



# City Manager's Weekly Update

Week ending February 3, 2012

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 2/6** City Council Closed Session, 5:45 p.m., City Manager's Large Conference Room
- 2/6** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 2/7** Shoreline-Marina Committee Meeting - CANCELLED
- 2/9** Business and Housing Development Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 2/13** **Lincoln's Birthday Holiday, City Offices Closed**
- 2/14** Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 2/14** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Helen Lawrence South Offices Conf. Room
- 2/17** Finance Committee Meeting, 8:15 a.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 2/20** **Washington's Birthday Holiday, City Offices Closed**
- 2/21** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 2/23** Rules and Communications Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 2/27** City Council Work Session, 6:00 p.m., Main Library

**To: City Council**  
**From: Chris Zapata, City Manager**

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It's been an information packed first week with more to follow. Community members, businesses, and especially you and my fellow colleagues have been gracious and professional.

## Mark Your Calendar

Lunar New Year Celebration (reminder)

**Saturday, February 4, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue**

- Welcome the Year of the Dragon with exciting music, beautiful dance, and bright costumes! The San Leandro Public Library will host a free Lunar New Year Celebration tomorrow at the San Leandro Main Library.
- The day's festivities will include lion dancing, martial arts demonstrations, Vietnamese folk dancing and music that will delight all ages.
- Free Asian arts and crafts sessions for children will be hosted by the Asian Community Cultural Association of San Leandro. Beverages, as well as Asian cuisine food plates, will be available for purchase.

Coffee with the Cops (reminder)

**Tuesday, February 7, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Creekside Bistro, 500 Davis Street (entrance on San Leandro Boulevard)**

- Police Officers, Detectives and the Police Chief will be discussing crime trends in neighborhoods next Tuesday. They will be available to answer questions, offer tips and provide information on topics of interest. Members of the Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit and Code Enforcement Section will be on hand to speak with residents about enhancing Neighborhood Watch Programs and other strategies to reduce crime.

Introducing Lit San Leandro Workshop and Reception (reminder)

**Tuesday, February 7, 3:00 p.m., OSISOFT Headquarters, 777 Davis Street**

- The City and OSISOFT are co-sponsoring a workshop for real estate professionals on February 7 to inform them about Lit San Leandro and the business opportunities it provides.
- Approximately 150 invitations were mailed to real estate professionals, broadband industry players, businesses leaders and politicians last week. The workshop will focus on the technical aspects of Lit San Leandro and how this new infrastructure opens opportunities for businesses to locate in San Leandro. Workshop space is limited to 75 and RSVPs are required. The invitation-only workshop will be followed by a 5:00 p.m. reception, which is open to all.

## Council Information

### Fencing of Police Department Parking Lot

- Last fall the City Council approved a contract for construction of a new vinyl-coated chain link fence proposed to enclose the Police Department's main parking lot, just north of the Public Safety Building.
- The Police Department requires the fencing in order to secure the area. This lot is used for the intake and transfer of prisoners, as well as a staff entrance, and is currently accessible by anyone coming from the upper City Hall plaza level, as well as from Lafayette Avenue.
- The Police Department's 'Asset Seizure' monies are being used to pay for installation of the fence.
- During the design phase, it was realized that the proposed rolling gate that runs across the driveway would need to be shifted further east in order to maintain required line-of-sight distances. The fencing on either side of the driveway is now proposed to be angled at 45°. In order to preclude someone from using existing trees to climb over the fence, the new fence location requires the removal of three Brazilian pepper trees located along Lafayette Avenue. (The installation of razor, concertina, or barbed wire atop the fence is prohibited by the Zoning Code due to the site's zoning designation and proximity to a public street).
- Two triangle-shaped planting areas would be created with the new fence location/tree removal. Staff is proposing to replant these areas with decorative flowering perennial shrubs (also low water consumption), including *Salvia leucantha* Mexican Bush Sage, *Weigela* Midnight Wine and Giant Kangaroo Paw.

