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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# *Welcome to a new* Continuity



Thirty-six years ago this October, the first issue of *Continuity* arrived in the mailboxes of the 35 founding members of a new group called the Preservation Action Council of San José. Volume 1, No. 1 was a four-page, hand-stapled newsletter whose purpose, in the words of founding editor Jim Vasconcellos, was "to inform members about PACSJ activities and important issues. Also as important, is to spread the word to the general public about the importance of preservation and excellence in architecture."

Nearly four decades and 140-odd issues later, the name *Continuity* has proven to be as prescient as it is fitting. While the newsletter has grown significantly in both length and circulation, its core mission — to keep PAC*SJ members and the public informed about historic preservation issues and to inspire interest in our city's architectural and historic character — has remained, well, continuous.

But "continuity" does not necessarily equal "unchanging," either in the evolution of our city or in the evolution of our trusty publication. Astute readers will have noticed that this issue marks a new chapter for *Continuity*, with a new design, full-color printing, and new columns and features we hope you will enjoy. Each issue will still feature a cover story highlighting an important event or issue in the preservation world. Joining our long-running On the Radar advocacy updates (now titled Advocacy Radar) are two new columns: Progress Reports and PAC*SJ in Action will highlight people and projects bringing new life to historic places. Readers will continue to discover more about San José history and architecture, be informed of upcoming events and calls to action, and to stay connected to a community that values the places and traditions that preserve a distinctive sense of place in the face of inevitable change.

This issue also marks a well-earned respite for *Continuity*'s stalwart editor of 21 years, the incomparable Gayle Frank. Since 2005, Gayle has almost single-handedly willed each issue into existence, commissioning (and often writing) the content, selecting (and often herself shooting) the photographs, laying out and proofreading the pages, working with the printer and braving the post office… there was literally no step in the production process that didn't depend on Gayle's expertise and dedication. On behalf of the entire PAC*SJ organization, past and current board members and staff, and our readers, our debt of gratitude is as big as the shoes we will now need to fill!

As this newest iteration of *Continuity* continues to take shape, we want to know what you think! What do you appreciate about the newsletter? What features would you like to see? What could we do better? Please email info@preservation.org or take our reader survey at preservation.org/newsletter-survey. We hope to see you next issue!

— Ben Leech














# MORE THAN A STORE: FOUND*SJ BREATHES NEW LIFE INTO OLD OBJECTS AND A SAN JOSE NEIGHBORHOOD

After 30 years of yard sales at private San José residences, a new chapter in PAC*SJ's 36-year preservation mission — and in the site of the historic Kearney Pattern Works and Foundry — is unfolding. PAC*SJ has opened Found*SJ, a year-round rummage and reuse hub at 57 Barack Obama Blvd., to fund its mission to preserve the region's architectural and cultural history.

At Found*SJ, shoppers can find thousands of donated items, from vintage clothing to sets of china to unique sculptures. Proceeds from the sales help fund PAC*SJ's preservation efforts. The site, which held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 31, is managed by Jamestown LP in the emerging Creekside District.

Found*SJ is more than a store: It has become a community gathering place for people who care deeply about preservation. It's a place where the public can engage with PAC*SJ board members to be heard and to hear about the work being done with landowners, project developers, city and county staff, and elected officials to advocate for saving the places that make San José a unique place to live, work, play, and visit.

**A historic neighborhood**

The history of this part of San José reflects the valley's transition from agriculture to technology. Established in 1919, the Kearney Pattern Works and Foundry made metal parts to spec for local industry for just shy of 100 years, first for the canning industry and eventually for the companies whose equipment created the semiconductor industry.

Historically, the products made at this location included custom metal castings, permanent molds, and match plates, initially for farm equipment



*A display at Found*SJ showcases the site's role in the history of the local manufacturing industry.*



*Found*SJ's eclectic collections are brought to life by dedicated staff and volunteers.*

manufacturers, canneries, and power and water companies.

During and after World War II, the Kearney foundry provided services for the defense industry build-up.

