



## **District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT**

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**[www.D8CRT.org](http://www.D8CRT.org)**

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### **What is the D8CRT?**

It is an association of Neighborhood, Business, Athletic, Recreational and Faith-based leaders, brought together to help advise the District 8 Council office of important community needs, and allow communications of important issues affecting the community back to all District 8 residences and businesses. The D8CRT was organized under Councilman Dave Cortese's leadership in March 2006 as an independent body with its own By-Laws, Steering Committee and Membership. Its members comprise of individuals and group association representatives active in the District 8 community. For more information, visit [www.d8crt.org](http://www.d8crt.org).

### **What is the purpose of the D8CRT?**

The D8CRT's purpose is to improve the quality of life within District 8 and the surrounding neighborhoods. It serves as a representative voice for this diverse district, functioning as a means to research important issues and provide communication for community views.

The D8CRT meets monthly to share ideas, issues and concerns - and to voice those concerns to the San Jose City Council and other government and non-government organizations as appropriate. The D8CRT researches, promotes, and/or participates in programs and projects for overall community betterment. The D8CRT's goal is to foster, build and support community organizations and individual positive activism within the District.

### **What Does the D8CRT Do?**

1. Develops relationships and communication channels between District 8 residents and District 8 City Council Office and City of San Jose City Departments: Police, Library, Fire, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Neighborhood Development, Budget and Planning
  2. Fosters two-way communication between District 8 Residents and the City; provide feedback on priorities, what's working, what's not; share ideas
  3. Builds communication bridges between local candidates and District 8 voters
  4. Advocates for responsible land use and development planning for District 8
  5. Increases communication between the local school districts and parents
  6. Organizes and promotes community-wide educational forums and events
  7. Recognizes those District 8 residents that improve the quality of life for the rest of us.
- (See below for a list of activities that D8CRT has done lately for District 8)**

### **Who can join the D8CRT?**

There are two general components of D8DRT General Membership:

1. Individual Member - any resident living within the SJ City Council District 8 boundary.
2. Association Member - any individual duly appointed by any District 8 community, business association, or official group (such as youth groups, sports teams school districts, educational or Religious organizations, neighborhood associations, etc.) that regularly operate with the boundaries of District 8.

### **How can I join the D8CRT?**

- Come to **our next monthly meeting on the First Thursday of each month @ 7:00 PM** and join!
- Meeting at **Evergreen Branch Library – 2635 Aborn Road.**
- Sign up at our meeting to be on our mailing list, and we will send you information.
- Join our Yahoo group at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/D8C\\_RoundTable/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/D8C_RoundTable/)
- Visit our website at [www.D8CRT.org](http://www.D8CRT.org) and click on the JOIN tab.

## What has the D8CRT Done Lately?

1. **Organized four Subcommittees** to handle important issues within the District:
  - a. Land Use Subcommittee
  - b. Community Safety Subcommittee
  - c. Education Subcommittee
  - d. EverGREEN Solar and Green Technology Adoption - \*new October 2008\*
2. **Presentations and workshops for its membership on:**
  - a. Monthly and Quarterly Evergreen – East Hills Police Report Update by SJPD
  - b. Traffic Calming and Congestion Relief presentation by SJ DOT
  - c. The City’s Greenprint Update for Parks, Trails and open space by the Parks Department, Our City Forest, Wildfire Protection
  - d. San Jose Proposed 2007 – 2008 Budget proposal by the City Manager’s office
  - e. Aborn Playlot Park - Design Review and Community Input Workshop
  - f. San Jose’s new Neighborhood Commission and San Jose’s Green Vision
  - g. San Jose City Neighborhood Funding Priorities meetings.
  - h. Budget issues at East Side Union HS and Evergreen Elementary School Districts
  - i. One-Stop San Jose, Work2Future – Career and job opportunity
  - j. Pandemic Flu – Santa Clara Public Health Dept
  - k. San Jose Fire Department – Wildlands Fire Protection
3. **Organized, sponsored, and put on District-wide forums:**
  - a. Gang Awareness Workshop – September 2007
  - b. Disaster Preparedness Workshop – November 2007
4. **Election outreach:**
  - a. Candidate Forum for District 8 Council Seat and Santa Clara County Supervisor Seat 3 Candidates - May 2008
  - b. District 8 Caucus to select the District 8 Commissioners for the new San Jose Neighborhood Commission - May 2008
  - c. Meet the Candidates Forum for Santa Clara County OpenSpace Authority, ESUHSD, Santa Clara County Supervisor - October 14, 2008
  - d. District 8 City Council Candidates Forum - October 16, 2008
5. **Community recognition:** Created Volunteer of the Quarter award to identify and recognize outstanding community leaders and contributors in District 8.
6. **Supporting Education:**
  - a. Promoted Measure E– East Side Union High School District bond initiative.
  - b. Endorsed and promoted Measure T - Evergreen Elementary School District parcel tax initiative to fund critical children’s programs.
7. **Land Use and Development Planning:**
  - a. Engaged with City San Jose Planning Department – monitored, reviewed and responded to proposed *Evergreen-East Hills Development Policy* and EIR.
  - b. Reviewed and responded to SJ Citywide Inclusionary Housing Policy.
  - c. Design Review for Fire Station 36- Silver Creek Linear Park.
  - d. Lands upkeep on Mount Pleasant Golf Course.