


MAYOR OF CUPERTINO WANTS A WALL TO KEEP DOUCHE BAGS WITH TESLA'S OUT!!

CUPERTINO (CBS SF) – The Mayor of Cupertino faces scrutiny after apparently joking that his community should build a wall along its borders and have neighboring cities pay for it.

Mayor Steven Scharf made the comments [in the introduction of his State of the City address on January 30th.](#)

“You have heard about the wall along our southern border,” Scharf said, referencing President Donald Trump’s proposed border wall. “This is the wall around Cupertino. We have a big problem with all these Teslas coming through our city from Saratoga and other people from other cities, so we came up with this proposal.”

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“San Jose will be mainly paying for it, so it’s not coming out of our own taxes. Saratoga will give a little bit too, since they are a big contributor to our traffic issue,” the mayor went on to say.

The mayor accompanied his comments with a PowerPoint slide that read “Securing Our Borders With the Cupertino Wall” and “Saratoga, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Los Altos, and San Jose Will Pay For It,” referring to the five communities that border the city.

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Scharf’s comments were roundly criticized by housing advocates who have often complained that the city of 60,000 and home to Apple has resisted new homes amid [the ongoing housing crisis in Silicon Valley and the Bay Area](#).

The new NIMBY mayor of Cupertino made an entirely tasteless joke about building a wall around Cupertino and then making San Jose pay for it in his State of the City address. <https://t.co/YDPLwHQupp>
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— Kim-Mai Cutler (@kimmaicutler) [February 5, 2019](#)

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— Bay Area Council (@BayAreaCouncil) [February 6, 2019](#)

Lan Diep, a city councilmember in neighboring San Jose, [also responded to Scharf’s comments on Twitter](#). Diep, along with

other members of the council, posed with signs saying they would not pay for such a wall.

Congrats to Cupertino Mayor Steven Scharf for out-Trumping Trump on the night of the SOTU by declaring that Cupertino will build a wall and make San José pay for it. We are not amused. <https://t.co/u68Pdp7GD9> via [@Emily_DeRuy](https://twitter.com/Emily_DeRuy) pic.twitter.com/Rfgwbs6Q0r

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Advocates point to the long saga involving the redevelopment of the mostly empty Vallco shopping center as an example of the city's attitude towards the housing crunch. After ballot measures and much debate, the City Council [approved a mixed-use project](#) with nearly 3,000 housing units, along with offices and retail on the site last September.

Several weeks later, opponents worried about potential traffic impacts and overcrowded schools [gathered enough signatures to place a referendum on a future ballot](#) to reverse the plan.

According to Zillow, [the median home value in Cupertino is \\$2,255,700](#), and the real estate company expects home values in the city to rise more than 6 percent this year.