In the 1970s, their customers were a who's who list of aerospace and electronics giants such as NASA Ames Research Center, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, General Electric, Novellus, and Applied Materials.

And across the train tracks at Diridon Station, the last stone fruit filled cans rolled off the production line at Del Monte Plant #3 in 1999.

**A mutually beneficial opportunity**

The opportunity for PAC*SJ to establish a warehouse storefront presence in this historic area resulted from our long-standing focus on preservation, activation, and celebration.

Our participation in Jamestown's Creekside Socials meant we were well positioned to make a proposal for activating the former Kearney Pattern Works and Foundry's warehouse space when the time came.

After nearly 100 years of operation, the Kearney foundry ceased operations to make way for Google's proposed Downtown West project in the Diridon Station area. Based on PAC*SJ's work with the city and the developer to preserve key historic assets during the project's planning phase, when that project was paused, we knew that activating vacant spaces in this former heavy industry area of San José was very important.

New life needed to be breathed into the area around SAP Center — and the launch of Found*SJ was an opportunity for PAC*SJ to help.

In addition to helping the neighborhood, Found*SJ adds a new dimension to our interactions with the community, allowing us to raise funds for preservation, to activate a historic space, and to tell our evolving story in new ways.

**A new beginning**

To get ready for Found*SJ's opening, the building was cleaned and painted, and utilities such as water, electricity, security, and recycling were restored. We sought out the highly regarded and very creative Efrat Shahar as our general manager — who in turn brought along an incredibly talented and dedicated set of volunteers to bring Found*SJ to life.

Today, Found*SJ's hard-working team curates and stages a unique array of donated items — always with a recognition that these objects carry history with them. The store's success comes from the incredible volunteers who share Shahar's perspective as to what customers are interested in. Purchases range from ephemera, artifacts, and furniture to very eclectic arrays of one-of-a-kind items.

Found*SJ is also ideal for hosting special events: the Preservation Pour with Hapa's Brewing Company; an intimate hands-on workshop with prominent local urban sketcher Suhita Shirodkar; and workshops on how reuse, recycling, and upcycling can give new life to objects that would otherwise be lost.

**Thanks for decades of dedication**

PAC*SJ is grateful to Patt Curia and her generations of volunteers for their 30 years of fundraising through PAC*SJ's famous yard sales, and to Shahar and her volunteers for the hard work and artistry they are applying to take this endeavor to the next level. PAC*SJ looks forward to stewarding the Kearney Pattern Works and Foundry's warehouse and asks that you please donate, shop, learn, and volunteer at Found*SJ.

For information on our hours of operation and upcoming special events, go to FoundSJ.com and follow us on Instagram and Facebook. *




*PAC*SJ board member Gayle Frank and member Lisa Ruder welcome supporters to a VIP open house.*

## HOMECOMING FOR THE PALLESEN APARTMENTS

Members of PAC*SJ and officials from the City of San José, Habitat for Humanity, and other organizations gathered on March 28 to celebrate the completion of a project that saved the Pallesen Apartments from demolition and converted the building to affordable housing. In a city whose diminishing stock of historic buildings is rapidly giving way to high-density luxury development, PAC*SJ hopes the success of this project will inspire further reinvestment in our existing housing stock and highlight the important role that historic preservation can play in developing and protecting affordable and equitable housing.

Recognizing the unique nature of PAC*SJ's involvement, each of the 195 individuals who donated anywhere from $25 to $100,000 to the preservation of the Pallesen Apartments was invited to a private tour of the apartments before they were opened to the public.

**A new beginning**

In 2021, the Pallesen Apartments were at risk of demolition before PAC*SJ led a community campaign to save the building. Thanks to an overwhelming community response, PAC*SJ raised $300,000 in just six weeks to relocate the landmark 110-year-old structure from its original location at 14 E. Reed Street, where a new 27-story luxury apartment tower is slated to rise, to a new home just three blocks away at 4th and Reed Streets. Following a flawless move, Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley restored the handsome Mission Revival building into four units of owner-occupied affordable housing — filling a desperate need in our community.