### Alameda County Waste Management Authority Adopts Two Long-Term Waste Reduction Ordinances (press release attached)

- On January 25, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (known as StopWaste.Org) adopted two ordinances that will help the county achieve its long-term waste reduction goals.
- The Mandatory Recycling Ordinance requires businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week and all multifamily properties to segregate recyclable materials starting July 1, 2012.
- The Single Use Bag Reduction Ordinance bans the distribution of single use carryout bag and imposes a minimum ten-cent per bag fee for reusable and recycled content paper bags at grocery stores and other retailers that sell packaged food items as of January 1, 2013.
- See the attached press release issued by StopWaste.Org for additional information. The full text and FAQ's with detailed information on each of the ordinances are available at [www.stopwaste.org/news](http://www.stopwaste.org/news).

### E-Notify Enhanced (sample press release attached)

- Press releases emailed via e-Notify now contain the topic in the subject line and the full press release in the email received (attached). Subscribers to City and Police Department press releases via e-notify will no longer have to go to the web to read the press release. A link at the bottom of the press release will navigate the user to the appropriate page if they would like to review the press release on the web, the City's website or previous press releases.

### Victim Extends Her Appreciation to SLPD (photos below)

- A victim of a downtown robbery wished to express her thanks to all of the members of the San Leandro Police Department for not only catching the suspects who robbed her, but for all the Department does on a daily basis. She had the cake especially made from a Bay Area cake decorator and was extremely excited to present it to members of the Department.



### Community Development Update – February 2012 (attached)

- An update on projects and happenings in the Community Development Department during the month of January 2012 is attached for your information. Highlighted articles include: the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies in California, Introducing Lit San Leandro Workshop, a preview of planning activities for February, March and April, an overview of industrial vacancy rates and a monthly business tip.
- The Community Development Update is available in multiple locations on the City website including the Community Development page, the Business Development page and under Neighborhood News. It is also listed as a City News Item.
- The Community Development Update is also distributed via Constant Contact to a database of approximately 500 individuals.

## **Council Follow-Up**

### Number of Registrations for CodeRed and e-Notify; RV Parking Permits On-line

- At the January 24 Rules and Communications Committee meeting, the question was raised as to how many people are registered for CodeRed and e-Notify notifications.
- According to the Police Department, the CodeRed system data base has 49,574 phone numbers registered in the system. The vast majority of those are published telephone numbers from the phone company, but many others are self-registered by people who have cell phones or want to add additional telephones to the notifications.
- Information Services provided the table below to show how many registrations there are for e-Notify notifications. It is not possible for us to know how many individuals have registered; many people have registered for multiple notifications.

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- In addition, 4,007 people have registered to receive the Recreation and Human Services Department electronic newsletter.
- The Committee also asked if residents can obtain RV parking permits on-line. The answer is yes, through this link from the Police Department's webpage, <https://secure.coplogic.com/dors/app;jsessionid=vSYCPs1YvQk58CZgpzrrp2FjxTBXCBd2NJZ5vdsvT07GpprJz99h!640631933!-1678863927?service=page/ShowPrefilingQuestion>, a resident can submit a request for a 72-hour parking permit for their motorhome or travel trailer.

## Correspondence from Other Agencies

### League of California Cities – Redevelopment Memo on Upcoming Dissolution of RDAs

- View a [memo](#) regarding the upcoming dissolution of redevelopment agencies. In addition, view a [letter](#) that was sent to the Governor and the Legislative leaders that outlines all the issues pertaining to the decision to abolish redevelopment.

### Bay Fair BART Safety and Security Improvement Project

- Over the past five years, the City has partnered with BART to study the potential for new development in and around Bayfair Center and the BART station. Through broad public participation in the 2007 Bay Fair BART TOD and Access Plan, personal safety and security emerged as the biggest concern for both the Bayfair community and BART patrons. BART has issued a [Passenger Bulletin](#).
- In 2010, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program and the City both awarded BART funding to install safety and security improvements identified through community input in the 2009 BART-City of San Leandro Bay Fair BART Station Area Improvement Plan. This set of improvements, called the Bay Fair BART Safety and Security Improvement Project, is now being installed, with construction slated to be completed in March 2012. These improvements include security cameras, lighting, landscaping, design treatments and site management procedures to increase pedestrian activities and visual presence and to reduce hiding places.

