

Sam Liccardo, CASA Steering Committee

Mayor | City of San Jose



Mayor **Sam Liccardo** serves as Mayor of San Jose. In prior public service, Mayor Liccardo prosecuted a range of felony cases as a federal and local criminal prosecutor, from sexual assault and child exploitation to international narcotics trafficking. In 2006, voters elected Mayor Liccardo to the first of his two terms on the City Council, where he led efforts to revitalize its downtown, preserve San Jose’s hillsides and open space, boost funding for affordable housing, and open a world-class soccer stadium for the San Jose Earthquakes.

Mayor Liccardo serves on a number of boards of directors, including the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Valley Transit Authority Board, and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency. He also is the Co-chair for Joint Venture Silicon Valley and a founding Board Member for Cristo Rey High School. He also holds senior fellowships for the American Leadership Forum and the Aspen Institute and is a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Liccardo graduated from San Jose’s Bellarmine College Prep and Georgetown University, prior to receiving a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School and a master’s degree from Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.



From its founding in 1777 as California's first city, San Jose has been a leader driven by its spirit of innovation. Today, San Jose stands as the largest city in Northern California and the capital of Silicon Valley – the world's leading center of technology innovation.

San Jose is the 10th largest city in the U.S. and is committed to remaining a top-ranked place to do business, work, live, play, and learn. San Jose is located in Santa Clara County at the southern edge of the San Francisco Bay, about 50 miles south of San Francisco, 390 miles north of Los Angeles.