**A storied past**

The four-unit, 5,000-square-foot Pallesen Apartments building was constructed in 1910 and designed by the acclaimed San Jose architects Wolfe & McKenzie for original owner Christian Pallesen. Pallesen and his wife Lillie lived in one unit and rented the others to other working-class families. All four units featured custom built-in cabinets and other wood details likely sourced from Pallesen's lumberyard. The building has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for its architectural significance and association with master architects Frank Delos Wolfe and Charles McKenzie.

**Special thanks**

PAC*SJ extends its gratitude to everyone who made the move possible, including Habitat for Humanity, the City of San José, former District 3 Councilperson Raul Peralez, developers KT Urban and Scape, Garden City Construction, Kelly Brothers House Movers, and the hundreds of individual donors who contributed to the big move. For more information on the move, please go to www.preservation.org/pallesen. *

## SAKAUYE FARMHOUSE SAFE AT HISTORY PARK

Thanks to incredible community support, and with the coordinated efforts of PAC*SJ, the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, and History San José, the Sakauye Farmhouse has been relocated to History Park in San José.

In February 2025, bulldozers razed the 11-acre farmstead and orchards of Eiichi Sakauye (1912-2005), a second-generation Japanese American farmer and horticulturalist whose incarceration in the Heart Mountain concentration camp during World War II inspired a lifetime of civic leadership and education to redress the injustices of the internment.

Preservation advocates negotiated with the City of San José and the developer, Hanover Company, to temporarily spare one building on the site: the farmhouse that Sakauye built in the 1930s, which he reclaimed following internment and lived in for the rest of his life. Significant work remains to transform the structure into a place of learning, reflection, and remembrance that honors the legacy of Sakauye and the broader Bay Area Japanese American community. PAC*SJ is continuing to support the Japanese American Museum of San Jose and History San José in this next chapter, and will continue to direct all Farmhouse Fund donations to Phase Two restoration work: roof reconstruction, other exterior repairs, and interior buildout of exhibition and program spaces. *

## POSSIBLE ZONING CHANGES TO HISTORIC DISTRICTS

In August, the San José City Council considered increasing density in Residential Neighborhood (RN) areas to accommodate housing. As part of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan four-year review, a task force endorsed several tools, key among them allowing apartments, townhouses, or duplexes in RN areas.

Nine of the City's 12 designated residential Historic Districts and Conservation Areas would be affected by the proposal to modify the density range of the RN areas from 8 DU/AC (dwelling units per acre) to 32 DU/AC. With this increase, four units could be built on a 6,000-square-foot lot, creating an opportunity for "missing middle" housing: multiple units per lot that can blend into neighborhoods while offering more housing choices.

Not all historic neighborhoods are located in RN areas.

The Martha Gardens and Guadalupe/Washington Conservation Areas are located in Mixed Use Neighborhood (MUN) areas where the density would go up from 30 DU/AC to 20-50 DU/AC. The Reed City Landmark Historic District is located in an Urban Residential (UR) area where densities would go up from 30-95 DU/AC to 50-95 DU/AC. Along the Alameda with its unique historic street patterns, planning staff conducted a site-by-site analysis. As a result, two sites there were found appropriate for redesignation to mixed use.

Following hours of public testimony, the council accepted most of the recommendations and also asked city staff to create a minimum parking standard and analyze a range of 16 DU/AC, 24 DU/AC, and 32 DU/AC densities in RN areas. The matter will return to the City Council in December 2027.

The General Plan also has Historic Preservation policies, and we are watching how these proposed density changes will take historic resources into account. Many urban historic neighborhoods are already dense, so adding units is not in and of itself harmful, but the question is how the changes will hit the ground: how new units will be knit into historic streetscapes. The current proposal includes at least two provisions related to this:

- Missing middle projects in Conservation Areas would require design review by planning staff.
- Missing middle projects on Landmark or Historic District sites would require design approval at a public hearing.