### AC Transit – Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Update

- AC Transit's East Bay BRT project has just released their Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR) for public review. A copy of the document is available at the San Leandro City Clerk's Office, San Leandro Main Library and at the following web site:
  - <http://www.actransit.org/final-environmental-impact-statementfinal-environmental-impact-report-feisfeir/>
- The public comment period will close on March 19, 2012.
- AC Transit will hold a public meeting in San Leandro on the project to receive comments. It will be held at:

San Leandro Civic Center South Offices Conference Room  
Thursday, March 1, 2012  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
835 East 14th Street  
San Leandro, CA 94577

1537 Webster St.  
Oakland  
CA 94612  
Ph: 510-891-6500  
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*StopWaste.Org is the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board operating as one public agency.*

*Member Agencies*

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Dublin  
Emeryville  
Fremont  
Hayward  
Livermore  
Newark  
Oakland  
Piedmont  
Pleasanton  
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Union City  
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*Agency Programs*

Bay Friendly Gardening & Landscaping  
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Food Scrap Recycling  
Grants to Non-Profits  
Household Hazardous Waste Recycling  
Multifamily Recycling  
Recycling Information Hotline

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## NEWS RELEASE

### ***Mandatory Recycling and Single-Use Bag Reduction Ordinances Adopted for Alameda County***

*Initiatives designed to reduce waste and litter, stimulate the local economy and create jobs.*

**Oakland, CA – January 25, 2012** Today the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) adopted two ordinances that will help the county achieve its long-term waste reduction goals. The first ordinance requires recycling of high market-value materials from larger businesses and multi-family properties. The second ordinance prohibits free distribution of single-use bags at check out in stores that sell packaged food. The initiatives are designed to reduce waste and litter, stimulate the local economy and create jobs.

“Alameda County buries \$100 million of resources every year,” said Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D., StopWaste.Org’s Executive Director. “Increased recycling can contribute greatly to the local economy by tapping into what would otherwise be sent to landfills.” USEPA Administrator Lisa Jackson recently touted the multiple benefits of high recycling levels, calling the practice a simple, low-tech approach to a cleaner environment, and a homegrown jobs program that would employ millions of Americans. Up to 1,500 local jobs are expected to be created as a result of the Alameda County mandatory recycling ordinance.

In addition to its economic benefits, recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions significantly, which is why the State has adopted a mandatory recycling law to help implement its landmark climate change initiative (AB 32). The State law requires larger businesses (four cubic yards of garbage service per week and above) and multi-family properties of five units or more to obtain recycling service. The mandatory recycling ordinance adopted for Alameda County builds on the State’s requirements by specifying which materials need to be recycled and by requiring that an adequate level of recycling service be obtained.

The single-use bag ordinance will help reduce the number of bags going to landfill and decrease the problems caused by plastic bags at recycling processing centers and landfills. The ordinance bans single-use bags at check out at retailers selling packaged food countywide. Recycled content paper or reusable bags may be provided but only if the retailer charges a minimum price of \$0.10 per bag.

Setting restrictions on single-use bag distribution will help local jurisdictions meet their storm water permit and litter control requirements at lower costs and reduce environmentally harmful trash in storm drains and creeks. Despite voluntary efforts to promote reusable bags countywide for several years, plastic bags comprised 9.6 percent of litter collected during coastal cleanup days (based on 2008 data) in Alameda County.

Both ordinances were identified as long-term waste reduction strategies in StopWaste.Org's 2010 Strategic Plan, which included a goal that by 2020 less than 10 percent of solid wastes landfilled should be materials that are easily recycled or composted.

The ordinances are designed to capture the benefits of working together on a large scale while also preserving local control. Individual jurisdictions within the county are able to opt out of either ordinance by resolution of their governing board by March 2, 2012.

