Speakers each gave a thorough overview of the programs, activities, learning experiences, and other services available to the public, with an emphasis on older adult interests and needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary, 09 October 2026

The Almaden Senior Association
Minutes of the Association Meeting
September 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal. There were approximately 30 people present, including those on Zoom. She introduced guest speaker Vice-Mayor and District 9 Councilmember Pam Foley, Alex Dersh, representing District 10 Councilmember George Casey, and Vibhas Simha, representing California State Assemblymember Gail Pellerin. Also present was Rich Crowley, Senior Commissioner for District 10.

There were no announcements.

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 newsletters.

Treasurer Art Randall reported for the month of August our revenues were $3,830, expenditures $2,552, and YTD positive cash flow of $4,368.

Rich Sanders reported on Senior Association upcoming trips and events.

- A trip to Graton Casino scheduled for September 15.
- A trip to Old Sacramento planned for Thursday, October 22. Ticket sales started this week and it’s looking to be a popular trip.
- Saturday, September 26th, a Big Band event will be presented, complete with a 20-piece dance band and catered lunch. We have sold more than 90 tickets.

Representing PRNS, Karen Aguirre and David Torres reported as follows:

- Our Harvest Festival will be on October 17th, from 11:00AM to 4:00PM, and we're celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Community Center on that day as well. We're also looking for volunteers to handle a Bake Sale on the same day. Signup sheets are at the front desk
- Signup for the winter session will be on November 18th.

Alex Dersh reported on District 10 issues:

- Two new neighborhood associations have been formed, the Mountain Shadows group and the Avenida España neighborhood.
- Upcoming events include the Viva Calle happening on Sunday, September 13, and the District 10 Leadership Coalition meeting this coming Saturday, from 9:00AM to 11:30AM at Vineland Branch Library.
- Council actions of note include housing density discussion and proposed rezoning of former IBM facility at 650 Harry Road

Vibhas Simha, Field representative for Assemblymember Pellerin, provided updates on legislation which she supports and is going to the Governor’s desk: a ban on child

marriage; regulation of AI; a voter information guide; and a bill to prevent hate speech in election candidate statements. In addition he promoted the upcoming Care Fair 2026 event on September 26 in Morgan Hill.

Special Guest Speaker Pam Foley was introduced and gave her views on a variety of subjects, including downtown development, public safety, the importance of community outreach and involvement, infill development issues,
the general plan, and a proposal from the planning commission to increase density on single family lots. Following this she took questions from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary, 03 September 2026

The Almaden Senior Association
Minutes of the Association Meeting
August 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal. There were approximately 40 people present, including those on Zoom. She introduced the following guests: County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, Councilmember George Casey, and Richard Crowley, San Jose District 10 Senior Citizens Commissioner.

Nancy announced the following:

- The California General Election is November 3rd. On Monday, August 10th, at 7:00 PM, our Association is co-sponsoring with AVCA a presentation on two major ballot measures: Proposition 39, and the California Voter ID Initiative.
- We have an update for the Almaden Valley post office. Approximately three weeks ago funding was approved for construction of a new facility. Based on current estimates the rebuilding is expected to take approximately 12 to 14 months.

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 newsletters.

Treasurer Art Randall reported for the month of July our revenues were $3,168, expenditures $3,808, and YTD positive cash flow of $3,090.

County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga made the following remarks:
The new legislative session for the Board of Supervisors will begin on August 11th. It has been a challenging year, primarily because of events at the national level trickling down to the local level. She is fighting to make sure residents continue to get county services. Cuts to Medicaid, the SNAP Program, and assistance for the homeless are affecting the most vulnerable folks in our community. The County budget is $14.7 billion. The Board was able to balance the budget, but had to make some reductions, primarily in the healthcare area.

The Supervisor discussed a range of topics, including healthcare services, transportation, senior issues, increasing revenue by using county land assets, and shifting some of the funding from local agencies back to the state.

Councilmember Casey brought two important issues to our attention which are coming before the council on August 18th:

- City is contemplating revising residential zoning, quadrupling the density without any parking requirements.
- The IBM plant is in the process of being sold.

He then answered several questions from the floor.
Representing PRNS, Karen Aguirre and David Torrez reported as follows:

- Senior registration went successfully.
- The Harvest Festival on October 8th is currently opening up for vendors.
- Simultaneously, we will be celebrating the building's 20th anniversary.

Rich Sanders reported on Senior Association upcoming trips and events.

- The USS Potomac trip was well-received.
- On Thursday, October 22nd, we're planning a trip to Old Sacramento, which will include a one hour history cruise on the river.
- On Saturday, September 26th, we will present a Big Band event, complete with a 20-piece dance band and catered lunch.

Senior Commissioner Rich Crowley reminded the group to sign up for the Open Space District, Measure D, Senior Exemption.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary, 10 August 2026

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.

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The Almaden Senior Association
Minutes of the Association Meeting
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 Michelon. 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
Minutes of the Association Meeting
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
Minutes of the Association Meeting
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.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary 01 April, 2026

The Almaden Senior Association
Minutes of the Association Meeting
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
Minutes of the Association Meeting
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
Minutes of the Association Meeting
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.
Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, 07 January 2026.