These seem like good places to start, and we look forward to discussions as they are fleshed out. ✱




*The River Street Historic District is just one preservation success story made possible by Section 106.*

## FEDERAL PRESERVATION RULES UNDER ATTACK

Passed in 1966, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is a foundational historic preservation law that requires federal agencies to consider how federally funded or regulated development projects could affect historic and cultural resources. In July, the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) proposed a sweeping rewrite of Section 106 regulations that would significantly weaken how the law is implemented. Now a new Senate bill, the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (S. 5653), proposes weakening Section 106 even further. Both proposals would severely reduce the number of projects subject to review, redefine what constitutes harm, end proactive identification of potentially affected historic sites, limit consultation with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, and eliminate public participation. The Senate is scheduled to vote on S. 5653 on November 9, where it will need 60 votes to advance to a lame-duck House session. Meanwhile, the ACHP is expected to open public comment on their own proposed regulatory changes on November 10.

Under Section 106, project applicants consult widely with stakeholders to identify potential effects and workable solutions. Projects that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties take advantage of a streamlined process. For other projects, potential harm and alternatives are analyzed before final decisions are made.

The proposed changes remove the heart of Section 106: consultation with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and local governments. The consultation process has helped communities meet transportation, housing, energy, broadband, infrastructure, and disaster-recovery needs — without losing their historic fabric. While thoughtful improvements can

make federal project review more predictable, efficiency does not require eliminating meaningful consultation, weakening public participation, or concentrating decision-making in federal agencies.

Visit preservation.org/section-106 for the latest developments concerning both threats to Section 106 and how to contact your senators, representatives, the ACHP, and other key stakeholders to demand that Section 106 be preserved. A short, personal message about historic places in San Jose, such as Diridon Station, Alviso, the Downtown Historic District, or Little Italy, can be more persuasive than a form letter. Each of these places has benefitted from the Section 106 process in the past and could be altered without it in the future.

Ask that these key principles be maintained:

- Don't write sacred mountains, waters, and cultural landscapes out of the definition of historic property.
- Maintain required consultation with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and local governments for every undertaking.
- Maintain the use of Binding Memoranda of Agreement between interested parties to decide how to avoid or address potential harm. ✱

## CALIFORNIA ROOM SAVED IN RECENT CITY BUDGET




On June 9, the San José City Council unanimously passed Mayor Matt Mahan's reconciliation budget, incorporating a $245,000 alternative allocation to keep the California Room at the San José Public Library open for the 2026-2027 budget year. These funds will ensure that the California Room remains open and fully accessible for three days a week, with 1.5 dedicated staff positions.

PAC*SJ strongly supported this alternative as a bridge toward a more sustainable long-term funding solution to restore full operational hours and staffing in the future. We thank Councilmembers Kamei, Tordillos, and Cohen for championing this effort, and for the full council in including it in their unanimous budget approval. We also thank the 200+ community members who spoke out in support of the California Room — your voices were heard! ✱



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**Your referrals can help preserve San Jose's history!**
For every PAC*SJ member referral that results in a closed sale, I'll make a charitable contribution to PAC*SJ equal to 25% of my commission after expenses. It's my way of supporting a mission close to my heart.

Whether you're planning a move, know someone who is, or simply want to connect with a like-minded neighbor who appreciates historic homes, I'm here as a resource.

Together, we can help people find homes they love while preserving the San Jose we love.




## PRESERVATION POUR: WINE, HISTORY, AND COMMUNITY

When we began planning The Preservation Pour, we knew we were trying something new. This was a first-time event for PAC*SJ and, quite literally, an experiment: Could we bring people together around local wine, food, historic preservation, and community — and create a fundraiser that felt distinctly San José?

The answer was a resounding yes.

The setting was an important part of what made the afternoon so meaningful.

Our new FOUND*SJ store, alongside our neighbor Hapa's Brewing Company, gave us a venue and backdrop that reflected PAC*SJ's advocacy work. With the support of the RFRD Canine Recreation Center, the event helped activate the Creekside community district and introduced many guests to this unique part of San José.

Creekside itself helped tell the story. Rooted in former industrial structures that are now thriving through adaptive reuse, the district provides a great illustration of how older buildings can evolve rather than disappear. These places can become active and vibrant again while retaining the history and character that make our city distinctive. That is preservation in action.