FAQ's with detailed information on each of the proposed ordinances is available at [www.stopwaste.org/news](http://www.stopwaste.org/news).

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1/30/2012

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE #CM2012-01-30

**Subject :** City Manager Chris Zapata Begins Service to San Leandro

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Chris Zapata arrived at San Leandro City Hall today for his first day as City Manager of San Leandro. Mr. Zapata brings with him more than 25 years of local government experience and a Bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University.

"I am truly looking forward to working with the City staff, the City Council and the community of San Leandro," said Zapata. "I am living in San Leandro, and I am already seeing what a well maintained, diverse and thriving community this is. There are challenges ahead of us, particularly with the loss of Redevelopment, but I have every confidence that, together, we can all make the future of San Leandro successful and exciting for our residents, businesses and visitors."

"The City Council and I were highly impressed with Chris' leadership skills, plus his expertise in management of local government finances and economic development," said Mayor Stephen Cassidy. "We are honored to have a person of his caliber as our new City Manager and are confident Chris will provide San Leandro outstanding leadership for many years to come."

Mr. Zapata's first public meeting with the City Council will be at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. He will also be introduced to the community at Mayor Cassidy's "Coffee with the Mayor" meeting on Friday, February 10, 8:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

### About San Leandro

A diverse community of nearly 85,000 residents centrally located in the San Francisco Bay Area, San Leandro maintains a safe, small town feel where neighbors care for each other, while offering a wide range of shopping, dining, recreation, miles of shoreline, and easy access to nearby regional parks and nature areas. Over the past decade the community has invested more than \$250 million in renovating and modernizing its public schools and building state-of-the-art facilities for students.

Possessing a rich manufacturing history, businesses in San Leandro enjoy multiple advantages including a large industrial and commercial zone, close proximity to the Oakland International Airport and Port of Oakland, two major freeways, two BART stations, and access to a large and well-educated workforce in the city and East Bay. Through a public-private partnership, known as Lit San Leandro, a ten mile fiber optic loop is being constructed in the city, assisting a new set of businesses to leverage San Leandro's assets and

become industry leaders in the data revolution. Further information about Lit San Leandro can be found at <http://www.litsanleandro.com/>.

Visit the City's website at [www.sanleandro.org](http://www.sanleandro.org) for more information on the City's programs and services. To register to automatically receive press releases, meeting agendas or other electronic notifications, go to <http://www.sanleandro.org/portal/default.asp>.

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The City of San Leandro has published a new Press Release which can be found at [HTTP://www.sanleandro.org/civica/press/display.asp?layout=1&Entry=11](http://www.sanleandro.org/civica/press/display.asp?layout=1&Entry=11)

The City of San Leandro has published a new Press Release. Please click or copy the following link into your browser.

<http://www.sanleandro.org/services/citypress.asp>

# san leandro community development update

February 2012

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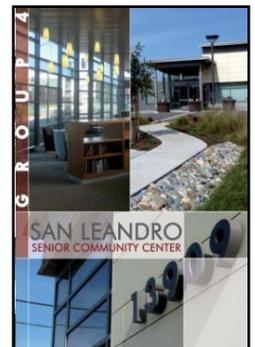
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## Redevelopment and Business Development

When the calendar turned to February 1, 2012, the San Leandro Redevelopment Agency ceased to exist for the first time in 53 years. State legislation and a subsequent legal decision caused the dissolution of 417 redevelopment agencies in California as a means of providing budgetary relief for the State. Over the past five decades redevelopment has been San Leandro's primary tool for economic development and affordable housing services. The loss of the Redevelopment Agency will result in a funding reduction of several million dollars annually, greatly compromising the City's ability to provide capital and infrastructure improvements, support for the business community, and the development of workforce housing.

