



# News from Councilmember Deborah Cox



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## COUNCILMEMBER COX AWARDS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

On Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the San Leandro High School Recognition Night, Councilmember Cox was honored to present four Special Achievement Awards to outstanding San Leandro High Students. Isaiah Rogers, Kamarri Williams, Nhyela Washington, and Anthony Onciano each received a \$500 Special Achievement Scholarship. These four amazing individuals were selected because of their remarkable work ethic and extensive involvement in their school community throughout their four years at San Leandro High School.

- Isaiah was in a Business and Entrepreneurship program and is involved at Bible Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. He is on the Honor Roll. He plans to major in Biology at Cal Poly Pomona.
- Kamarri is the President of the Black Student Union and is a DECA Chapter Officer at San Leandro High. He recently competed with his Business Academy team in the World Series of Innovation. He and his teammates won the People’s Choice Award for their “Connect Teen” app. Kamarri plans to major in English at CSU Long Beach and wants to become a lawyer.
- Nhyela is involved in the Black Student Union, is a Cheerleader, and is on the Honor Roll. She wants to study to become a Nurse at CSU East Bay.
- Anthony plays on the Varsity Football, Basketball, and Baseball teams for San Leandro High School. He is involved in the Black Student Union and has volunteered feeding the homeless and giving school supplies and backpacks to needy students. He will be attending CSU Los Angeles and wants to major in Kinesiology or Broadcasting.



Isaiah, Councilmember Cox, Kamarri, Nhyela and Anthony at the awards ceremony.

San Leandro, one of the most diverse cities in the nation, is proud of all the deserving recipients who were awarded scholarships that night and we wish you all the best as you move on to college!

### OFFICE HOURS

*Drop In*  
1st Wednesdays 10:00am-12:00pm  
City Hall, 835 E 14th Street  
*and by appointment*

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00pm  
City Hall, 835 E 14th Street

Agendas and meeting minutes are available online at the city’s website at [www.sanleandro.org](http://www.sanleandro.org)

## SAN LEANDRO IS CULTIVATING ART

The arts are experiencing a revival in San Leandro which is being showcased in a new video released by San Leandro Next, *San Leandro—Cultivating Art!* The video, which promotes several art projects being commissioned throughout the city and shows the City of San Leandro's revitalized commitment to creativity and innovation, can be found at <http://sanleandronext.com/san-leandro-cultivating-art/>.

Completed projects include a mural at the St. Leander Parish entitled *The Great Migration of the Monarch Butterflies*, painted by muralist Rigo 23, as well as a 60- by 350-foot mural that has taken shape on the side of the Preferred Freezer building, painted by artist George Mead. Both of these murals depict aspects of the history, culture, and nature of the City of San Leandro, including the Portuguese influence on the city's culture.

Other projects are also taking shape, including another one located in District 1, at the San Leandro Tech Campus. The reconstruction of a 55-foot sculpture of a woman, first erected at Burning Man in 2013, entitled *Truth is Beauty*, created by experienced Burning Man sculptor Marco Cochrane will include over 2500 LED lights in its construction.

Finally, the City of San Leandro has partnered with Streets Alive, a sustainability-focused art production project, to commission the wrapping of utility boxes on city streets. Several boxes have already been wrapped. Going forward, local individuals and businesses are encouraged to sponsor the transformation of more utility boxes throughout the city, using both the wrapping technique as well as looking for local artists to paint directly onto the utility boxes. As sponsors are found, the city will be looking for local artists to create the utility box murals. More information can be found at <http://sanleandronext.com/calling-all-businesses-sponsor-a-utility-box-mural/>.



Nature of San Leandro Creek by Katie Bertsche sponsored by Creekside Partners, LLC, at Davis St and San Leandro Blvd.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Kids Summer Reading Program—"Every Hero Has a Story"**  
Program runs from June 6 - August 7, San Leandro Public Libraries

#### Free Family Movie Nights

July 22 at Halcyon Park, *Paddington* (PG)  
August 5 at Lower Chabot Park, *Big Hero 6* (PG)  
Showtime begins 8:30pm

#### Mulford Gardens Art and Music Festival

July 18, 10am-6pm, Free admission  
Mulford Gardens Park, 13055 Aurora Drive  
Info: [www.mulfordgardens.org/arts-music-festival.html](http://www.mulfordgardens.org/arts-music-festival.html)

#### National Night Out San Leandro

August 4, 5:30-8:30pm  
To find a location in your neighborhood, or if you are interested in hosting a National Night Out party, contact San Leandro PD for more information at 510-577-3228

#### Little Brown Church Open House

August 22, 2:00-4:00pm  
Behind Casa Peralta, 384 W. Estudillo Ave.  
Refreshments, tour, slide show at 2:30pm