We are especially grateful to our key winery sponsor, J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines, and our local winery partners: Bella Montagna, House Family Vineyards, Lion Ranch Vineyards & Winery, Fortino Winery, and Joseph George Wines. Holy Cannoli provided wonderful charcuterie boxes, and Hapa's helped create a fun, welcoming atmosphere.

We are also grateful to the many sponsors whose generosity made this first event possible: Walter & Sandra Soellner; San Jose Sharks; The Core Companies; Loveseat Homes; Gratia Rankin & Jim Thomas; Marvin & Bonnie Bamburg; Gayle Frank; Hotel De Anza; Carl & Marianne Salas; City Council District 6; Connection is Key podcast; the Luthard family; Old Republic Title Company; RFRD Academy; City Council District 3; the Curia family; Jen Hembree; and SJis.cool.

And behind it all were 38 incredible volunteers who gave their time and energy to turn an idea into a successful community event.

The Preservation Pour was more than a fundraiser. It brought people together in a place that demonstrates exactly what PAC*SJ advocates for: preserving what matters, finding new uses for older spaces, and building community around San José's history.

We're already looking ahead to winter 2027, when we hope to host a similar event featuring both local wine and beer. We hope even more guests will join us — to enjoy our local community and, most importantly, help support the preservation advocacy work PAC*SJ does every day.

For a first experiment, we think that's something worth raising a glass to. *

## BANK OF ITALY BUILDING TURNING INTO HOUSING



A major rehabilitation project is giving one of downtown San José's most recognizable landmarks a new purpose.

The historic Bank of Italy building, located at South First and Santa Clara streets, is being transformed from a long-vacant office tower into housing.

Built in 1925-26, the 14-story Renaissance Revival building was San Jose's first high-rise and remains an important part of the city's architectural history.

The project, led by Westbank and Urban Community, is a wonderful example of adaptive reuse: preserving the historic building while adapting it to meet San José's housing needs. Construction officially broke ground in spring 2026, with plans calling for roughly 109 residential units.

On September 5, PAC*SJ hosted a special Bank of Italy open house as part of the California Preservation Foundation's Doors Open California, a statewide program featuring behind-the-scenes tours of historic

sites not usually accessible to the public. More than 60 attendees visited the active construction site, learned more about the history of the building and the bank's San José-born founder A.P. Giannini, viewed some of the units under construction, and were treated to amazing views from the 14th-story roof deck. *

## ANDY'S PET SHOP TAKES WING IN NEW LOCATION

Andy's Pet Shop celebrated its grand reopening on Saturday, September 12, at its new location at 425. S. Bascom Avenue. Along with the shop's shiny new look, Andy's iconic neon sign is glowing again, in part due to the collaboration between PAC* SJ and the business owner, Jonny Rizo.

The signature red and blue macaw is the beneficiary of our San Jose Signs Project, started in 2017, which features a partnership between PAC*SJ, local businesses, and community members, all focused on the repair and preservation of local legacy signs. Andy's iconic macaw is the fourth of PAC*SJ's sign-funding projects, joining the Stephen's Meat "Dancing Pig," Westside Billiards, and the Hotel De Anza.




Andy's is a San José institution.

In 1950, Andy and Geraldine Camilleri opened the store and sold feed and pet supplies at 1280 The Alameda. Later, the business was taken over by Lissa Shoun, who moved it and used it as an all-rescue-pet business starting in 2007.

Its newest location will continue pet adoption services while also selling pet supplies. In addition to buying pet supplies and checking out the fabulous sign, you can also say hello to Baby, a 40-year-old macaw who has been a resident of the store for around 10 years. *




## POOR HOUSE HOSTS HAPPY HOUR, LITTLE ITALY TOUR

Jay Meduri, the owner of the Poor House Bistro in Little Italy, played host to PAC*SJ's spring happy hour event.

Members gathered on the outdoor patio and learned how Meduri transformed the Victorian home — which had been in the family since 1950 — into today's Cajun restaurant.