Notable successes of the Agency over the years include:

- Downtown lighting and pedestrian improvements
- Development of the City's very successful Automall
- The transition of the blighted Islander Motel into Casa Verde, a thriving affordable housing development
- The successful repositioning of the Bayfair Center
- Retention of Costco in San Leandro
- The award-winning Broadmoor Plaza senior housing project
- Streetscape improvements along East 14th, Doolittle Drive, and MacArthur Boulevard
- The Downtown Farmers' Market
- Development of Creekside Plaza, a class A office complex of 230,00 square feet
- Development of Estabrook Place senior affordable housing
- Construction of LEED Certified Senior Community Center
- Construction of the nearly-completed Downtown Parking Garage (funding had been secured and the project will be completed)



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Although redevelopment funds for capital improvements will no longer be available, the City Council has begun exploring options for funding business development and housing services on a reduced scale. A work session is scheduled for February 14, and the public is encouraged to attend and provide input (Citywide).

- The City & OSIssoft are sponsoring an **Introducing Lit San Leandro Workshop** for real estate professionals on February 7 to inform them about the business opportunities it provides. The following broadband experts will provide information and strategies to bring next generation businesses to San Leandro:
  - Dr. J. Patrick Kennedy, President of San Leandro Dark Fiber; CEO of OSIssoft
  - Mike Pretto, Division Manager Silicon Valley Power
  - Jeremy Neuner, CEO and co-founder of NextSpace, a revolutionary workplace for the new economy
  - Sean Patrick Tario, founder and CEO of Open Spectrum, Inc., a global information technology infrastructure brokerage, consulting and recruiting firm.
  - Sean Ivery, Principal at Cushman and Wakefield's data center practice



Limited space is still available; please contact Rezsín Gonzales at (510)577-3311 email at [rgonzales@sanleandro.org](mailto:rgonzales@sanleandro.org) if you would like to attend (Citywide).

- **Lit San Leandro** has continued to receive positive press coverage including a February 16 article in the Daily Review, two stories on KQED, one of which included an interview with Dr. Patrick Kennedy, and Governor Jerry Brown re-tweeting Mayor Cassidy's tweet regarding the project. Listen to the interviews at the following links (Citywide):
  - o [KQED Story 1](#)
  - o [KQED Story 2](#)

- Struggling clothing retailer **Esprit** Holdings announced it may close all its North American stores including the San Leandro location located at Marina Square. The Hong Kong-listed chain's U.S. and Canadian subsidiaries are in the process of closing and terminating leases, but Esprit has held off on Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, a spokesman told Reuters on Wednesday. The company's European operations, which comprise 79 percent of its revenues, remain strong.



Marina Square continues to be a highly desired 100% leased shopping center with a waiting list of tenants (District 3).

- San Leandro's **Energy Recovery Inc. (ERI)** has been awarded four new patents from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in 2011, the most approved in any one year in the Company's history. All of the patents were related to ERI's game changing Pressure Exchanger technology (District 6).



#### **Business Tip: Pre-Application Consultation**

Major projects that will require approvals from various City departments may qualify for pre-application assistance. Staff can arrange an informal meeting with representatives from City departments and the applicant team to review the process and any potential concerns before plans are finalized and submitted. This review time at the beginning of a project can save valuable time and money. To set up a consultation, call Tom Liao, Planning Manager at (510) 577-6003 or email at [tliao@sanleandro.org](mailto:tliao@sanleandro.org).



## **Planning, Zoning and Building Updates**

- On January 19, the Planning Commission approved forwarding recommendations to the City Council for **amendments to the Zoning Code** related to Large Family Day Care, Accessory Structures, Paving in Residential Front Yards in Residential Districts, and Fences in the Residential Single-Family View Preservation Overlay District as part of continuing updates of the

Zoning Code. These amendments streamline and clarify the existing Code related to residential districts. The proposed amendments include requiring Administrative Review (instead of a Conditional Use Permit) for minor changes in the location parameters for establishing residential large family day cares, clarifying existing rules for accessory structures, limiting impervious paving within front yards, and allowing the Zoning Enforcement Official to determine whether view preservation issues are germane to proposed fence projects within the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood. The City Council will review these Zoning Code amendments on February 21, 2012 (District 2).