After raising a glass to the Poor House Bistro, the president of Little Italy San Jose, Joshua Melander, led members through a walking tour of the Little Italy San Jose Italian Cultural Center & Museum.

Afterward, members congregated in the "secret" 1920's-themed underground bar for dimly lit conversation and fun. Thanks to these local leaders for keeping San José's heritage alive and well. *

## TASTING AND CAMARADERIE AT J. LOHR WINE CENTER

PAC*SJ's Summer Legacy Business Happy Hour was held at the J. Lohr San Jose Wine Center on Lenzen Avenue in San Jose. Jerry Lohr opened the winery in San Jose in 1974, and J. Lohr produced its first wine that year — a Petite Sirah.

J. Lohr's legacy includes remaining family-owned and -operated to this day. Members enjoyed learning about the history of the business, including the fact that the establishment was a brewery before its conversion to a winery. Here is a toast to J. Lohr for its 50+ year history in San José, keeping San José's unique character alive. *

## ROD DIRIDON, SR.: 1939-2026



PAC*SJ celebrates the remarkable life of Rod Diridon, Sr., a community champion and visionary leader. Known as the “father of modern transit” in Silicon Valley — or more simply as "Mr. Transportation" — Diridon left a legacy that stretches far beyond the railroad tracks, light rails, and bus routes he championed, permanently and positively impacting the urban tapestry of San José and the region.

Diridon officially joined PAC*SJ as a lifetime member in 2023 alongside his wife, Dr. Gloria Duffy, and he joined our Advisory Committee that same year. His involvement brought a synergy to his years of work with both the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County and History San José, both of which celebrate our state’s and city’s history, culture, and art.

Diridon was instrumental in PAC*SJ’s Diridon Station advocacy campaign, "Don't Demo Diridon." He publicly endorsed the National Register-listed station’s preservation efforts and, more significantly, made certain PAC*SJ had a seat at all the right tables to ensure its protection.

With his acute railway knowledge, he graciously led public tours of his namesake station for us and spoke on behalf of the campaign.

Because of his leadership and the respect held for him in transportation circles, critical awareness of the importance of preserving Diridon Station was raised at a crucial time in the planning process for its future conversion into a multimodal transportation hub. This gave our campaign the traction it needed and led to its success, a major win for PAC*SJ.

While his professional achievements in the public transportation industry will remain transformative to the region, Diridon’s legacy is also reflected in the many people he lifted into civic involvement. He was a fierce promoter of the global service organization Rotary International. His ability to inspire others to serve with Rotary led his acolytes in the local chapter to be affectionately known as the "Rod Squad."

Beyond his public-facing advocacy, many may not be aware that Diridon was an enthusiastic gardener who found joy in donating unique fruit tree saplings to PAC*SJ’s fundraising events, thereby leaving living reminders of his generosity in numerous gardens across the region he loved.

His positive impact on interconnecting us as a city and region will be felt for generations to come.

Rodney John Diridon, Sr. was born February 8, 1939, in Yreka, California, and passed away on April 3, 2026, at age 87. *

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## PAUL BOEHM: 1955-2026

Paul Boehm, a tireless advocate for preserving San Jose's historic fabric, passed away on June 6.



A Santa Clara Valley resident since elementary school, Paul was a dedicated San José educator, historian, and civic advocate.

Boehm taught English as a second language for 18 years. After retiring from his teaching career, he transitioned to educating the community about Santa Clara Valley history. He regularly taught adult education classes on the topic, bringing in guest speakers, dressing up as historical characters, and sharing with students his enthusiasm for San José’s historic archives, including the California Room.

He also contributed historical articles to the *Campbell Express* and the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County and served as a docent at Roberto Adobe in Willow Glen.

Boehm was an active member of the San José Historic Landmarks Commission for seven years, serving as both chair and vice chair. He was an outspoken advocate for historic preservation and an exceptional person with a contagious love for history and San José. Boehm will be remembered for his boundless curiosity and his unwavering kindness.

Paul Wesley Boehm was born December 25, 1955, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He passed away on June 6, 2026, after a short battle with glioblastoma.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa, whom he met in Mexico and married in August 1990; daughters Teresa and Dani; and grandchildren Santiago and Diego. A memorial service was held at Good Sam United Methodist Church in Cupertino on July 11, 2026. *

# MEMBERS MAKE PAC*SJ'S HERITAGE WORK POSSIBLE: INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS FOR 2026-27

For more than 35 years, PAC*SJ has relied on the dedication of members who care deeply about preserving the places, stories, and architecture that make San José unique. We are grateful for the support that has sustained our advocacy, educational programs, and preservation efforts.

To ensure PAC*SJ remains strong and effective in the years ahead, we are introducing an updated membership structure.

Our membership dues have remained largely unchanged for more than 15 years, while the costs of operating a nonprofit — including insurance, technology, communications, and community programming — have continued to rise.

The new structure maintains affordable options, including Student and Senior memberships, while creating opportunities for members who wish to deepen their support. New leadership levels — Steward of Preservation, Heritage Guardian, Cornerstone Builder, and Legacy Circle — provide additional ways to invest in preservation while receiving enhanced recognition and member benefits.

We also invite local businesses and community partners to consider one of our new organizational memberships. These memberships demonstrate a commitment to preserving San José's historic character while providing visibility through PAC*SJ programs, events, and publications. Organizational members at both the Small Business/Nonprofit Partner and the Corporate Partner levels are also eligible to advertise in *Continuity* — an exclusive benefit of organizational membership. Call 408-998-8105 or email info@preservation.org for more information and current rates.

Every membership helps preserve San José's architectural and cultural heritage, and all members receive the following benefits:

- Subscription to *Continuity*, our quarterly newsletter, with features and updates on preservation and development issues in Santa Clara Valley.
- Discounts on neighborhood walking tours and special events.
- Invitations to members-only tours and opportunities.

Together, we create a stronger voice for preservation and help ensure that future generations can enjoy the historic places that define our community.

Thank you for being part of PAC*SJ's future. *

**2026-27 MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

***INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS***

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Senior - $30
Individual - $50
Dual Senior - $60
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Steward of Preservation - $250
Heritage Guardian - $500
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# PRESERVATION CONFERENCE COMING TO SAN JOSE

On May 5-8, 2027, the California Preservation Foundation will host the annual California Preservation Conference in downtown San José at the Signia by Hilton.

The conference brings together over 600 preservation professionals, planners, architects, designers, advocates, scholars, and community leaders to explore how California's historic places can remain meaningful, useful, and resilient in a rapidly changing state.

The conference will examine the evolving role of preservation in addressing today's most pressing challenges. Sessions, tours, and workshops will highlight practical and interdisciplinary approaches to adaptive reuse, housing, climate resilience, community engagement, cultural heritage, documentation, planning, and public policy.

PAC*SJ has already hosted California Preservation Foundation trustees, offering them ideas for historic tours, event spaces, and support. Watch for more information on how PAC*SJ members can be involved in supporting this exciting event. More information can be found at www.californiapreservation.org. *

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# PAC*SJ CALENDAR

# FALL 2026

## NOVEMBER 2026

### DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE JEWISH HERITAGE WALKING TOUR

Sunday, November 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
San Pedro Square Market

### 2026 ANNUAL MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, November 19, 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Center for Employment Training

## DECEMBER 2026

### FOUND*SJ HOLIDAY SALE

Saturday, December 5

## JANUARY 2027

### WINTER 2027 LEGACY BUSINESS HAPPY HOUR

Date TBD, Original Joe's

## MAY 2027

### CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

May 5-8, 2027
Downtown San José

## PAC*SJ BOARD MEETINGS

When: Monthly on the third Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Where: 42A S. First Street and on Zoom

## PAC*SJ COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**The Advocacy Committee** meets on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on the Thursday before the first Wednesday of the following month.

**The Development Committee** meets at 4 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the PAC*SJ office, 42A S. First Street or Zoom.

**The Education & Outreach Committee** meets on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

*PAC*SJ board and committee meeting dates and locations are subject to change. If you are interested in participating, please email info@preservation.org for instructions on how to attend.*