- The City of San Leandro has partnered with BART to study the potential for new development in and around Bayfair Center and the BART station in the last five years. Through broad public participation in the 2007 Bay Fair BART Transit Oriented Development & Access Plan, personal safety and security emerged as the biggest concern for both the Bayfair community and BART patrons. The proposed improvements, called the **Bay Fair BART Safety and Security Improvement Project**, are now being installed through City and Metropolitan Transportation Commission funding to BART, with construction slated to be completed in March. These improvements include security cameras, lighting, landscaping, design treatments and site management procedures to increase pedestrian activities and visual presence and to reduce hiding places (District 2).
- Current Planning Calendar (as of January 31, 2012 and subject to change):

Event	Date/Address/Project Description/Approval Type (District #)
Board of Zoning Adjustments	February 2, 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15100 Hesperian Blvd/Foot Spa/ CUP (D2)</li> </ul> March 1, 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1940 Fairway Dr/e-Cullett Glass processing/CUP (D3)</li> </ul>
Planning Commission	February 16, 2012 – No items scheduled to date March 15, 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E. 14<sup>th</sup> St &amp; Juana Ave/Village Marketplace/PD (D1)</li> </ul>
City Council	February 21, 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoning Code amendments/miscellaneous residential clean-up (City)</li> <li>• Zoning Code amendments re: assembly, commercial recreation uses, entertainment activities &amp; cultural institutions (City)</li> </ul> April 16, 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E. 14<sup>th</sup> St &amp; Juana Ave/Village Marketplace/PD (D1)</li> </ul>
Administrative Review (AR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14800 Washington Ave/T-Mobile wireless telecomm in ROW/AR (D3)</li> <li>• 130 Greenhouse Market/McDonalds 2<sup>nd</sup> drive-thru/PD mod (D4)</li> <li>• Bayfair Center Carnival/TUP (D2)</li> </ul>

Notes: CUP (conditional use permit); PD (Planned Development); SPR (site plan review); TUP (temporary use permit); GPCF (General Plan conformity finding)

## Housing and CDBG

- The **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** has released final Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) grant allocations nationwide. The City of San Leandro's annual CDBG entitlement grant was reduced by 15% and the HOME grant, which is allocated through the Alameda County HOME Consortium to member cities, fell by 51% from \$289,894 to \$141,409. Factors affecting the CDBG and HOME funding declines include ongoing federal budget cuts and application of updated Census data (including 2010 Census) that reflected a decline in key social

and housing variables (such as poverty and substandard/overcrowded housing) for these formula grants. Staff will be presenting the draft HUD FY2012-13 Annual Action Plan regarding allocation of CDBG and HOME funds in March 2012 and opening the plan up for a 30 day public comment period (Citywide).

- On January 17, the City Council approved a City loan for \$100,000 to the nonprofit housing developer Eden Housing, Inc., for acquisition and rehabilitation of the **Surf Apartments**, located at 15320 Tropic Court, and the transfer of the Surf Apartments from Citizens Housing Corporation to Eden Housing. The \$100,000 consists of \$35,000 from CDBG and \$65,000 from the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This project had been reviewed by the Council in November and December of 2011 as part of the FY11-12 HUD Annual Action Plan amendment process to add this project (District 4).

## Economic Trends

- According to reports by Cornish and Carey Commercial for the fourth quarter of 2011, San Leandro continues to have a lower vacancy rate for industrial space than the rest of the region. The most current report shows a slight decrease in industrial vacancy over the previous quarter, and significant reductions in the vacancy rate of warehouse and Research and Development space. A summary of the report is shown below. (Citywide)

Vacancy Rates, Q 4 2011				
	San Leandro		I-880 Corridor	
	Inventory (SF)	Vacancy	Inventory (SF)	Vacancy
Industrial	10,814,356	4.38%	58,238,470	6.39%
Warehouse	11,242,602	9.81%	69,537,893	8.81%
R&D	<u>571,807</u>	7.69%	<u>28,319,147</u>	21.41%
Total, All Types	22,628,765	7.29%	156,095,510	12.20%

Source: Cornish and Carey Commercial